

## Objectives the AFECO program

- To offer theoretical and methodological skills for top-level research in economic issues of the food system from farm to global level
- To provide knowledge on relevant and recent developments in the food chain, food policies and natural resource issues in the agro-food system
- To improve soft skills by allowing for active participation in and providing feedback on team work, exercises, written seminar papers, and oral presentations
- To qualify for interesting jobs in the private sector with service suppliers like banks, insurance or consultancy companies, agroindustry, food industry, retailers, NGOs, governmental agencies
- To prepare for doctoral research and the pursuit of an academic career

## Teaching methodology

Different teaching methods such as

- Lectures
  - Group discussions
  - Games, role plays
  - Independent solving of problem sets
  - Team-work on projects
  - Seminar presentations and feedback
- guarantee a high didactic standard of instruction

## Admission requirements

- BSc (or equivalent) with an overall grade of at least 'good' (B) in Agricultural Economics, Food or Household Economics, Economics, Business Management or similar study programs
- Certificate of sufficient knowledge of English, such as a computer-based TOEFL iBT 90/120, an IELTS Academic 6.5/9, a Cambridge C1 or German „Abitur“ minimum 6 Points = „ausreichend“
- A minimum of 42 (ECTS) in economics – including:
  - an economic focus of the bachelor thesis topic,
  - a minimum of 5 ECTS in microeconomics and
  - a minimum of 5 ECTS in statistics
- The University of Bonn currently charges an administration fee of about EUR 280 EUR per semester; This fee includes semester ticket for public transport, but does not cover living expenses
- **Application deadline** for the next winter term: **April 30**

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## MSc Study Program on Agricultural and Food Economics (AFECO)



- ✓ Top level education in agricultural economics for future leaders in research and management
- ✓ Mastering analytical tools to work on globally relevant problems in agriculture, food business and environmental protection

at a prestigious university located in a pleasant city embedded in a rich cultural and natural environment near to the Western European metropolitan regions

## Why study Agricultural Food and Resource Economics?

Will we be able to feed the world in 2050? How can farmers counteract economic risks from globalized food markets in times of Climate Change? How does the food market react on increasing food safety demands of consumers? How to preserve natural resources by a competitive and sustainable agriculture?

Expertise of Agricultural Economists in the agro-food sector is strongly required today and in the future.

Analytical skills regarding this highly relevant sector widen the existing perspectives for a future career.

The **MSc study program "Agricultural and Food Economics" (AFECO)** at the University of Bonn offers a top-level education for future leaders in research and management, interested in working on the challenging issues in the food system at local, national, and global level. It is an international program teaching state-of-the-art tools and skills required to make a difference in research institutions, corporate business and public administration.

The AFECO Master offers a two-year program (4 Semester) with a well balanced composition of theoretical, methodological, and applied courses as well as accompanying seminars. The program requires sufficient knowledge of the English language to be completed. As most of the modules are instructed in English, German language skills are of advantage, but not mandatory.

The Double-Degree program with the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands (Bonn-Wageningen Cooperation **BOWACO**) offers the possibility to combine AFECO with the Master Program 'Management, Economics and Consumer Studies'.

## Program Design

### Curriculum

The **AFECO master program covers:**

**1. Compulsory modules with a total of 30 ECTS:**

Methods of Empirical Research, Microeconomics, Global Food and Markets, Decision Theory and Risk Management, Excursion

**2. Electives with a total of 54 ECTS of which a maximum of 12 ECTS can be chosen from the faculty program**

**3. Compulsory Research Seminar with a total of 6 ECTS**

**4. Master Thesis with a total of 30 LP**

1st Year	1st Semester	[Compulsory modules]			
	2nd Semester	[Compulsory modules]			
2nd Year	3rd Semester	[Compulsory Research Seminar]	[Electives AFECO program]		
	4th Semester	[Master Thesis]			

  

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[Light Blue]	Electives AFECO program
[Very Light Blue]	Electives faculty program
[Dark Blue with Yellow]	Compulsory Research Seminar
[Yellow]	Master Thesis

### Profile

AFECO students have the possibility to sharpen their profile and choose Electives with a focus on a **special Major Specification** and/or a **Minor Specification**.

Major Specification	Minor Specification
Agribusiness (ABS)	Agribusiness (ABS)
Resource and Environmental Economics (ENV)	Resource and Environmental Economics (ENV)
Market and Consumer Research (MAC)	Market and Consumer Research (MAC)
Agricultural and Development Policy (APO)	Agricultural and Development Policy (APO)
	Agroeconomic Modelling
	Development Economics

#### Requirements for the Major Specification:

- Modules accounting to a minimum of 30 ECTS in the Major Specification
- The Research Seminar is in the Major Specification
- The Master Thesis is in the Major Specification

#### Requirements for the Minor Specification:

- Modules accounting to a minimum of 18 ECTS in the Minor Specification

**Enjoy individual guidance in developing your own profiling in an international atmosphere of top-level education at a renowned University!**

**Your application is highly appreciated!**