



University of Maribor

Faculty of Agriculture  
and Life Sciences

# KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITION

Master's degree programme  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS



## WHY STUDY AT OUR FACULTY?

Students studying at our faculty get the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge needed to be successful in agricultural fields such as food production, nature conservation in food production and the ethical treatment of all living organisms. They also get the skills needed to tackle and solve complex problems in the field of agriculture.

Would you like to upgrade your existing knowledge in agricultural economics?

## STUDY PROGRAMME

The master's degree programme Agricultural Economics is an interdisciplinary programme in which the students upgrade their knowledge in agricultural economics. The students get acquainted with and learn to differentiate between co-dependant micro-economic concepts, they learn how to conduct research independently using quantitative values of economic evaluation, they get to know methods of decision support in management and informatics and also learn various methods of rural development and agricultural policy.

The contents of the programme also include the most important elements of microeconomic theory, the application of different quantitative methods in order to assess grades of economic efficiency in agriculture and the ability of local producers and the food industry to compete on the market, as well as general insights into problems occurring in agricultural management.

## PROGRAMME GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The main goal of the programme is to produce experts with an insight into the economic facets of agriculture and related sciences. The subjects within the programme ensure that the students obtain fundamental theoretical knowledge in agricultural economics closely connected to microeconomic principles for analysing the production and price ratios on the market.

At this level students learn how to determine and differentiate microeconomic concepts and learn how to conduct research independently using quan-

titative methods for economic assessment. This is a very important aspect of their development as it is crucial for them to understand the methods of econometric assessment within the field. The programme strives towards producing to different expert profiles and does so through the following two systems of teaching modules:

- Agricultural management and marketing
- Rural development

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The programme enables a wide variety of employment opportunities including leading positions in agricultural companies, cooperatives, jobs in advisory boards, administrative positions connected to agriculture in institutions like research agencies, stock exchange, government units, etc. The graduates can also decide to become independent managers and entrepreneurs or decide to continue their academic career.

## CURRICULUM

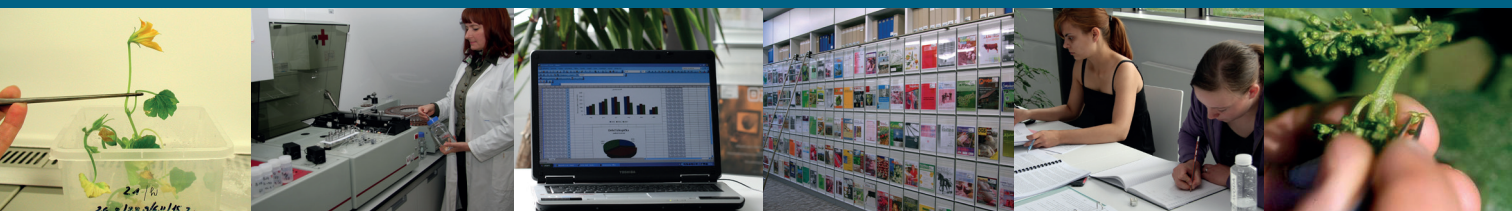
In the first semester students take 5 obligatory methodological courses, which enable them to understand some of the basic concepts of agricultural economics and prepare them to conduct research in the fields of agricultural economics, agricultural management, marketing management and rural development.

In the second semester the students are required to decide which of the fields they want to specialise in (Management and marketing in agriculture or Agricultural policy and rural development).

Both semesters include seminar papers, which are evaluated with 5 ECTS points, get students ready to do research independently and can be incorporated into their master's thesis.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester the students choose all of their courses (30 ECTS). They also prepare two research projects, which are directly connected to writing their master's thesis and can also be incorporated directly into the thesis. The fourth semester is intended for writing the master's thesis for which the students obtain 30 ECTS points.

STUDY PROGRAMME	AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (MS)
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The student must have a bachelor degree (180 ECTS) in the following fields: agriculture, biotechnology, organisational sciences, business and management, economy, social sciences, law and informatics.</li> <li>▪ A bachelor degree from other fields where the student has obtained at least 180 ECTS points and has carried out all the additional requirements.</li> </ul>
DURATION	2 years (4 semesters)
REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION	Students need to have 120 ECTS points and write and defend a master's thesis in order to graduate.
AQUIRED TITLE	Master of food safety
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Administration office information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Telephone: +386 2 320 90 19</li> <li>▪ Email: referat.fkbv@um.si</li> <li>▪ Web page: www.fkbv.um.si</li> </ul>



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