



## 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 Sciences, Agricultural Economics, Food or Household Economics, Agribusiness Management, Economics, Business Management or similar study programs
- Certificate of sufficient knowledge of English, for example, a paper-based TOEFL (test of English as a foreign language) 575 , computer-based TOEFL 233, TOEFL iBT 90, IELTS (International English language Testing system) 6.5 , a Cambridge ESOL of C1 or any comparable evidence
- The University of Bonn currently charges an administration fee of about EUR 250 EUR per semester; These fees include a semester ticket for public transport, but do not cover living expenses
- **Application deadline** for the next winter term: **April 30** at the application office:

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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

# Program Design

## 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.

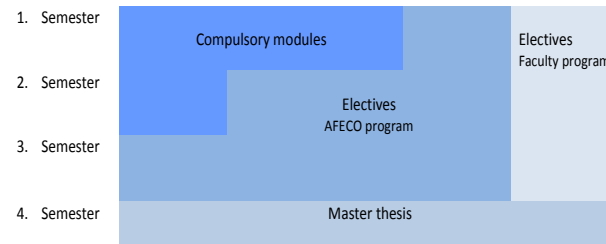
Analytical skills regarding this highly relevant sector widen the existing perspectives for a future career.

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 Semesters) 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.

Double-Degree Programs offer the possibility to combine AFECO with the Master Program 'Management, Economics and Consumer Studies' at the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands (Bonn-Wageningen Cooperation **BOWACO**) or with the Master Program „European Master in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis“ (**AFEPA**) of five leading Universities in the field of agricultural economics .

## Curriculum



- (1) The studies cover the Compulsory courses with a total of 30 LP, the Electives of our AFECO program with a total of 48 LP, and other Electives of the study program of the faculty with a total of 12 LP. The Master Thesis covers a total of 30 LP
- (2) **The first and second Term is** mainly dedicated to the compulsory modules : Methods of Empirical Research, Microeconomics, Global Food and Markets, Decision Theory and Risk Management , and an Excursion
- (3) **From the first Term on** you have the possibility to choose your Electives to focus on a special Major Specification. In addition a minor specification may be obtained.

## Profil

We advise to focus on a major specification (66LP) and by interest to add a minor specification (18LP) in the fields shown below

Major specification	Minor Specification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agribusiness</li> <li>• Agricultural and Development Policy</li> <li>• Market and Consumer Research</li> <li>• Resource and Environmental Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agribusiness</li> <li>• Agricultural and Development Policy</li> <li>• Market and Consumer Research</li> <li>• Resource and Environmental Economics</li> <li>• Development Economics</li> <li>• Modelling</li> </ul>

To get the DGQ System Manager Junior is worthwhile

- A certain number of the "Electives" can be chosen freely, also from other master level study programs in the faculty of agriculture.
- A research seminar will consist of a self-responsible literature survey on a defined topic, which will be defended by the candidate. This will strengthen the student's ability to present his ideas in scientific discussions and help in preparing the content of the master thesis.

**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!**