

Extended Internship (I002918)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 10.0 **Study time 300 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

A (Year) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

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Master of Science in Nutrition and Food Systems	10	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Internship, training

Position of the course

The course 'Internship Extension' covers an extra training period of minimum 40 working days, domain-related to MSc Nutrition and Food Systems. The internship gives the student the opportunity to apply the learned knowledge and skills to a (non)- academic context. The internship gives the student the possibility to apply the different competences acquired in the MSc Nutrition and Food Systems in a professional work environment and the student will receive feedback on this. Therefore, the student will be engaged in every-day working activities of an organisation at a level corresponding to their final degree.

Contents

The internship can take place in diverse work environments: (inter)national NGOs (e.g. Rikolto, GIZ), hospitals, local, regional or national governmental institutes, universities, research centra,... or in private sector (industries, ...). The internship activities should be related to the knowledge and know-how acquainted through MSc in Nutrition and Food Systems and should give an added value for future (search) possibilities for a (more relevant) job.

The course Extended Internship covers a training period of minimum 40 working days in a workplace domain related to MSc in Nutrition and Food Systems. The internship can only be part of the student's curriculum of the 2nd year, even if the training would take place during the summer holidays of the first academic year. Upon completion of the internship, the student will write a report. In the report students will pay attention not only to the practical work they performed but also to managerial, economical and strategic aspects. The report also includes a general appreciation of the internship experience by the student and a critical reflection on how well the programme learning objectives have prepared the student for the internship. Finally, the student has to present and defend the internship for a jury. Detailed information on all steps need to take during the internship is available on UFORA info site IMNUFS, and on the UFORA site of the course

Initial competences

-Advanced knowledge, skills and competences in their field of specialisation, acquired by participating to the exams for min. 30 credits in the specific program MSc. in Nutrition and Food Systems.

Final competences

- 1 Implement obtained knowledge, competences and methods in a professional (non-academic) environment
- 2 Critically analyse the workplace internship organization with reference to its diversity of activities within the local, economical, managerial and strategic context.
- 3 Demonstrate independence, creativity, personal initiative and critical reflection
- 4 Function as a member of a team in a professional environment
- 5 Written and oral reporting with attention to scientific correctness and depth
- 6 Written and oral reporting with attention to language, structure and layout

Conditions for credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Work placement

Extra information on the teaching methods

Independent search of internship place, guided self-study, guided report writing, oral presentation, feedback sessions

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: Information internship
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : English
Number of Pages : 10
Oldest Usable Edition : 2024
Available on Ufora : Yes
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No

Type: Other

Name: Internship
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Additional information: Costs depend on internship location and students have to contribute themselves for travel expenses (both domestically and internationally).

References

reports of alumni/scientific reading and writing manuals

Course content-related study coaching

After approving the content of the internship, a contract of practical training (unpaid) will be signed before departure and send to the UGent Rectorate. The local host (who acts as the local promoter) is responsible for the daily supervision and guidance of the student. In conjunction with the local host, the academic promoter at UGent for the specific internship of the student will follow-up and, if necessary, remediate the evolution of the student at the workplace. The student him/herself is responsible for ensuring a continuous efficient communication with the local host and the UGent academic promoter.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment, Presentation, Assignment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Professional practice

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Job performance assessment report of the local supervisor at the end of the training + an evaluation of the written activity report, the oral ppt presentation and the performance in answering the questions following the presentation. Report and presentation should be written and presented in English. Detailed information is available on UFORA info site IMNUFS, en on the UFORA cursus site.

Calculation of the examination mark

- 40% of the marks for the work attitude and skills during the internship (daily work)
- 25% of the marks for the written report
- 35% marks for oral presentation and defense

Detailed information is available on UFORA info site IMNUFS. The deadlines for the paper must be respected. If not, a mark can be deducted from the total. Students who eschew one or more parts of the assessment can no longer obtain a pass mark for the course unit. Should the final mark be higher than 7/20, it will be reduced to the highest non-passable mark (i.e. 7/20).