

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOSCIENCE ENGINEERING: CELL AND GENE BIOTECHNOLOGY

MAJORS: MA CEGB 00 RED - MA CEGB 00 WHITE - MA CEGB 00 GREEN

120 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

WHAT

Our programme's objective is to train scientists to become responsible and professional bioengineers, at once able to work in multidisciplinary teams and equipped with creative concept problem-solving skills, a solid basis for an engineering mindset in cell and gene biotechnology and knowledge of tools and methods in molecular biology, bioinformatics and biotechnology of humans, animals, plants and microorganisms and their applications. The emphasis is on the exploitation of the living cell, industrial applications of genetic modification and molecular diagnostics. Bioengineers specialised in cell and gene biotechnology are capable of directing biological processes at DNA, protein, organism or ecosystem level and of using their engineering mindset to put that knowledge into practice for industry and society. The professional field is very broad and includes the production, analysis and application of enhanced biological processes, organisms, or systems to manufacture products intended to improve the quality of human life.

STRUCTURE

The foundation of the curriculum is an in-depth fundamental and practical knowledge regarding the biological, biochemical and molecular aspects of humans, animals, plants and microorganisms, including its applications to solve complex problems. This is further complemented by technological, process and engineering-oriented course units, which enable the (industrial) upscaling (e.g. through cell and tissue cultures, bioreactors or mass cultivation) and subsequent harvesting, purification and formulation into economically viable products, taking into account ecological and ethical aspects. To this end, the curriculum also contains management skills. A quantitative approach to the fundamental and technological aspects based on biological data sciences takes centre stage. Our solid and multidisciplinary training makes for Cell and Gene Biotechnology graduates who are proficient in the biotechnology and bioscience engineering of animals, plants, the human body and microorganisms to solve scientific and societal challenges in multidisciplinary teams.

The explosive growth of biotechnology has on the one hand resulted in a high variety of employment possibilities in the pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, agricultural, and food and feed sectors, and to an

increasing demand for specialised academics on the other. Our study programme addresses this need by giving future bioengineers with a specialisation in cell and gene biotechnology a broad basic training (general courses), complemented with a specialisation by means of an elective major. Each major consists of a fixed set of electives in a specific discipline:

- Biomedical Biotechnology
- Plant Biotechnology
- Industrial Biotechnology

Additionally, students have the possibility to further expand their skillset and attitudes in a broader context by means of elective course units.

The Faculty of Bioscience Engineering is highly international. As such it is a hub for encountering students and cultures from all over the world. Additionally, there are several ways to gain experience abroad: students can e.g. participate in an exchange programme during the Master's programme. A work placement abroad is also one of the possibilities. In addition, students can go abroad for a period of time as part of their Master's dissertation. For programme-specific information, please visit <https://www.ugent.be/bw/nl/voor-studenten/buitenland/studying-abroad>.

LABOUR MARKET

The Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering: Cell and Gene Biotechnology programme offers a solid preparation for a managerial career in research and product development. Possible application areas are industrial fermentation processes, environmental remediation, food, fine chemicals, human health, plant cultivation and protection, animal husbandry, pharmaceutical and biotechnological industry, which also reflect possible professional profiles. In addition to different sectors of industry, a bioengineer specialised in cell and gene biotechnology also frequently finds employment in the research and/or education sector at universities, research institutes, government institutes and the R&D departments of big companies.

[Find out](#) where our graduates work (Dutch only) and take a look at our alumni's highly diverse profiles.

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TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

1 Rechtstreeks:

- Bachelor in de bio-ingenieurswetenschappen
- Bachelor of Molecular Biotechnology

Additional Information on Admission (Flemish Degree)

There are no preparatory courses organized that give access to the Master's programmes of Bioscience Engineering. Students who have obtained an academic bachelor's degree in a closely related field of study (eg. Biology, Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Biomedical Sciences, Bioscience Engineering Technology, Chemistry, Engineering, Engineering Technology, Bioindustrial Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, ...) can submit a request for exemptions in the *Bachelor of Science in de bio-ingenieurswetenschappen* which gives immediate admission to the master's programme.

For further information, please visit:

<http://www.ugent.be/bw/en/for-students/flexible->

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Students who wish to enrol for the Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering: Cell and Gene Biotechnology can enter the programme if they hold the following diploma: an academic diploma of Bachelor (or Master) of Science in Engineering (university level, minimum three years), with the main subject in Bio(science) Engineering or an equivalent to this. Admission can only be granted after an individual application procedure. The Study Programme Committee will make the final decision whether to accept the application or not.

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements

Language requirements for this study programme differ from the required standard level for English taught study programmes as specified in the Ghent University Education and Examination Code:

English:

Only nationals of all EU and EEA countries, Australia, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, UK, USA, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, can provide a stamped and signed certificate of English proficiency issued by their previous university if they have obtained at least 60 ECTS credits with English as the language of instruction during a previous bachelor or master level higher education degree. This certificate should clearly state that English was the language of instruction during the previous degree.

Candidates from any other nationality need to present test results of one of the following tests (validity of 5 years):

- TOEFL iBT 86
- TOEFL pBT 570
- Academic IELTS 6,5 overall score with a min. of 6 for writing (online test is accepted)

Exemptions:

- Prospective students who have a diploma (Secondary Education, Academic Bachelor Degree, Master Degree) issued by an institution officially recognized by the Flemish Government (see Education and Examination Code art. 10 § 12°).

Remark: this exemption does not count for application to Erasmus Mundus Programmes.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-science-in-bioscience-engineering-cell-and-gene-biotechnology-IMCEGB-en/programma

Information sessions

EVOLV

evolv.ugent/en/students/further-studies

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Open Days

Each spring the graduation fair **EVOLV** organised by the UGent Association, offers the opportunity to discover all possible options to continue studying or to start looking for a job (with more than 200 different companies).

For some programmes, there is a specific **Open Day**. If so, it will be announced here (at the latest Feb 15th).15th).

28 April 2026 19u00 - 21u00 - Campus Coupure (E-blok, Agora), Coupure Links 653, 9000 Gent

Enrolling institution

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

Application Deadline (for International degree students)

For students who **need a visa**: before 1st of April

For students who **do not need a visa**: before 1st of June

[Read more](#)

Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

Contact

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