

INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PROGRAMME JOINTLY OFFERED BY GHEENT UNIVERSITY, TU BERGAKADEMIE FREIBERG, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

MAJORS: MA SINR 00 TUBFREIBERG - MA SINR 00 UGENT CIRCULAR SOCIETIES AND SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS - MA SINR 00 UPPSALAU ENTREPRENEURSHIP - MA SINR 00 UPPSALAU GEORESOURSE EXPLORATION

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WHAT

The rapidly increasing demand for specialty metals and minerals – caused by an increasing electrification of the industry, new information and communication technologies, and green energy and sustainable mobility solutions (e.g. car batteries, solar panels and windfarms) – calls for a more economic, socially and environmentally sustainable supply of raw materials.

The limited availability of metals and mineral raw materials, in combination with global phenomena, such as geopolitical base metal and high-tech metal supply risks, fossil fuel depletion and climate change, urges us to develop more sustainable management strategies for these resources. These challenges can be translated into economic opportunities and business models that require advanced training. There is currently a wide variety of specialists that act within the boundaries of their own discipline. These specialists often lack the broader overview on the available alternative techniques to make the entire value chain more sustainable, and to tackle specific supply risk challenges by looking at the issues from a global value chain perspective within a multidisciplinary context. There is thus a clear need for professionals with a global mindset and a holistic overview of the raw materials value chain, who can apply sustainability assessment tools and develop new management strategies and technologies for resource exploration, mining, chemical processing and recycling. SINReM delivers this type of T-shaped professionals: our graduates have a basic expertise in, and understanding of every aspect in the entire raw materials value chain, in combination with a specialised expertise in one particular field.

STRUCTURE

Students take a three-week introductory course to the programme at TU Freiberg in September. The course introduces them to the process chain of mineral resources. The subsequent first term at Ghent University introduces the students to the economic aspects of the circular economy, multicriteria decision-making and sustainability assessment tools. In addition, the students become familiar with sustainable materials and technologies used to extract and recover raw materials from industrial byproducts and waste streams.

During the second term at Uppsala University, the students are trained in georesource exploration and entrepreneurship, and are stimulated to excel in creativity with an entrepreneurial mindset and innovative problem-based technology development skills.

At the end of the first academic year, the students take the modular Resources Chemistry course unit at TU Freiberg. This course unit covers fundamentals in chemistry of ore deposits, kinetic aspects of precipitation and extraction, and chemical foundations of hydro- and pyrometallurgical processes.

In the first year, all students move as a cohort between the three partner, resulting in significant networking and social cohesion advantages.

In the second year, the students choose one of the three partner universities to take one of the five elective majors consisting of mandatory and optional course units in a particular field of sustainable and innovative natural resource management:

- Resource Recovery and Sustainable Materials (Ghent University)
- Circular Societies (Ghent University)
- Sustainable Processes (TU Freiberg)
- Georesource Exploration (Uppsala University)
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship (Uppsala University)

Moreover, the students conduct a work placement outside academia and work on their 30-credit Master's dissertation.

LABOUR MARKET

SINReM graduates are qualified for a professional career in the private, research (applied research at universities, research institutes or companies) or public sector. They are particularly attractive for employers as they can support companies in making processes, products and services more sustainable. In addition, they can aid local, regional and (inter) national administrations to define and implement sustainable development policies. Furthermore, our graduates have benefited from the international, multicultural environment and from the close links between education, research and innovation, the three components of the knowledge triangle, in the study programme. This is reflected in the significant study time dedicated to innovation management and entrepreneurship skills and to project work aimed at

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stimulating creative and multidisciplinary thinking
with active involvement of the non-academic
partners in student supervision.

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TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

1 Na onderzoek van de bekwaamheid van de student om de opleiding te volgen:

- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het academisch onderwijs binnen één van de volgende studiegebieden (of een combinatie ervan):
 - Biotechniek
 - Industriële Wetenschappen en Technologie
 - Toegepaste Biologische Wetenschappen
 - Toegepaste Wetenschappen
 - Wetenschappen

Additional Information on Admission (Flemish Degree)

All prospective students, including holders of a Flemish degree, should follow the admission procedure as described on <https://sinrem.eu/admission-applying/>.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

SINReM is particularly suited for (but not limited to): bioscience engineers, biotechnology scientists, chemical engineers, chemists, environmental scientists and engineers, geologists, geophysicists, mining engineers, mineralogists, materials scientists, metallurgists and process engineers.

To be admitted to the SINReM programme, you need to:

- 1 hold a Bachelor degree (equivalent to at least 180 ECTS) in a discipline closely related to the SINReM scope (see above for examples);*
- 2 have a strong background in science (equivalent to at least 15 ECTS in mathematics and/or physics and 10 ECTS in chemistry);*
- 3 have completed your previous degree(s) with good or very good grades (typically top 30% of the students);
- 4 submit a convincing motivation letter with your application, which shows that the SINReM scope matches your previous education and future goals;
- 5 fulfil the English language requirements listed below.

* If you do not fully meet criteria 1 and 2, you may still be admitted if you have excellent grades (typically top 10% of the students) in your previous degree(s). Please note that in this case you will have

to invest more time within the first year to catch up with fundamentals of science and engineering. More information on admission requirements and the application procedure can be found on <https://sinrem.eu/admission-applying/>

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:

Accepted English language test certificates (the certificate cannot be older than 5 years):

- TOEFL iBT (at least total score of 86 out of 120, TOEFL iBT Home Edition is accepted).
- TOEFL pBT (at least total score of 570).
- Academic IELTS (overall band score of at least 6.5 with at least 6 for writing, IELTS Online is accepted).

• Cambridge C1 advanced certificate (formerly Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE))
Only nationals of all EU and EEA countries, Australia, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, UK, USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe are exempted to provide an English language test certificate as listed above and 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. Nationals of other countries need to provide one of the above listed English language test certificates (TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge CAE).

More information on English language requirements can be found on

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

studiekiezer.ugent.be/international-master-of-science-in-sustainable-and-innovative-natural-resource-management-en/programma

Information sessions

EVOLV

evolv.gent/en/students/further-studies

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).

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

Enrolling institution

Ghent University, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Uppsala University

Enrolment to SINReM is only possible after having received a Ghent University Letter of Admission. This Letter of Admission is issued after having successfully passed the application procedure as described on <https://sinrem.eu/admission-applying/>.

Application Deadline (for International degree students)

More information on programme specific application procedures and deadlines for both **Belgian and international students**.

Tuition fee

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

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