

# POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE SUSTAINABLE FOOD PACKAGING SOLUTIONS

45 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

Since food packaging plays a crucial role in reducing our ecological footprint, producers, consumers and governments are increasingly looking for sustainable food packaging solutions. Keeping a food product fresh and safe for as long as possible reduces food waste, but the material needed to ensure the longest possible shelf life is not always the most sustainable. Conversely, the most sustainable material may not have the best effect on the food in terms of food safety or quality. In this way, every food product faces its own puzzling question: which material and technology should we use to maximise shelf life, guarantee quality, be cost-efficient, sustainable, and safe? These issues are at the heart of the postgraduate programme. While the linked advanced master's programme on Sustainable Food Packaging ([www.sfp.ugent.be](http://www.sfp.ugent.be)) adds extra integrative elements and a master's thesis, this postgraduate programme allows students to gain knowledge in a more flexible way, and hands-on experience through an internship at an external organisation.

## STRUCTURE

The one year postgraduate programme consists of seven courses (30 ECTS), spread over seven months (September – March), and an internship (15 ECTS) that lasts until June. A programme of 45 ECTS in total.

- Classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 16:15 – 20:30, and on Fridays from 08:30 – 12:30 and/or 13:30 – 17:30.
- Classes on Tuesdays/Thursdays take place online.
- Classes on Fridays require physical presence on campus (Ghent University, Campus Kortrijk. Sint-Martens-Latemlaan 2B, 8500 Kortrijk).

## LABOUR MARKET

After successful completion of the programme, you receive the Postgraduate Certificate: Food Packaging, awarded by Ghent University. The interdisciplinary character of the programme ensures that you are well prepared to pursue a career in a field related to Sustainability, Food and/or Packaging situated in sectors such as the food industry, packaging industry, packaging machines producing industry, gas supplying industry, retail, the waste and recycling industry, government agencies and NGOs. You will be qualified to fill technical-, research- policy- and management-oriented positions.

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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### 1 **Rechtstreeks:**

- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het academisch onderwijs
- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het professioneel onderwijs

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements  
English: CEFR level B2

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/postgraduate-certificate-sustainable-food-packaging-solutions-en/programma](https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/postgraduate-certificate-sustainable-food-packaging-solutions-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies](https://afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies)

#### Open Days

Each spring there is a **Graduation Fair**. It consists of a job fair (with more than 200 different companies) and a postgrad/master fair.

For some programmes, there is a specific **Open Day**. If this is the case, you will find the date here (at the latest Feb 15th).

28 April 2025 19u00 - 21u00 - Campus Coupure (E-blok, Agora), Coupure Links 653, 9000 Gent

### Enrolling institution

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

### Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](https://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

## Contact

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