

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE FOOD PACKAGING

20 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

WHAT

Food packaging is omnipresent in our daily lives, making it possible to better protect food, ensure its desired quality, and reduce food waste. Unfortunately, a lot of packaging is designed as single-use, and certain forms of packaging use a lot of resources to produce. Consumers and governments are therefore increasingly demanding innovative and sustainable packaging, driving companies towards more socially responsible packaging strategies. But at the same time, consumers expect food packaging with high standards to offer good quality foods, decrease contamination risks, and extend shelf life. Creating the right packaging strategy requires food packaging expertise. Food packaging science is a discipline that applies principles from four major scientific fields (material science, food science, information science, and socioeconomics) to understand packaging material properties, food packaging requirements, and the packaging system. While the linked advanced master's programme on Sustainable Food Packaging combines all elements in a holistic manner (www.sfp.ugent.be), this postgraduate programme allows students to focus on either the side of Materials, Food, or Sustainability.

STRUCTURE

The one year postgraduate programme consists of four or five courses, 20 ECTS in total, depending on the elective track, spread over seven months (September – March). Depending on the chosen track and the respective courses, classes take place on Tuesdays and/or 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). Please consult the programme brochure for more information.

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 better prepared to pursue a career in a field related to Sustainability, Food and/or Packaging.

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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:

a opleidingen nieuwe structuur:

- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het academisch onderwijs
- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het professioneel onderwijs
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding aansluitend op een bacheloropleiding
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding die volgt op een andere masteropleiding

b opleidingen oude structuur:

- Een diploma van de tweede cyclus van het hogeschoolonderwijs van twee cycli
- Een diploma van een academische opleiding van de tweede cyclus
- Een diploma van een opleiding van het hogeschoolonderwijs van één cyclus

Enrolling institution

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

Tuition fee

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

Contact

sfp@ugent.be

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

studiekiezer.ugent.be/postgraduate-certificate-in-food-packaging-en/programma

Information sessions

Graduation Fair

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