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Welcome to the 2nd year MEDfOR Master course in Padova

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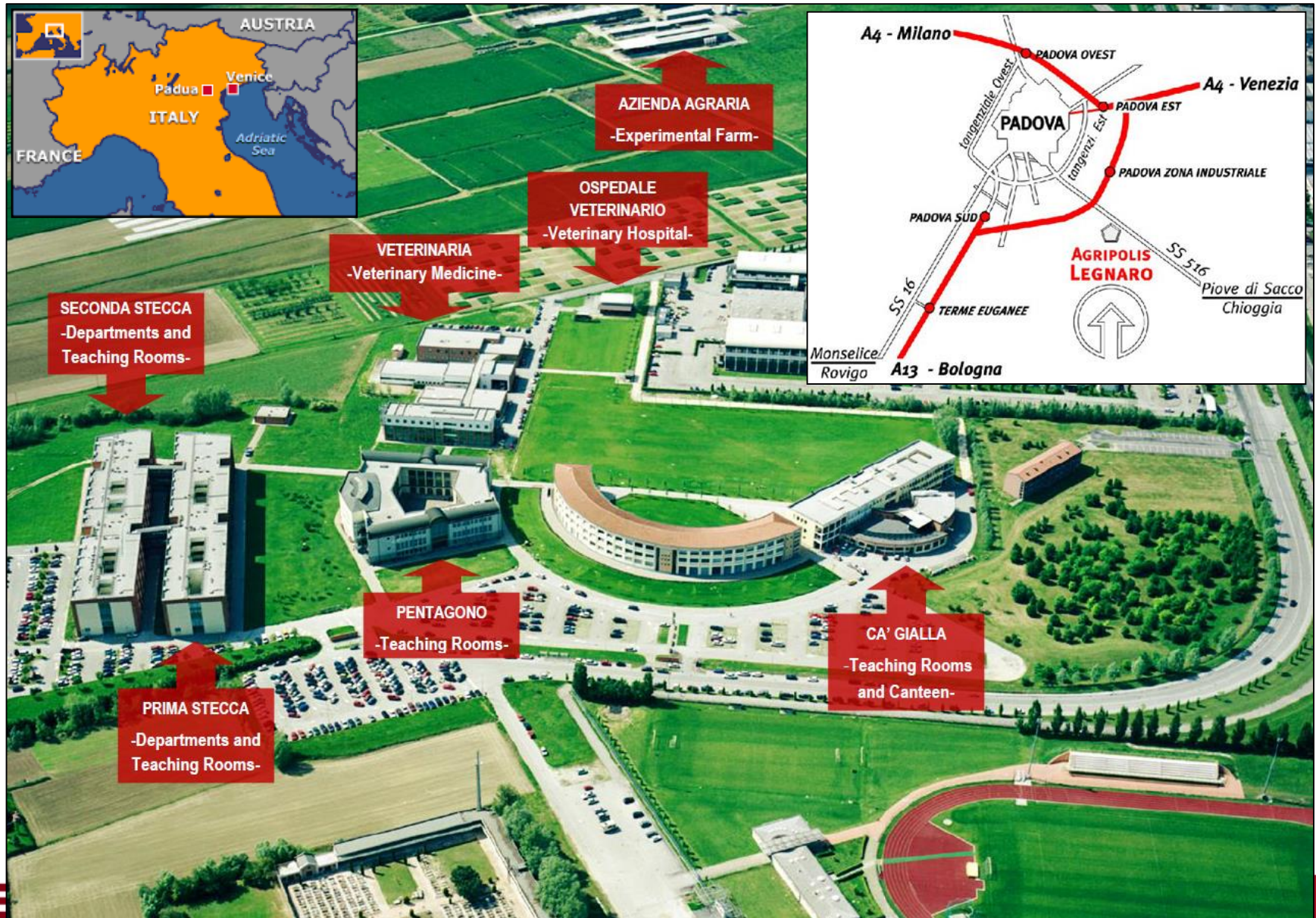
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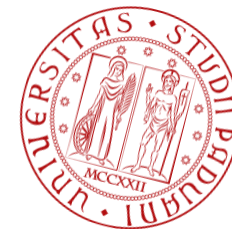


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Studying Forest Science in Padova: Master courses in English

MSc Forest Science

School of Agriculture and Vet Sciences - UNIPD

Specialisation Track
**Forest and Land
Management**

Specialisation Track
**Forest and
Nature for the
Future**

2nd year MEDfOR students

Social and Environmental Responsibility in Mediterranean Forestry



Courses for II year Medfor Students

Profile: governance of forests and natural ecosystems in the context of international issues such as climate change, deforestation, land use change and biodiversity conservation

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Teachers

Laura Secco

Forest policy, governance & conflicts: from global to local



Mara Thiene

Environmental resource valuation



Paola Gatto

Market-based Instruments for Ecosystem Services



Davide Pettenella & Mauro Masiero

Social responsibility & forest certification



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Research planning





Forest policy, governance & conflicts: from global to local

- Understanding **connections** among **forest policy, forest governance and conflict management** options at different scales
- Basic knowledge and skills on tools for **policy and governance analysis**
- Techniques for **conflict analysis and management**, including **participatory approaches** to decision making
- **Case studies** in tropical, temperate and Mediterranean forests





Environmental resource valuation

- Theory and practice of **non-market valuation**
- Focus on **statistical methods** for **environmental data analysis**
- Practice with **econometric tools** and **software packages** for environmental data analysis, model estimation, data visualization and mapping of results (NLogit, InVEST)





Market-based instruments for Ecosystem Services

- Familiarizing with the **broad spectrum of market based instruments** for the provision of ecosystem services
- Focus on **Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)** structure, design and assessment
- Examples, assessment of **case-studies**





Social responsibility and certification

- Driving forces behind **CSR policies** (their rationale, origins and evolution over time) → special focus on the forest sector.
- Broad range of tools to support CSR: **private, public and partnership** tools
- Focus on **forest certification**
- Theoretical framework, **examples and case-studies**





Research planning

- **Statistical tools, approaches and methodologies** that might be used when performing **research in forestry**
- Sketch out a **survey design**, from the problem definition and the conception to the results analysis, both qualitative and quantitative
- Question wording, sampling design, interview techniques, group interviews, stakeholder analysis...
- Work on **concrete case studies**



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Academic calendar

- Start of first semester: last week of September 2020
- End of first semester: half January 2021
- Winter exam session: half January – Feb 2021
- (second semester)
- Summer exam session: late June – July 2021
- Late Summer exam session: late Aug 17 – Sept 2021 (only in exceptional cases)

Some courses have interims

Thesis preparation and defence



- **30 ECTS**
- **1 supervisor + 1 or more co-supervisors (*not compulsory*)**
- Thesis defense: July, September, October, December
- When to start: October (thinking), February-March (fieldwork)
- Possibility for 700 € grant for covering travel costs (after a selection process)

Thesis topics (examples)

- Strategic planning in the forest sector: a comparison among different national initiatives in Europe
- Forest owners' associations in Europe: membership, networks, services, new development
- Forest care experience around Europe. Their requirements and impacts on income and **forest managements** techniques
- **Bioeconomy** development: impacts on wood demand (plantations vs. seminatural forests; biomass vs. timber; local supply vs. import)
- Criteria and indicators for assessing the quality of **governance** at local level
- **Participatory approaches** in land and rural development planning: a review of regulations in **Economic impact** of storm on the wood market. Store or export? An economic evaluation of financial compensation to forest sector after windstorm
- **FSC certification** and the textile sector: market analysis and developments for viscose
- Overview and comparative assessment of **sustainable tourism** standards
- Enabling conditions for **Payments for Ecosystem Services**: an analysis at European level
- Studying governance features of Watershed PES: cases studies in Europe
- Features of innovation in market-based mechanisms for forest ecosystem services
- **Post-storm forest owners' adaptation** pathways comparing different property structures
- Governance of common property: changing rules to adapt to socio-economic development

Synergies and network for the thesis

- **FAO** (Rome – Italy)
- **CIFOR** *Center for International Forestry Research*
- **EFI FLEGT** and **REDD Units** at **EFIMED** (
- **USSE** - *Unión de silvicultores del Sur de Europa*
- **Biodiversity International** (former IPGRI - Rome)
- **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Int. Centre** (Bonn) and **FSC-Italy** (Padova)
- **UN-ECE Timber Committee**
- **WWF Mediterranean Program** (Rome)
- **Forest consultant companies** (ETIFOR,...) and **NGOs**

... and for any problem:



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Degree courses held in English

Pre-enrolment applications are starting on January 11 both for first cycle and second cycle degrees

Selections are open to international candidates



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Academic Calendar

The academic year in Italy is made up of two semesters. The first semester starts in September/October and ends in January/February. The second semester starts in February and ends in July. The actual start and finish dates will vary in the different universities but each semester lasts around 20 weeks and is made up of a teaching period lasting around 14 weeks and an exam period lasting around 6 weeks.

Teaching and learning

Most teaching still takes place in large lecture halls but this will depend very much on the single course of study. Students are also expected to carry out a considerable amount of self study outside the classroom in order to prepare for exams.

Assessment

Exams are held after the teaching period and are mainly oral exams although some courses will have written tests taking place during the semester or before the oral exam. Each exam will have a number of dates offered during the exam period and students can choose which date they wish to take the exam. They are also entitled to turn down a mark and take the exam again if they are not satisfied with the result. Rules apply as to how often a student can take an exam within an examination period.

Grading systems

Examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A "cum laude" may be added to the highest grade (30; 30 e lode) as a mention of special distinction. All examination results are used to calculate the overall degree mark on a scale of 0 – 110. The final result is based on exam results plus the presentation of a project or dissertation in front of a Board of Examiners. The pass mark is 66 and

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Traditional excursion to Euganean Hills in November: forest walk, chestnuts, hot wine, cakes & friends



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Final wish to you all coming to Padova

“REDIBO PLENIOR”

**“I shall come back filled with knowledge, more mature”
motto by G.V. Pinelli, second half of XVI Century**

