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# **Euroforester**

## **International Master Programme**

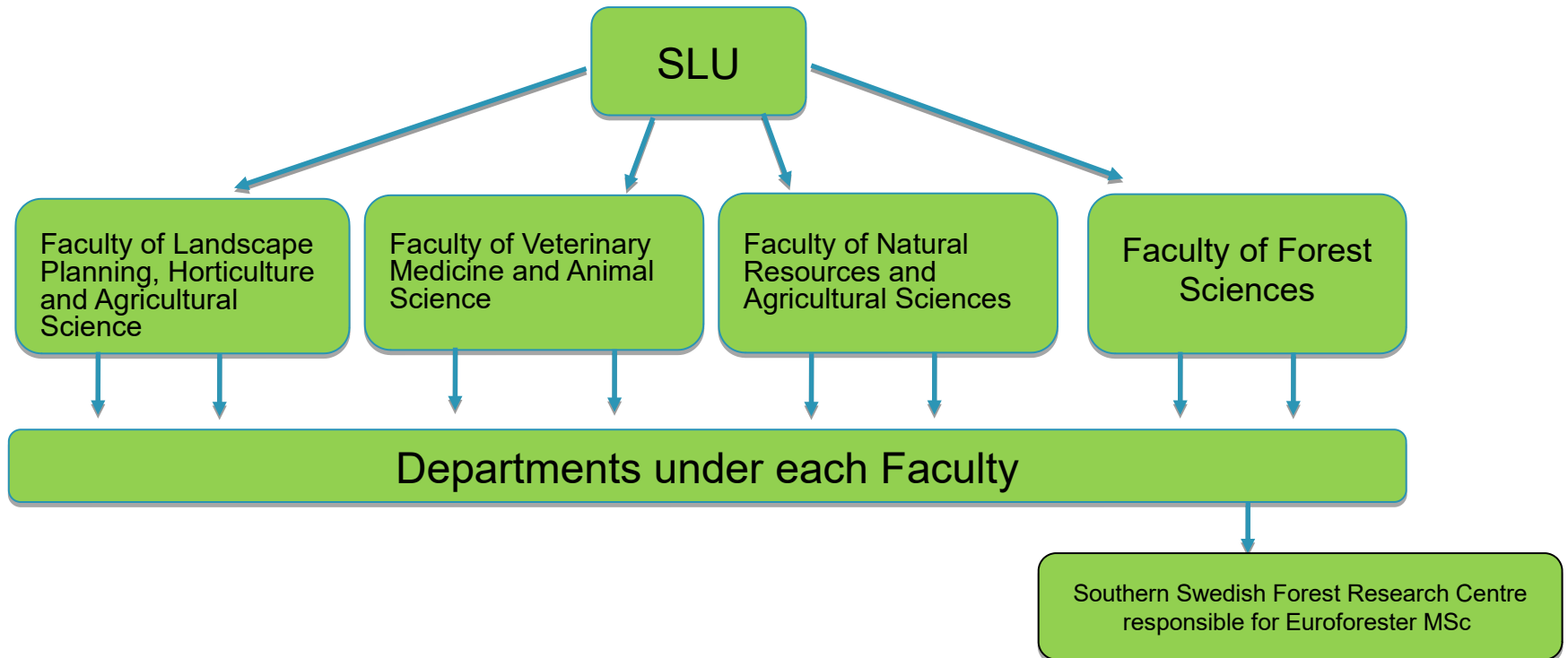
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# From SLU to Euroforester

•SLU = Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

*SLU has national responsibility for research and education in veterinary medicine, forestry, agriculture and landscape planning.*





# SLU in Sweden

SLU has national responsibility for research and education in veterinary medicine, forestry, agriculture and landscape planning.

SLU's main campuses are located in Umeå, Uppsala, Skara, and Alnarp.

SLU has four faculties

- **Umeå**

Faculty of Forest Sciences

- **Uppsala**

Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences

- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science

- **Alnarp**

Faculty of Landscape Planning, Horticulture and Agricultural Science



# Campus Alnarp from above



Malmö

Copenhagen

The Southern Swedish  
Forest Research  
Centre

Alnarp



# Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre

- Department under the Forest Faculty
- Established in Alnarp, 1988
- Courses for Master students started 1998
- Teaching and research in forest science with a focus on management, planning and forest policy, and ecology and conservation biology
- International character both in research and teaching
- Around 60 employees.
- Running the **Euroforester** Master Programme, since 2006
- Two other programs are currently active: Skogsbruk med många mål (MSc level program) & Forest and Landscape (BSc level program)



# Students from all over the world have attended our courses - Europe





Students from all over the world have attended our courses-outside Europe





# Euroforester MSc programme

## YEAR 1

### Profile courses

Autumn semester		Spring semester	
Period 1 (Sep-Nov)	Period 2 (Nov-Jan)	Period 3 (Jan-Mar)	Period 4 (Mar-Jun)
Sustainable Forestry in Southern Sweden, 15 credits	<b>Planning in Sustainable Forest Management, 15 credits</b> <b>To be split into two separate courses 7.5credits each</b>	National and International Forest Policy, 15 credits	Broadleaves: Forest dynamics, biodiversity, and management for multiple use 15 credits

## YEAR 2

### 1 semester elective courses and 1 semester MSc thesis

Autumn semester		Spring semester
Period 1 (Sep-Nov)	Period 2 (Nov-Jan)	Period 3 and 4 (Jan-Jun)
<p>During year 2 students have different options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Silviculture of temperate forests, 15 credits</li> <li>📖 Urban Forestry – management of urban forests and trees, 15 credits</li> <li>📖 Forest Conservation Biology, 15 credits (distance course)</li> <li>- Elective courses at partner Universities 30 credits</li> <li>- MSc thesis in Forest Sciences or MSc thesis in Biology, 30 credits</li> </ul>		

**MSc thesis could be joint between home university and SLU!**

# Scholarships for year 1!

- Ca **850 euro** (8 500 SEK) per month for 9 months (September-May)
- Travel grants (**2 x 150 euro**)
- Current sponsors: IKEA (Poland, Czech republic, Romania, Asian countries), SCA (Estonia, Latvia), The Swedish Forest Society (Baltics)
- Opportunity to rent single rooms in dormitory on campus





# Sustainable forestry in southern Sweden

LAST CHANGED: 03 JUNE 2021

This master's course focuses on forest management and forest ecology in managed stands. During this nine-week course, we investigate how sustainable development is, or can be, implemented in today's forestry practice. The course gives you the tools to switch from traditional instrumental-guideline approaches to more flexible objective-driven management to respond to emerging needs and challenges in forestry. We cover plantation forestry as it is widely practiced today, and emerging forest management approaches like continuous cover, mixed-species stands and retention tree practices.

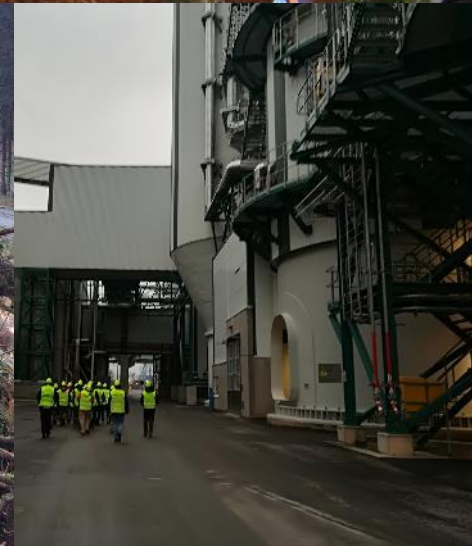




# Planning in Sustainable Forest Management - Theory, Methods and Tools

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In practical forestry stands are not managed in isolation. Instead, foresters need to think of nature conservation, social and economic goals at the overall property, district or enterprise level. Management decisions need to be taken despite imperfect information and in the face of a future of many unknowns. This course is about making management decisions in practical forestry.





# National and International Forest Policy

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Knowing about trees is great, but understanding how forests and society shape one another is just as important. This course will overturn your understanding of forests and help you see the big picture.

Its primary objectives are to (1) venture further than traditional forestry courses to look at interactions between forests and society, and (2) scrutinise global and national forest policies and their implications for forest management.





# Broadleaves - Forest dynamics, biodiversity and management for multiple use

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The Broadleaves course will introduce you to the fascinating world of summer-green deciduous forests which covered most of Europe before human transformation of the continent. Today's broadleaf forests share traces of the original natural forests with a multitude of cultural features due to a long history of human management.







## **Student oriented teaching**

- **Group works**
- **Individual work**
- **PBL (problem based learning)**
- **Case studies**



# What the students get!

- Knowledge for a career in the forest sector
- An understanding of the region and the settings for forestry
- Good ability to communicate in English
- A network for the future





# Application

## **Master student**

### **Requirements:**

- BSc degree
- Sufficient level of English (Level 6 at least – this is verified already during the interviews/selection)

+ Once admitted to a MSc program you can easily apply for the courses, incl. Master thesis.

+ You can do a MSc in Sweden and also one in your home country

### **Application deadline:**

**+MSc first round 15<sup>th</sup> of January**

**+MSc second round 15<sup>th</sup> of April (only in swedish)**

## **Exchange student**

Requirements are not as strict as for MSc studies. SLU does not check English skills, which is up to the sending University, and there are no demands on having a BSc, you can come on your 3rd year of studies.

### **Application deadline:**

**+MSc first round 15<sup>th</sup> of January**

**+MSc second round 15<sup>th</sup> of April (only in swedish)**

Detailed information about the application dates, things that need to be considered can be found here:

<https://www.slu.se/en/education/application-and-admission/important-dates/>

# Prerequisites for Master students

- There are **general** as well as **specific** admission requirements for SLU's Master's programmes. The general requirements are the same for all programmes, while the specific requirements are unique for each programme.
  - General requirements for master studies is a BSc degree from an internationally recognized university.
  - Specific entry requirement for the master program Euroforester is:
    - 60 credits in Biology or Forest Management or Forest Science or Environmental Science or Agricultural Science or Natural Resource Management
- and a sufficient level of English!

In order to enroll in courses at SLU with English as the language of instruction, the recommended English language level should be at the level:

[TOEFL internet-based](#) score of 20 (scale 0-30) in written English, and a total score of 90

[IELTS](#) an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5

[University of Cambridge/Oxford](#) – “Certificate in Advanced English”, “Certificate of Proficiency” or “Diploma of English Studies”

# More information

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If any questions arise, do not hesitate to contact the Admissions office at SLU – [admissions@slu.se](mailto:admissions@slu.se).



# Info for Exchange studies

- Exchange students are students who come from one of SLU's partner universities, for example FF in Poznan, FF in Jelgava, etc.
- You can be an exchange student within the Erasmus programme, within the NOVA/BOVA network or by coming from a university that has a bilateral agreement with SLU (outside EU).
- Contact your International Office/Study Abroad Office at your home university for more info.

# Prerequisites for exchange students

- The equivalent of: 120 credits including - 60 credits in Forest Science or Forest Management or Biology or Environmental Science or Landscape Architecture, or Agricultural Science or Natural Resource Management and - English 6

- English Language Requirements for Exchange Students:

It is up to the home university to guarantee that the student has appropriate knowledge in English

**More information can be found here:**

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**If any questions arise, do not hesitate to contact the Mobility team at SLU – [mobility@slu.se](mailto:mobility@slu.se).**

Apply here

Important information about the application procedures	+
Admission	+
How to choose courses	+
Accommodation for Exchange students	+
Language Requirements	+
Insurance	+
Veterinary Exchange Students	+
Mobility team	+



# Thank you!

**Questions?**

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***Website to Euroforester:***

<https://www.slu.se/en/education/programmes-courses/masters-programmes/euroforester/>

***Euroforester movie:***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e564zvNQU7U>