

M.Sc. International Agribusiness



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PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



University of Göttingen

- ◆ Institute of Rural Development
- ◆ Institute of Agricultural Economics
- ◆ Institute of Agricultural Engineering
- ◆ Institute of Agricultural Chemistry
- ◆ Institute of Agronomy and Animal Production in the Tropics and Subtropics
- ◆ School of Forest Sciences, Institute of Forest Economics

University of Talca

- ◆ Department of Agricultural Economics
- ◆ School of Managerial Sciences
- ◆ Department of Horticulture
- ◆ Foreign Visiting Professors (from U.K. and U.S.)



DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE M.SC. PROGRAM

- ◆ Strong research orientation (methodological modules, 6 months devoted to M.Sc. thesis)
- ◆ International features (study program and students from two continents, lectures focusing on international agricultural trade and marketing, field research mainly in Latin America)
- ◆ Modules on agricultural, environmental and rural development policy (→ focusing on international and national policy)



THE TEACHING MODULES

- ◆ 22 modules are offered by both universities
- ◆ 15 modules to be approved:
 - ✓ Compulsory modules (6)
 - ✓ Methodological modules (at least 2)
 - ✓ Optional modules (up to 7)
- ◆ During 1st semester: 5 modules in Talca
- ◆ During 2nd and 3rd semester: 10 modules in Göttingen



COMPULSORY MODULES



- ◆ Agribusiness Management (Talca)
- ◆ Financial Management (Talca)
- ◆ Marketing in Agribusiness (Talca/Gö)
- ◆ Socio-Economics of Rural Development (Gö)
- ◆ Agricultural and Environmental Policy Analysis (Gö)
- ◆ World Agricultural Markets and Trade (Gö)



METHODOLOGICAL MODULES

(all offered in Göttingen)

- ◆ Quantitative Research Methods in Rural Development Economics
- ◆ Multidisciplinary Research in Agricultural Production Systems
- ◆ Introduction to Empirical Market and Policy Analysis
- ◆ Microeconomic Theory and Planning Methods for Agricultural Development



OPTIONAL MODULES

- ◆ Environmental Economics (Talca)
- ◆ Development Economics in Latin America (Talca)
- ◆ Technologies in Fruit and Wine Production (Talca)
- ◆ Agricultural Innovation and Extension (Talca/Gö)
- ◆ Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Policies and Projects (Gö)
- ◆ Development Theory and Policy (Gö)



OPTIONAL MODULES (cont.)



- ◆ Regional Policy and Rural Areas (Gö)
- ◆ Development Sociology (Gö)
- ◆ Plant Crops and Cropping Systems (Gö)
- ◆ Animal Production and Breeding Systems (Gö)
- ◆ Quality and Processing of Tropical Plant Products (Gö)
- ◆ Exercises on the Quality of Plant Products (Gö)

PROCESS FOR DESIGN OF STUDY PROGRAM AND CREDIT POINTS

- ◆ Three-day planning workshop with professors/lecturers from Univ. of Talca and Gö. (in Talca in Aug. 2001):
 - Study program (13 modules), content of modules, number of contact hours, ECTS credit points
- ◆ 1 module is about 56 contact hours with 6 ECTS points
- ◆ In total the Master program comprises 120 ECTS points. (M.Sc. Thesis: 24 ECTS, colloquium: 6 ECTS)
- ◆ Joint preparation of an English study guide by University of Talca and Göttingen (Fall 2001)



PROCESS FOR DESIGN OF STUDY PROGRAM (cont.)



- ◆ Meetings among lecturers to discuss study program/guide
- ◆ Discussion/approval of M.Sc. program by the faculties at University of Talca and Göttingen
- ◆ Change in number of modules to 15 modules in 2002/2003
- ◆ Design of a joint M.Sc. transcript (Univ. of Talca and Göttingen)
- ◆ Yearly meetings of program speakers (Diaz / Zeller) either in Talca or Göttingen



KEY POINTS FOR SUCCESS

- ◆ DAAD provided financing for coordination visits through the University Partnership program (initial workshop, yearly meetings)
- ◆ Strong interest of both universities and its leadership in the program, and flexibility by both partners to jointly solve problems
- ◆ Conversion of ALL Diploma to B.Sc./M.Sc. Programs at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen (modules, credit point system)



ANNEX



to be shown if necessary for discussion

TIMETABLE OF THE M.Sc. PROGRAM

Schedule	Activity
August 30 th 2004	Application deadline
Dec. 2004 / Jan. 2005	Admission to the program
March – July 2005	1 st semester in Talca
End of July 2005	Flight to Germany
Aug. – Sept. 2005	Intensive German language course at Goethe Institut in Goettingen
Oct. 2005 – Feb. 2006	2 nd semester in Goettingen
Feb. and/or April 2006	Oral and written exams of the modules taken during 2 nd semester

TIMETABLE OF THE M.Sc. PROGRAM (cont.)

Middle of Feb. – middle of April 2006	Winter vacation (used for the preparation of research proposal)
April – July 2006	3 rd semester in Goettingen
July (and/or Oct.) 2006	Oral and written exams of the modules taken during 3 rd semester
Mid-July 2006	Start of thesis research
August - December 2006	Field research
December – end of March 2007	Writing of the thesis
End of April 2007	Colloquium (presentation of the thesis)
May 2007	Awarding of the M.Sc. degree

FURTHER INFORMATION

incl. complete study guide:

- ◆ **University of Göttingen:**

Website: <http://www.agribiz.uni-goettingen.de>

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- ◆ **University of Talca:**

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- ◆ **Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD):**

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**Vielen Dank für Ihre
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