MSC IN BIODIVERSITY ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION*
INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY DOUBLE DEGREE

The International Master’s in Biodiversity Ecology and Evolution – iMABEE – is a two-year research-oriented master’s programme for talented and motivated students who want to understand and work in the field of biodiversity, ecology, and evolution. This is a joint programme between four European universities: the University of Rennes 1 in France, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in the Netherlands, the University of Göttingen in Germany, and Aarhus University in Denmark. On completion of the programme, students are awarded a double degree from the two partner universities selected.

BUILD YOUR OWN STUDY PLAN
iMABEE offers students the opportunity to compose an individual study programme in biodiversity, ecology, and evolution by combining elements from complementary programmes at the two selected partner universities. Students spend their first year at their home university, then the second year at their chosen host university among the four partners.

The Master’s programme is built upon existing master’s tracks within each partner university and involves three stages: a starting track during semesters one and two, advanced teaching modules in semester three, and a Master’s thesis project in semester four.

STUDENT LIFE
As a student in the Master’s programme at Aarhus University, you will have close contact with your lecturers, who are conducting their own research and working with the latest knowledge in their field. This gives you the opportunity to work with research groups and in an international research environment.

The Department of Bioscience, in which iMABEE is located, has a great student environment with both academic and social activities. The department has its own student-run newsletter, as well as a student committee that keeps students informed about departmental activities. Student organisations in the department organise academic activities, excursions, celebrations, and social events.

CAREERS
The iMABEE Master’s provides students with an advanced understanding of biodiversity, ecology, and evolution by applying a multidisciplinary approach. Over and above general competence in academic approach and skills, graduates of the iMABEE Master’s will acquire specific competencies and knowledge in the following areas: the main theories, concepts and tools of scientific ecology, biodiversity and evolution; methods of statistical analysis; modelling; molecular tools; sampling protocols; experimental techniques in situ or in the lab; field and lab observations; and long-term monitoring.

This international master’s degree is designed to prepare graduates for the research activities carried out by researchers, engineers, and R&D managers, but it also offers the possibility of pursuing other careers such as ecological consulting or working in government institutions or local or regional public administration.

Graduates will be able to work in the fields of R&D, patents, technological monitoring, advice and expertise in public and/or private research structures, and also within a range of national and international institutions. iMABEE graduates will also be trained to efficiently start and handle a PhD project.

I think that this experience is unique. Going abroad to study really helps you to grow and the Master’s thesis prepares you for real work in the future. I recommend this programme, because it is really rewarding both for your work experience and your CV. When you graduate you get two diplomas: one from your home university and one from your host university (I graduated from University of Rennes 1 and Aarhus University).

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MSc in Biodiversity Ecology and Evolution, from France

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Graduates with a high-profile bachelor’s degree (180 ECTS or three years or equivalent) in biodiversity, ecology or evolution with outstanding study results and an above-average GPA are eligible for admission to the IMABEE programme. A Bachelor of Science in biology from Aarhus University, the University of Southern Denmark, or the University of Copenhagen will qualify students for admission; a Bachelor of Science with subject components in biology equalling 60 ECTS credits and basic subject components in mathematics, chemistry, and statistics may also qualify students for admission. Other qualifications are subject to the university’s assessment that they are equivalent in level, extent, and content to the degrees named above.

English is the language of instruction in all subjects, and all applicants are therefore required to provide evidence of their English-language proficiency.

SELECTION CRITERIA
There are a limited number of places on the programme. Applicants will therefore be assessed on the basis of their study results in subjects relevant to biodiversity, ecology, and evolution, as well as the motivation letter for acceptance into the programme.

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