

# The Master of Science of the CIHEAM

## Level *Bac* +6

**The Master of Science of the CIHEAM is an international programme providing a post-graduate specialisation after a level of Master or Engineer.**

Its objective is the acquisition of both theoretical and practical knowledge in the fields of agricultural, agri-food and rural development. The Master of Science is designed for working professionals or students who achieved a university education and are willing to complete their training or reorient in the thematic fields of the CIHEAM-IAMM.

The student conducts a research work with a research team from the CIHEAM-IAMM or any associate laboratory. This activity consists in:

- a field work,
- the completion of the Master of Science thesis,
- the defence of the Master of Science thesis before a jury of teacher-researchers.

The Master of Science diploma of the CIHEAM is issued upon the successful completion of this training programme.

It is equivalent to a post-graduate diploma in the French educational system, which corresponds to a level of 6 years of higher education (*Bac* +6). Since 2008, the CIHEAM-IAMM systematically issues (for free) a **Diploma Supplement\*** to all students who obtained the Master of Science.

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### **\*What is the Diploma Supplement?**

The Diploma Supplement (DS) is issued to graduates of higher education institutions, along with their diploma. It is designed to improve international ‘transparency’ and facilitate academic and professional recognition of qualifications.

It provides a description of the nature, the level, the context, the content and the status of the studies that were successfully completed by the holder.

**The Diploma Supplement is not a resume, a diploma, a transcript of records, and it is not an automatic system of recognition.**

It is produced by the institutions and consists of eight parts:

1. Information identifying the holder of the qualification,
2. Information on the diploma,
3. Information on the level of qualification,
4. Information on the content and the results gained,
5. Information on the function of the qualification,
6. Additional Information,
7. Certification of the supplement,
8. Information on the national system of higher education

### **What are the advantages of the Diploma Supplement?**

#### **For the student**

- A document that offers a description (and not an assessment) of the originality of a pathway as well as the resulting skills
- A means to promote national and international mobility
- An asset for the professional integration.

#### **For the institutions**

- A means to showcase the innovations in the training offer and to show the evolution of the qualifications
- A better clarity and therefore more potential partners
- A contribution to the quality assurance system

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