



UNIA Master's Course in Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework (13th edition)

Postgraduate courses: Master's. Baeza, From 9th April to 22nd June 2018

On campus class - Price: 2,464.50€ (includes enrolment fee, student records and student card costs)

Credits comprised in the Master's program: 60

DESCRIPTION, CONTENTS AND OBJECTIVES

The Master's Course is aimed at all those who are currently involved –or intend to become involved– in policy-making, the implementation of international environmental agreements, and the scientific and technical work required for enforcement. To be eligible for the programme, candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in: engineering (agricultural, forestry, environmental engineering), veterinary science, biological science, environmental science, chemistry, geography and history, humanities, education sciences, law, politics and international policy and relations, or hold an equivalent degree accredited by a university abroad.

In the twelve previous courses, 302 students from 90 countries received quality specialised training (Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Conakry, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, former Yugoslavia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe).

The general objective of the programme is to provide high-quality, specialised training in the scientific bases, techniques, and instruments required to facilitate the implementation and development of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and its links and synergies with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The specific objectives are to provide specialised training in the following areas:

- The concept of biodiversity at all organisational levels, particularly with reference to populations, species and ecosystems.
- Scientific bases and methods to diagnose and solve problems associated with proper implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- Administrative, legislative and enforcement issues in CITES implementation.
- Biological and trade criteria for listing species on the CITES Appendices.
- Significant trade reviews in CITES.
- Techniques for identifying species and specimens subject to CITES controls.
- Techniques for population studies.
- Population biology, conservation and management of CITES animals and plants.
- Use of Geographic Information Systems to study variation in forestry species, plant cartography and population assessment.
- Techniques for *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation.
- Recovery plans and sustainable management programmes for animals and plants.
- Studies for the making of non-detriment findings in CITES.
- CBD Programmes. Strategic plans of CITES and the CBD.
- Synergies between CITES and the CBD.
- Access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.
- Negotiation systems in multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).
- Environmental governance.

General skills

- Having knowledge and understanding of the different areas of study.
- Applying knowledge and understanding in the student's professional field, and having the skills required to elaborate and defend arguments, and solve problems within his/her field of study.
- Ability to collect and interpret relevant data in the study area in order to make judgements that take into consideration relevant scientific and/or technical issues, and which add value, by facilitating the implementation of appropriate policies or the development of relevant legislation.
- Ability to communicate and convey information, ideas, problems, and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Developing the necessary learning skills to undertake subsequent studies with a high level of autonomy.

Specific skills

Gaining insight into all the administrative, institutional, scientific, economic and political aspects involved in the implementation of the CITES Convention, and its relationship with other environmental agreements such as the CBD, and especially, acquiring practical skills in dealing with issues involving research, implementation and capacity building, trade control, and sustainability in the use of plant and animal resources.

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAMME

- Dr Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, University of Cordoba.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

- Dr Margarita Africa Clemente Muñoz, University of Cordoba.
- Dr César Pérez Ruiz, Polytechnic University of Madrid.
- Dr Mercedes Núñez Román, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.
- Dr Rocio Hernández, University of Swansea, United Kingdom.

DURATION AND ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

This programme of studies offers a total of 60 ECTS credits (equivalent to 1,500 hours): 44 for class attendance and 16 for the preparation of the final Master's thesis.

The course is structured as follows:

- A. Class stage (presence required) referred to the contents of eleven subjects (clustered into 5 sections), of which 10% will be classes taught with contents and supervised work through the Virtual Platform of the University.
- B. Research stage (presence not required) in which students will perform research tasks in preparation for the final Master's thesis.

On-campus credits: 44 ECTS credits will be taught at the Antonio Machado Site of the International University of Andalusia for 11 weeks from Monday to Friday, in morning and afternoon sessions. Monitoring and assessment will consist of weekly individual and/or group tests on the contents covered. The UNIA Virtual Platform will provide further learning experience and diverse practical activities on the course content.

Research period: 16 credits will be given for supervised research activities leading to the presentation of a research project.

Academic content

Section 1: Biodiversity. Challenges and prospects (8 ECTS credits): Subjects 1 and 10

Coordinator: Dr Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, University of Cordoba, Spain

Section 2: Administrative implementation of CITES (12 ECTS credits): Subjects 2, 3 and 11

Coordinator: Dr Mercedes Núñez Román, CITES Management Authority. Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

Section 3: Animal species in CITES. Management of Fauna and Flora: *In-situ* and *ex-situ* techniques (8 ECTS credits): Subjects 4 and 7

Coordinator: Mr Carlos Ibero Solana. ATECMA, Chairman of the CITES Animals Committee during the period 2010-2013

Section 4: Plant species in CITES. Applications of Geographic Information Systems for species management (8 ECTS credits): Subjects 5 and 6

Coordinator: Dr Rocio Hernández, University of Swansea, United Kingdom

Section 5: Non-detriment findings (8 ECTS credits): Subjects 8 and 9

Coordinator: Mr Carlos Ibero Solana. ATECMA, Chairman of the CITES Animals Committee during the period 2010-2013

Final Master's Project (16 ECTS credits).

Section 2 (subjects: 2, 3 and 11) will be given in English and Spanish – with simultaneous interpretation – and Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 (subjects 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be given only in English.

Timeline and schedule

Subject 1: *Biodiversity as a Paradigm*

4 ECTS credits

From 9th to 13th April 2018

Subject 2: *The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)*

4 ECTS credits

From 16th to 20th April 2018

Subject 3: *Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) – Administrative Aspects*

4 ECTS credits

From 23rd to 27th April 2018

Subject 4: *Animal Species Regulated by CITES*

4 ECTS credits

From 30th April to 4th May 2018

Subject 5: *Plant Species Regulated by CITES*

4 ECTS credits

From 7th to 11th May 2018

Subject 6: *Applications of Geographic Information Systems for species management*

4 ECTS credits

From 14th to 18th May 2018

Subject 7: *Management of Fauna and Flora: In-situ and Ex-situ Techniques*

4 ECTS credits

From 21st to 25th May 2018

Subject 8: Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): Scientific Aspects – Fauna

4 ECTS credits

From 28th May to 1st June 2018

Subject 9: Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): Scientific Aspects – Flora

4 ECTS credits

From 4th June to 8th June 2018

Subject 10: The Convention on Biological Diversity – Synergies with CITES

4 ECTS credits

From 11th to 15th June 2018

Subject 11: Techniques for Identification and Control of Species in International Trade

4 ECTS credits

From 18th to 22nd June 2018

Use of the Virtual Platform during the on-campus period

The contents of the sections will be included in the Virtual Platform of the International University of Andalusia.

Content coordination, monitoring and management:

Dr Margarita África Clemente Muñoz

On-campus Class Evaluation

Students will be tested, either individually or in groups, on the subjects covered in each section.

Participation in the various sections will also be assessed, as well as use of the Virtual Platform, where there will be practical exercises on the contents of each subject. The results will be combined to obtain the mark of the participants in each of the subjects.

To obtain the Master's Degree issued by the International University of Andalusia, participants must first pass the *on-campus* period and subsequently prepare and submit a final research project on one of the subjects included in the programme. Participants must pass the research project to obtain the UNIA Master's Degree.

The research project must be completed and approved within the deadlines set by the University.

REGISTRATION

Number of students: 30

PRE-REGISTRATION PHASE

For pre-registration, applicants must send the documentation requested on the admission form.

Prices and financing

Public prices for academic and administrative services

Credits comprised in the Master's program: 60.

Enrolment fee: 2,400 €.

Registration: 60 €.

Issuance of student card: 4.50 €.

Diploma issuance fee: 150 € (to be paid upon completion of the Master's course)

Academic transcript: 8 € (if requested by student).

Bank details for payment:

- Bank transfer or payment into the following account:

La Caixa, IBAN ES7821009166752200074348

Bank charges resulting from bank transactions shall be paid for by the student.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal means that registration shall no longer be valid for any academic or administrative purpose.

Applicants will be entitled to a refund of the enrolment fee, excluding student records and student card costs, provided that withdrawal is due to compelling circumstances and notified, at the latest, five working days prior to the first day of the course. Any request for a refund should be made in writing to the campus Secretarial Office.

Unless full payment has been received, registration will be automatically cancelled, and no refund shall be given for any partial payments made.

Admission requirements and registration process

Application deadlines

Pre-registration phase: until **1 December 2017**.

Enrolment period: until **15 January 2018** (subject to availability).

Documentation required for **enrolment** (application forms are available at www.unia.es)

Applicants must submit the following documentation:

1. Enrolment application form (standard form).
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Photocopy of ID card or passport.
4. Passport-size photograph.
5. Certified photocopy accrediting university degree.

DEGREE CERTIFICATE

The International University of Andalusia will award its Master's Degree to those students who successfully complete the course, pursuant to Section 34.1 of Spanish Organic Law 6/2001 of 21 December on Higher Education, in its latest version as provided by Spanish Organic Law

Act 4/2007, of 12 April, on education leading to other qualifications.

The Master's Degree certificate shall be requested by students who have paid the certificate issuance fee (150 €) and have successfully completed the course of studies.

Scholarships (Call and Resolution)

Closing date for scholarship applications: 1 December 2017.

Criteria for approval: Applicant's academic and financial circumstances

Documents:

- Scholarship application form (standard form).
- Academic transcript.
- Proof of the monthly income of the applicant's family unit, specifying the number of family members. Income certificates must be issued by companies or public organizations.
- EU applicants should submit the income tax return for all members of the family unit on which they are dependent. In case of personal and financial independence, applicants shall submit proof of such circumstance, as well as proof of home ownership or rental.

Scholarship recipients must confirm acceptance of the scholarship and enrol. Student record and student card costs are not covered by the grant.

Health Insurance

Foreign students must take out and pay insurance for medical care and hospitalization during the on-campus period. The University can make the necessary arrangements for students who so request it. Students must pay the fee at the time of enrolment.

RESIDENCE SERVICE

The Antonio Machado Site has a university residence. Those who wish to choose this form of accommodation must apply for it at the Secretarial Office of the Antonio Machado Site.

The cost of accommodation in:

- A single room for the duration of the on-campus period is 1,875 euros per person
- A shared double room for the duration of the on-campus period is 750 euros per person.

For more information:

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