



LM+ Project

Master's Degree in Agri-food Sustainability



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What is LM+?

- This new proposal for Master Programs is called "Plus" as its learning track focuses on the student as an active player in the job life, working in one of the projects partners, companies/industries and organizations.
- By participating in LM+, students agree to extend their Master's Degree program by one semester, which will include a maximum of 12 months in the company, for a total of five semesters instead of four.



LM+ Where and when?

- At the University of Pavia from the academic year 2016/17
- You can find the call for applications 2025-26 and the list of participating companies in the Agrifood Sustainability master's degree

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Who is LM+ target?

All students enrolled in the second year of the Agrifood Sustainability Master's degree program, who want to experience the world of work right away



Why LM+?

- LM+ aims to answer to a challenge coming from the contemporary world: creating a learning activity that mixes, at a very high education level, the academic knowledge available in academia and the one coming from industries and organizations in the job market of the economic world.
- The LM+ idea is completely different from a Master Degree Program with an internship or a stage as part of its study curriculum. In the LM+, the working activity developed by the student is a part of an academic path focused on providing specific and related professional competences.
- The partner companies and organizations do not just host the student, but they commit to a program focused on learning goals in a continuous exchange and interaction with the University of Pavia. To this end, formal and informal meeting allow students to discover firms/organizations and their activities.





What's different for the students?

- The student will be enrolled for 5 semesters, instead of the standard 4, 2 of them spent as a learning experience in a firm or organization;
- By participating in LM+, you agree to extend your Master's Degree program by one semester, which will include a maximum of 12 months in the company;
- To explain better: a "non-LM+" student will be able to graduate starting in July 2026, while an LM+ student will be able to graduate beginning in March/April 2027, when they have completed their experience in the company;
- LM+ can be interrupted **only** for motivated reasons in agreement with the hosting company and the teaching board
- If the student graduates later, they will have to pay for a further academic year subscription.

What's different for the students?

- By participating in LM+, you can ask the Student Secretariat to enrol you on a part-time mode; this will allow you to take your second-year exams over two years (a.y.2025-26 and a.y.2026-27) instead of just one (in this case, you will be able to graduate from July 2027 to April 2028), without having to pay for an extra academic year subscription.
- Finally, you will be recognized with several CFU (ECTS) proportional to your work experience at the company.
- These CFUs can be recognized in several ways:
 - 12 CFU "free-choice" activities
 - 12 CFU Internship for the thesis
 - 3 or 6 CFU Work experience



LM+ Planning

May (first year students): a dedicated meeting organized by the LM+ responsible for Agros, Prof. Stefano Protti

- The projects & companies are presented
- The specific deadlines and procedures are explained

September: Call for selection opens;

October: Application deadline (exact date indicated in the call);

October/November: Interviews with the companies;

November: Results of the selection are published;

February/March: thesis internship normally starts - 12 months duration

IMPORTANT: Students enrolled in 2025-26 as second-year students and admitted to the LM+ will have to graduate in the March/April 2027 session. If they graduate later, they will have to pay for a further academic year subscription or request part-time enrolment.

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