

Course calendar

This Course Calendar presents an overview of the WASS PhD courses in the Academic Year 2021-2022. The courses are designed to support PhD candidates in obtaining disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. The course offer represents WASS’ disciplinary breadth and ranges from a 6 ECTS course ‘Advanced Microeconomics’ to an interactive tutorial ‘Embodiment, Food and Environment’. Courses are not only open to PhD candidates (internal and external), but also to scientific staff and professionals. Course fees and courses schedules can be found on the WASS website.

Registration

For WASS PhD courses, Interdisciplinary Windows, Summer/Winter schools and Masterclasses, registration can be done via the registration page of the WASS website: www.wur.eu/wass.

Please provide your most recent contact details so that in case of any changes you will be notified promptly. After your on-line registration you will receive a short notification that your name has been registered. At least 2 weeks before the course you will receive a confirmation about the location and the schedule. WASS will also send an invoice to the address indicated on the registration form. Please send an e-mail to the WASS Office in case you have not received the second confirmation two weeks before the course.

For Graduate Programme courses, WASS PhD candidates can enroll via Osiris, after registering as student (ask WASS for the registration form and details, yearly renewal required). Participation in Graduate Programme courses is free of charge for registered PhD candidates. External participants register for Graduate Programme courses via the WASS Office and will be charged a course fee. At Wageningen University the academic year is divided into six periods. Before a period starts you must register for courses you plan to take. If you register for a course, you are automatically registered for the course examination.

Registration for GP courses 2022-2023

Period	Final registration date
Period 1	14 August 2022
Period 2	02 October 2022
Period 3	27 November 2022
Period 4	22 January 2023
Period 5	19 February 2023
Period 6	16 April 2023

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Wageningen School of Social Sciences

"To explore societal processes to improve the quality of life"

Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS) promotes research that increases our understanding of societal processes and practices around challenges in the domains of food, agriculture, environment, health and development. It provides an enabling environment for internationally oriented scholars from a diversity of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research backgrounds. As a graduate school, it offers in-depth training that provides PhD candidates a sound preparation for a career in academic and applied research, or other leading societal positions.

The WASS PhD Education programme is designed to support PhD candidates in obtaining disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. The objectives of the programme build upon the learning targets of the WASS PhD programme, which - in turn - are based on three competence categories that need to be acquired to meet the general learning targets of the Wageningen University PhD programme. Each year, the programme is evaluated by the WASS Education Committee and renewed via a call for PhD learning activities, that is sent out to all WASS fellows.

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WASS chair groups

Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy	AEP
Business Economics	BEC
Business Management and Organisation	BMO
Consumption and Healthy Lifestyles	CHL
Cultural Geography	GEO
Development Economics	DEC
Education and Learning Sciences	ELS
Environmental Economics and Natural Resources	ENR
Environmental Policy	ENP
Forest and Nature Conservation Policy	FNP
Health and Society	HSO
Information Technology	INF
Knowledge Technology and Innovation	KTI
Land Use Planning	LUP
Law and Governance	LAW
Marketing and Consumer Behaviour	MCB
Operations Research and Logistics	ORL
Philosophy	PHI
Public Administration & Policy	PAP
Rural and Environmental History	RHI
Rural Sociology	RSO
Sociology of Development and Change	SDC
Strategic Communication	COM
Urban Economics	UEC
Water Resources Management	WRM

Other chair groups involved in teaching

Biometris	MAT
Food Quality Design	FQD
UU economics	UU econ.

Legenda

- ☒ **PhD Courses (max 4 ECTS):** these intensive courses typically run over a relatively short period of time. Teaching methods rely on some degree of independence of the PhD candidate and on core knowledge and skills in the (disciplinary) field.
- ☒ **Graduate Programme Courses (6 ECTS):** these courses offer advanced knowledge on theory or methodology and are open to WASS PhD candidates and highly motivated MSc students from the WASS Graduate Programme.
- ☐ **Interdisciplinary Windows (IW; 2 ECTS):** In these tutorials, small groups of PhD candidates and MSc students (from the WASS Graduate programme), guided by senior exports, deepen their knowledge on a (theoretical or methodological) topic within one of the WASS themes.
- ☒ **Summer/Winter Schools (min. 1.5 ECTS per week):** these are one or two-week intensive programmes with daily meetings. The summer/winter schools usually attract a lot of external participants, and therefore lend themselves perfectly for networking.

WASS course schedule 2022/2023

	Period 1 5 September – 30 October		Period 2 31 October – 24 December	Holidays
Graduate Programme	Advanced Microeconomics: UEC-51806			
	Advanced Social Theory: RSO-58306			
	Analysing Discourse: Theories, Methods and Techniques: CPT-56306			
	From business theory to practical applications: BEC-55802			
WASS PhD Programme		WASS PhD Introduction	Embodiment, Food & Environment: CPT-55104	
	Causal Inference in Empirical Economics		Principles and Practices of Multifactorial Survey Experiments	
	From topic to proposal: getting started			
	Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature			

	Period 3 9 January – 19 February	Period 4 20 February – 19 March	Period 5 20 March – 9 May	
Graduate Programme	Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection Methods: GEO-56806	Gender and Diversity in the Life Sciences Domains GEO-58806	Advanced Macroeconomics: DEC-53806	
		Institutions and Societal Transformation: CPT-57802	Visual Research Methods: CPT-53302	
		WASS Graduate Programme Orientation (3 ECTS)		
WASS PhD Programme	Research Methodology	Academic Publication and Presentation in the Social Sciences	Philosophy of Social Science	
	Multi-criteria decision making methods	Transformative and participatory qualitative research approaches and methods	Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature	
	Theory and Practice of Efficiency & Productivity Measurement (winter school, external organisation, location abroad)	The Essentials of modelling	Critical Perspectives on Social Theory	Political Ecology
		Economics of Farm Households	From topic to proposal: getting started	
		Natural resources and conflict	WASS PhD Introduction	

	Period 6 10 May – 9 July	Summer Period July & August
Graduate Programme	Multivariate Data Analysis YRM-50806	
	Qualitative Data Analysis Methods MAT-50806	
	Modelling and Simulation of Complex Socio-Technical Systems: INF-51806	
	Advanced Course on Economic Regulation: AEP-53802	
	Water policy and politics: theories and cases PAP-54302	
	WASS Graduate Programme Orientation (3 ECTS) <i>Continued</i>	
WASS PhD Programme	WASS PhD Introduction	Risk Analysis and Risk Management in Agriculture
	Research Methodology	Assessing Economics and Policies using the Real Options Methodology
	Consumer behavior: Theory and applications in health and sustainability of food choices	Smart-in-Ag: Smart farming towards sustainable protein production (location Indonesia)
	Critical Tourism Studies	

Graduate Programme Courses (6 ECTS)
Advanced Macroeconomics DEC-53806 <i>Training in modern advanced macroeconomic theory - economic growth - business cycle fluctuations - design and estimate an empirical macroeconomic model</i> DEC
Advanced Microeconomics UEC-51806 <i>Microeconomics - game theory - information economics - biofuels - location - insurance markets</i> UEC-AEP-ENR
Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection Methods GEO-55804 <i>Key qualitative methods - qualitative research concepts and principles - data collection methods and techniques</i> GEO-SDC-RSO-KTI-MAT
Advanced Social Theory RSO-58306 <i>Theoretical frame work - social scientific research - influential approaches - issues - social scientific theorizing</i> RSO-RHI-ENP
Analysing Discourse: Theories, Methods and Techniques CPT-56306 <i>Theoretical approaches - discourse analysis - empirical discourse analysis - methodological choices - critically reflecting</i> COM-KTI-PAP-FNP
Gender and Diversity in the Life Sciences Domains GEO-58806 <i>Develop critical gender studies framework, feminist / critical gender approaches</i> GEO

PhD Courses (max. 4 ECTS) - continued
Critical Perspectives on Social Theory <i>Critical social theory - foundational movements - Marx - Psychoanalysis - Colonialisms - Feminisms - Posthumanism</i> SDC-GEO-CHL-RSO
Embodiment, Food & Environment <i>Connection between mind and body - embodiment approaches - analyse real-life experiences</i> KTI-COM-PHI
From topic to proposal: getting started <i>Research design (objectives, research questions, conceptual framework) - reflecting on argumentation - PhD-peers groups</i> WASS
Multi criteria decision making methods <i>Multicriteria decision making fundamentals, agri-, nutrition and food supply chains, case study practice</i> ORL
Philosophy of Social Science <i>Traditional philosophy of science - hermeneutic tradition - Value neutrality - rational choice theory</i> PHI
Psychoanalysis and the Political Ecology of Global Transformations <i>Political space of struggle – antagonistic positions – shaping political economy – relation political economy/ecology – lacanian theory</i> SDC-RSO
Research methodology: from research question to research proposal <i>Methodological pitfalls - research design - types of data collection</i> MAT

Modelling and Simulation of Complex Socio-Technical Systems INF-51806 <i>Agent-based modelling - system dynamics - analytical modelling approaches - create simple models</i> INF-ORL
Multivariate Data Analysis YRM-50806 <i>Multivariate data-analysis techniques - principal component analysis - exploratory - confirmatory factor analysis - structural equations modelling - cluster and discriminant analysis - repeated and multivariate analysis of variance</i> MCB-MAT
Qualitative Data Analysis Methods MAT-50806 <i>Atlas.ti - content analysis - metaphor analysis - domain analysis - membership categorization analysis - conversation analysis - semiotics - visual data - discourse analysis</i> MAT
Interdisciplinary Windows (2 ECTS)
Advanced Course on Economic Regulation AEP-53802 <i>Bioeconomy - in-depth economic and legal origins of regulations - applications of liability law - major regulatory approaches - regulation on investment - international trade</i> AEP-LAW
From business theory to practical applications BEC-55802 <i>Fundamental theories - business decisions - empirical applications - business performance – collaboration - market conditions - innovation</i> BEC-MCB-BMO

Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature <i>Systematic reviews - evidence review methods - thematic content analysis</i> MAT
The Essentials of modelling <i>Modelling from a conceptual perspective - limitations - model selection</i> WASS, Biometris, PE&RC
Transformative and participatory qualitative research approaches and methods <i>Transformative - participatory - action - creative and arts-based research methods - action-oriented engagement - design - analysis and ethics</i> GEO, RSO, ELS
WASS PhD Introduction <i>WASS organisation - PhD process - practicalities - social activities</i> WASS
Summer & Winter Schools (min. 1.5 ECTS)
Assessing Economics and Policies using real Options <i>Methodology - irreversibility effect – discrete and continuous time and state models - numerical simulation methods</i> AEP
Critical Tourism Studies <i>Unravel multiple relations surrounding tourism - plurality of tourism futures - tourism development trajectories</i> GEO
Economics of Farm Households <i>Economic decisions farm households – business entity / social entity interactions – labor supply and demand – human capital – intergenerational relationships</i> AEP

Institutions and Societal Transformation CPT-57802 <i>Roles of institutions - complex and persistent societal challenges - institutional theories - position interest in debates</i> KTI-DEC
Visual Research Methods CPT-53302 <i>Contemporary research - visual data collection - visual literacy - visual ethics - recording and analysing films</i> COM-KTI
Water policy and politics: theories and cases PAP-54302 <i>Policy and governance theories - water issues - public policy - analyse and assess water policies</i> PAP-WRM
PhD Courses (max. 4 ECTS)
Academic Publication and Presentation in the Social Sciences <i>Various stages of paper writing - conference presentations - academic career - social sciences- humanities</i> SDC-GEO-RSO
Advanced Causal Inference <i>Causal relationships – design (quasi) experiments - appraise various experimental design choices & methods – power analysis</i> AEP – UU economics
Consumer behaviour: Theory and applications in health and sustainability of food choices <i>Consumer behavioural research, applied to the food domain (healthfulness and sustainability of food decisions)</i> MCB

Natural resources and conflict <i>Conceptualisation of conflict and violence - Identify core theoretical frames - reflect on implications of different theoretical framings</i> CSPS
Political Ecology <i>Power - political economy - post-truth era - political ecologies - social science research</i> SDC-GEO-FNP-WRM
Principles and Practices of Multifactorial Survey Experiments <i>Survey research - dealing with bias - foundations of experimental survey design - designing experiments</i> AEP and Warwick University
Smart-in-Ag: Smart farming towards sustainable protein production <i>Smart farming technologies - interdisciplinary approach: systems thinking; economics</i> BEC, INF, HSO, APS
Risk Analysis and Risk Management in Agriculture <i>Risk management - agriculture - modelling and applications - risk coping strategies - risk management decision making</i> BEC
Theory and Practice of Efficiency & Productivity Measurement <i>Parametric efficiency - productivity analysis – stochastic frontier analysis - static approaches - dynamic approaches - data envelopment analysis</i> BEC