



ERD students interviewing craft worker in Sardinia

MSc Programme in European Rural Development (Distance Learning)

 UNIVERSITY OF
GLOUCESTERSHIRE
at Cheltenham and Gloucester

The MSc in European Rural Development has been designed for those working in any part of Europe in the private, public and voluntary sectors, or in partnerships such as LEADER type groups, who wish to develop understanding of the social and economic theory of rural change and be capable of acting in key roles in guiding and shaping development opportunities in rural Europe.

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Students on the MSc programme...

- come from a wide range of organisations in different member states
- apply academic learning to real world situations through residential sessions in different parts of Europe
- enhance their career prospects
- network with other people studying rural development in Europe
- obtain a Masters degree for a fraction of the cost of a residential masters
- interact and discuss with lecturers who have up to date and recognised practical experience of European rural development

How will I learn?

The course is delivered through distance learning, which enables students to study from home wherever that might be in Europe in either part time or full time mode. Students are in regular contact with each other and with academic tutors during the teaching periods, through online discussion. Residential sessions take place to apply learning to different European situations.

As a student you receive:

- full tutorial support e.g. by WebCT/email
- remote access to a wide range of academic journals
- access to University library resources and electronic textbooks
- opportunities for on-line discussion with fellow students
- invitations to residential schools.

Course delivery

The course is delivered by the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) at the University of Gloucestershire, a leading specialist rural research centre. The CCRI is actively engaged in UK and EU funded research focusing on rural development, rural policy evaluation, rural communities, service delivery, agriculture, and a broad range of environmental issues.

“Another great asset of this course is the students who come from a wide range of organisations in different European countries. My Spanish colleague Beatriz is an environmentalist and she works for WWF and lives in northern Greece and my English colleague Rebecca works for a government organisation that evaluates the work of LEADER groups and their networking across the UK. Another UK student, Chris, works for a local organic products organisation, Eirini is from Cyprus and works for the Ministry of Agriculture, while an Italian colleague Enrico works for a LAG group in its region.”

Miroslava Cekovic, 2nd year student

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Tutorial session in Monte Vecchio, Sardinia



Exploring rural tourism, Slovenia

