MSc in Plant Sciences
University Lille Nord de France
Biology Department-Lille1 campus
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Professional insertion: This 2-year, international M.Sc. programme offers a wide selection of modules in Plant Biology. The main objective is to train young scientists for future careers in research in either public (e.g. university, CNRS, INRA, CIRAD) or private laboratories and companies, in France or other countries. Graduates of the Plant Sciences M.Sc. Program can either apply directly for different posts (engineer, lab manager), or alternatively pursue their training at the Ph.D. level.

Scientific skills: The Plant Sciences M.Sc. will provide students with the high level international environment necessary to develop not only their scientific knowledge in plant biology, but also acquire a wide range of transferable skills: data management skills (ability to retrieve relevant information from different sources); critical analyse, synthesis and presentation of data; bio-informatics;

LILLE1: AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS

Lille1 campus welcomes 4,000 international students (19% total) every year and received the European quality label awarded by the EEC in 2007. A specific association (ESN: Erasmus Student Network at Lille) exists to facilitate the integration of foreign students, as well as an international mentorship scheme. More than 1,000 French students (from Bac+2 to Bac+8) from Lille1 follow formations in non-French universities every year. The international aspect of Lille1 is particularly well represented at the research level with around 40% non-French students undertaking PhD studies on the Lille1 campus.
The research environment in Plant Sciences at Lille (France) is represented by internationally-known scientists belonging to different CNRS and university labs. With six departments and over 20 research groups dedicated to Plant Sciences, the University at Bonn (Germany) is a great place to expand the frontiers of fundamental and practical aspects of Plant Sciences.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

* Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree in life sciences with modules in Cell Biology, Physiology, Genetics, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry.
* B.Sc. Grade Point Average (GPA) should be at least 60-70% of the maximum scale, or with honors (upper second class, first class).
* Fluency in English, both written and spoken (for French students: 8-9 ects in English obtained during the B.Sc., or B2 level certification).
* Numerus Clausus: 10 for Lille registration.
* Application deadlines: July 1st (March 1st for students who require a visa)

FEES

* Annual Fees: 254 €/year in France (plus 211€/year social security, except for students with European insurance card)
* Applications for ERASMUS grants must be submitted 6 months before departure. In France, possibility of Regional complementary grants (Blériot), and CROUS grants depending upon social conditions.

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