

## AN INTRODUCTION TO MASTER PROGRAM IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### SPECIALIZATION: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Master program in Rural Development is expected to help enhance advanced human resource for agricultural and rural development in the Mekong Delta. A Master of Science in Rural Development is a person who is trained and improved knowledge in economics, sociology, environment and institutions in relation to rural development; and capability to conduct organization and community development, diagnosis and arrangements of priorities for development, and advice for leaders about planning, organization, and management in rural development programs/projects at different levels and aspects.

#### I. OBJECTIVES AND PROFESSIONS

Master program in Rural Development adapts to demands of staff, lecturers and researchers in agricultural and rural development. Master program in Rural Development has:

- Provided principals for development in economics, sociology, environment and institutions in agricultural and rural development;
- Enhanced capacity to conduct community development, natural resource management, project development and management, rural enterprises management, and agricultural product value chain analysis and assessment;
- Improved capacity to analyse, assess and forecast about agricultural and rural development;
- Enhanced leading and management ability and group/individual working;
- Developed trust attitude, responsibilities, community participation, and interdisciplinary approaches for sustainable development and climate change adaptation;
- After graduation, Masters of Science in Rural Development have relevant capability about management, policy planning, and implement of rural development programs/projects. They have also opportunities to participate in the PhD program in Rural Development and other appropriate specializations.

#### II. BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE MASTER PROGRAM

**Candidates:** Candidates having obtained BSc degrees from one of specializations Rural development, Agronomy, Crop science, Animal husbandry, Aquaculture, Agricultural economics, Sociology, Farming system or Cropping system.

**Recruitment subjects:**

1. English
2. Mathematical statistics
3. Farming System

**Training duration:** 3 years (including thesis writing)

**Title:** Master of Science

**Major research aspects in the Master program:** Rural sociology, rural resource enhancement, rural resource management, rural economy management, rural development policy. Besides, master students could propose other research topics which are appropriate to the existing conditions of the home areas or institutions.

### III. DETAILED PROGRAM

- Curricula
- Detailed outlines of units\_

### IV. LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

After graduation, trained persons could continue to register as PhD candidate in Rural Development in Vietnam or foreign countries.

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