

## Besluit

### Besluit strekkende tot het verlenen van accreditatie aan de opleiding wo-bachelor Internationale Ontwikkelingsstudies van Wageningen Universiteit

|   | <b>Gegevens</b>                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 28 juni 2013  | Naam instelling                 |
| <b>onderwerp</b>  | Naam opleiding                  |
| Besluit accreditatie wo-bachelor Internationale Ontwikkelingsstudies van Wageningen Universiteit (001165) | Datum aanvraag                  |
| Ontwikkelingsstudies van Wageningen Universiteit (001165)   | Variant opleiding               |
|   | Afstudeerrichtingen             |
| <b>uw kenmerk</b>   |                                 |
| 12/3143   | Locatie opleiding               |
| <b>ons kenmerk</b>  | Datum goedkeuren                |
| NVAO/20132134/SL  | panel                           |
| <b>bijlagen</b>   | Datum locatiebezoeken           |
| 3   | Datum visitatierapport          |
|   | Instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg |

#### Aanvullende informatie

De NVAO heeft bij brief van 6 maart 2013 de instelling een nieuwe samenvatting van het visitatierapport en een addendum met een terugblik op de vorige visitatie gevraagd. Bij brief van 1 mei 2013 heeft de NVAO deze ontvangen.

#### Beoordelingskader

Beoordelingskader voor de beperkte opleidingsbeoordeling van de NVAO (Stcr. 2010, nr 21523).

#### Bevindingen

De NVAO stelt vast dat in het visitatierapport, de nieuwe samenvatting en het addendum deugdelijk en kenbaar is gemotiveerd op welke gronden het panel de kwaliteit van de opleiding voldoende heeft bevonden. Het visitatierapport geeft de bevindingen en overwegingen weer van het panel over de bacheloropleiding Internationale Ontwikkelingsstudies en de masteropleidingen International Development Studies en Development and Rural Innovation van Wageningen Universiteit. Het panel heeft de drie opleidingen gezamenlijk beoordeeld.

#### Inlichtingen

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**Standard 1: Intended learning outcomes**

After the site visit, the committee had a clear view on the specificities of the objectives and profile of the bachelor programme in the domain of Development Studies. It is a social sciences-based programme, and it aims to teach students to study global social transformation processes related to livelihoods, agro-food networks and the environment within a dynamic international context. Graduates are expected to be able to study these transformation processes in an integrated and comparative way at different levels (local, regional, national and international). Special attention is paid to inclusion and exclusion processes, equity and unequal access to resources. The bachelor programme integrates different social science disciplines in a multidisciplinary programme.

In the committee's opinion, the intended learning outcomes do not fully represent the programme but after deliberation the committee agrees with them, as the intended learning outcomes are appropriate for a bachelor programme in this field and the programme meets the international standards. The Dublin descriptors of the programmes are related to the intended learning outcomes.

The programme is academic and it is designed on the intermediate level and is oriented towards learning how to do research, as well as how to reflect critically on problems, theories and research results in the domain of Development Studies. As such it is primarily designed as a preparation for a master programme. Nevertheless, the committee believes that academic programmes should have a clear view of how to prepare students for jobs in their domain; the bachelor programme could be more explicit on this point.

**Standard 2: Teaching-learning environment**

The curriculum consists of fundamental courses which create a common disciplinary basis for all students and introduce the field of international development; methodological courses which provide students with tools to conduct research and analyse cases presented in the course of the curriculum; and thematic courses in which development issues are analysed from different disciplinary viewpoints or in which integration of disciplines is sought in order to get a better grasp of aspects of these issues. After a common part that provides a multidisciplinary basis in the domain of International Development Studies, students specialize by choosing courses in one of the majors complemented with electives. The three majors are Sociology of Development, Economics of Development and Communication, Technology and Policy. These majors reflect the expertise of the chair groups involved. The committee has established that the overall bachelor programme is well structured and its curriculum is coherent. The multidisciplinarity of the programme was explained as the combination of several disciplines, but all within social sciences. Therefore the committee would suggest to call this programme a social science bachelor programme rather than a multidisciplinary one, or otherwise to strengthen the technological layer in the programme. In the opinion of the committee, the programme has found a good balance between breadth and depth. Wageningen University strives to train its students to become academics with domain knowledge, a multidisciplinary attitude, interested in problem-solving, and an international orientation with a multicultural attitude. The programme therefore works with small, diverse student groups to stimulate the interaction between students and lecturers. The committee has studied the mix of different teaching methods, and concludes that the programme has found a good balance. The programme-specific services and student support, student intake, study load and output are evaluated by the committee as good. The high quality of staff is regarded as a very strong point of the programme, especially since

Pagina 3 van 7 the interaction between students and staff is frequent. Overall, the committee is positive about the teacher-learning environment in the bachelor programme.

#### Standard 3: Assessment and achieved learning outcomes

The Examining Boards are in the process of strengthening their role in ensuring the quality of assessment and seem committed to formalizing the assessment system. Having only four Examining Boards is stimulating the consistency and equality of the procedures, at the same time these four Examining Boards are responsible for a total of 49 programmes. This might lead to a certain distance from the programmes, making it difficult for the Examining Boards to really be in control at the programme level.

The committee studied the assessment strategies in relation to the intended learning outcomes and the courses they are taught in. It concluded that the different assessment strategies are used appropriately and are well distributed over the courses. In most courses a combination of different types of assessment is used.

The level of the bachelor theses impressed the committee and it agreed with all the grades. It also shows that the thesis prepares students for a master programme very well. The committee appreciates the assessment format. Students reported that they value the feedback (oral) given to them in the process of writing their thesis but that feedback on the end result is minimal. The committee suggests that more written comments in the final assessment could improve the quality of the feedback to the student.

The drop-out rates are acceptable and the committee appreciates the attention being paid to decrease it further, by informing prospective students better. The current success rates of the programme are reasonable, too. According to the critical reflection it is close to the target set nationally (70% awarded diploma after four years), and it has increased over the last few years. In short, the committee has established that the bachelor programme has a well-organized assessment system and students perform well.

#### Aanbevelingen

De NVAO onderschrijft de aanbevelingen van het panel om

- voorbereiding op functioneren in het werkveld aan de doelstellingen toe te voegen;
- de opleiding sociaalwetenschappelijk in plaats van multidisciplinair te noemen;
- voor meer schriftelijke feedback bij de beoordeling van theses te zorgen.

Ingevolge het bepaalde in artikel 5a.10, tweede lid, van de WWH heeft de NVAO het college van bestuur van de Wageningen Universiteit te Wageningen in de gelegenheid gesteld zijn zienswijze op het voornemen tot besluit van 27 mei 2013 naar voren te brengen. Bij e-mail van 12 juni 2013 heeft de instelling gereageerd op het voornemen tot besluit. Dit heeft geleid tot enkele aanpassingen en aanvulling van bijlage 2 in het definitieve besluit.

De NVAO besluit accreditatie te verlenen aan de wo-bachelor Internationale Ontwikkelingsstudies (180 ECTS; variant: voltijd; locatie: Wageningen) van Wageningen Universiteit te Wageningen. De opleiding kent de volgende afstudeerrichtingen: Sociology of Development; Economics of Development; Communication, Technology and Policy. De NVAO beoordeelt de kwaliteit van de opleiding als voldoende.

Dit besluit treedt in werking op 1 januari 2014 en is van kracht tot en met 31 december 2019.

Den Haag, 28 juni 2013

Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie

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Ann Demeulemeester  
(vicevoorzitter)

Tegen dit besluit kan op grond van het bepaalde in de Algemene wet bestuursrecht door een belanghebbende bezwaar worden gemaakt bij de NVAO. De termijn voor het indienen van bezwaar bedraagt zes weken.

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| Onderwerp   | Standaard   | Beoordeling door het panel<br><i>volijd</i> |
|---|---|---|
| <b>1. Beoogde eindkwalificaties</b>                   | De beoogde eindkwalificaties van de opleiding zijn wat betreft inhoud, niveau en oriëntatie geconcretiseerd en voldoen aan internationale eisen                   | V   |
| <b>2. Onderwijsleeromgeving</b>                       | Het programma, het personeel en de opleidingsspecifieke voorzieningen maken het voor de instromende studenten mogelijk de beoogde eindkwalificaties te realiseren | V   |
| <b>3. Toetsing en gerealiseerde eindkwalificaties</b> | De opleiding beschikt over een adequaat systeem van toetsing en toont aan dat de beoogde eindkwalificaties worden gerealiseerd                                    | G   |
| <b>Eendoordeel</b>                                    |   | V   |

De standaarden krijgen het oordeel onvoldoende (O), voldoende (V), goed (G) of excellent (E). Het eendoordeel over de opleiding als geheel wordt op dezelfde schaal gegeven.

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|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| <b>Docent-student ratio</b> | 1 : 11 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Kwalificatie docenten</b> | 97% PhD<br>3% wo-ma |
|------------------------------|---------------------|

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Studielast</b> | 42 uur per week |
|-------------------|-----------------|

**Contacturen**

| jaar | aantal in dat jaar | % van 1680 |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| 1    | 540                | 32         |
| 2    | 531                | 32         |
| 3    | 492                | 29         |

**Rendement**

| cohort                      | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| omvang bij start            | 32   | 31   | 49   | 44   | 73   | 99   | 96   | 85   |
| herinschrijvingen na 1 jaar | 27   | 30   | 33   | 36   | 60   | 81   | 77   |      |
| diploma na 3 jaar (%)       | 11   | 17   | 27   | 25   | 15   |      |      |      |
| diploma na 4 jaar (%)       | 48   | 50   | 58   | 67   |      |      |      |      |
| diploma na 5 jaar (%)       | 63   | 70   | 70   |      |      |      |      |      |
| diploma na 6 jaar (%)       | 74   | 87   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| uitval 1 oktober 2010 (%)   | 22   | 7    | 18   | 8    | 7    | 5    |      |      |

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- Prof. F. Zwarts (chair), professor at University of Groningen and professor and manager at University Campus Fryslân;
- R.L. Prenen, MSc, independent educational adviser;
- Prof. F. Wilson, International Development Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark;
- Prof. G. Van Huylenbroeck, professor of Agricultural Economics and Rural Environmental Economics at Ghent University, Belgium;
- Prof. C. Garforth, Professor of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Reading (UK);
- L. Ivoanova, BSc, master student in International Economic Relations at the University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria).

Het panel werd ondersteund door M. Maarleveld, MSc, secretaris (gecertificeerd).