

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM ACES+

Click here for the latest information about our response to the COVID-19 outbreak

Information for our current Erasmus Mundus JMD ACES+ students:

Face-to-face teaching of the [Erasmus Mundus Masters Degree in Aquaculture, Environment and Society Plus \(ACES+\)](#) has stopped but the programme continues to be delivered making use of distance learning tools and methods. Your learning will continue via the procedures put in place by your respective Programme Leader/ Dissertation Supervisor(s). In the case of the Dissertation module, your module leaders will be in contact with you via email or Brightspace.

If you normally access student support, this will also continue via Helen Bury or Polly Crooks and / or your Personal Academic Tutor. Contact can be made via email, telephone or Skype. Students can stay at their residence in Crete or elsewhere. Please inform the ACES+ Programme Leader at your host institute, plus Helen Bury and your PAT, should you plan to return to your home country before the end of term.

Please feel free to consult information provided by the host institutes of the ACES+ programme:

SAMS-UHI: <https://www.sams.ac.uk/about/covid-19>

University of Crete: www.en.uoc.gr/university/knowning-the-authorities

University of Nantes: <https://unnews.univ-nantes.fr/covid-19-2619006.kjsp?RH=1585229985522>

Radboud University: <https://www.ru.nl/english/news-agenda/news/coronavirus-radboud-university>

All students in the Dissertation phase of their degree must by now have switched to a 'desk-based' study. Please discuss your plans for switching to a desk-based project with your supervisors and inform the module leader of the new title (if required) as soon as possible. Alternative arrangements for submission of the written and oral components of the Dissertation Module will be communicated via Brightspace and email.

Alternative arrangements for assessments at the University of Crete (Semester 2) will be communicated via email.

We are all working hard to ensure that this pandemic is not detrimental to your learning and the grades you achieve. You will receive module grades and degree classifications that fairly and transparently reflect your efforts and achievements.

For more information, please see guidance provided by the EACEA of the European Union:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/news/coronavirus-consequences-for-erasmus-mundus-projects_en

Information for applicants and our new Erasmus Mundus JMD ACES+ students:

Our ability to deliver the EMJMD ACES+ for 2020-2022 intake will be subject to the effective management of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continuously review this issue and the EMJMD ACES+ Consortium's ability to proceed with delivery of the programme as planned. You will be aware that there continues to be many factors outside of our control including, but not restricted to, international travel and immigration. Please bear with us as we navigate the continuously changing situation. We will aim to send you an update as soon as we are able to regarding any changes to the delivery of the programme for this academic year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at: ACES@sams.ac.uk

Further information is also available via the following websites:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (of the EU):

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/news/coronavirus-consequences-for-erasmus-mundus-projects_en

The Scottish Association for Marine Science:

<https://www.sams.ac.uk/about/covid-19>

The University of the Highlands and Islands:

<https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/students/support/coronavirus-covid-19>