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# FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD RISK MANAGEMENT



## UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA

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### WHY IN PARMA

If you are looking for a Second Cycle (MSc) Degree Course at the forefront of the modern food sciences, and you want to acquire the ability to face the challenges posed by the modern food systems and learn deep skills in managing the safety of what we eat, we propose to you to become a Food Safety expert. It's possible through a regional course, fully taught in English, offered by a network formed by the Universities of the Emilia-Romagna region: University of Parma, University of Bologna, Catholic University of Piacenza, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, University of Ferrara.

Emilia-Romagna region and, in particular, the Parma District represents an integrated ecosystem of food industries, research centers and public institutions fully dedicated to food (for this reason it's called "food valley") and is the headquarter of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

Foods have a direct impact on human health and

well-being. They are the main way in which our body comes into contact with the external environment and with millions of different compounds. It becomes therefore essential for companies, control bodies and research centers to form specific figures dedicated to risk assessment and management of food risks. These figures are the Food Safety experts. The Food Safety expert has a knowledge of European legislation in the sector and is linked to the global market, which poses logistical challenges and makes the guarantees on ingredients of the food chain less robust, leading to new safety risks.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

During the 1<sup>st</sup> year all courses will be taught at the University of Parma. At the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, students will choose one among three different curricula offered by the partner universities: Risk Mitigation (UNIPC in collaboration with UNI-PR), Agri-Food Safety (UNIMORE), Risk Management (UNIBO). The degree qualification will be successfully gained

versities and/or food companies, governmental and
EU institutions, and will be officially awarded as a
joint Second Cycle (MSc) degree of University of
Parma, Piacenza, Bologna, Modena e Reggio Emilia
and Ferrara.

after the elaboration and defence of an original the-

sis work, under the joint supervision between Uni-

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1 <sup>st</sup> YEAR (at UNIPR)
RISK CHARACTERIZATION AND EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT IN FOOD
- FOOD TOXICOLOGY (MOD. I)
- EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT AND RISK/BENEFIT EVALUATION (MOD. II)
FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY
- FOOD TECHNOLOGY (MOD. I)
- FOOD MICROBIOLOGY (MOD. II)
BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS IN FOOD
HAZARD IDENTIFICATION IN PRIMARY PRODUCTION
- PLANT HEALTH (MOD. I)
- ANIMAL WELFARE (MOD. II)
FOOD LAW AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES
XENOBIOTICS IN FOOD
BIOSTATISTICS
ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD

2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR - Path "Risk Mitigation" offered at UNIPC in collaboration with UNIPR	СР		
MITIGATION OF RISK IN FOOD PRODUCTION EMERGING RISKS MITIGATION OF PROCESS-RELATED TOXICANTS FOOD ALLERGENS STUDENTS' FREE CHOICE	6 6 6 12		
		2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR - Path "Agri-food Safety" offered at UNIMORE	СР
		POST-HARVEST DISEASES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT	6
		ANIMAL PESTS IN STORED AGRI-FOOD PRODUCTS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT	6
		MYCOTOXIGENIC FUNGI IN AGRI-FOOD AND PESTICIDE CONTAMINATION: ANALYSIS AND RISK	
MANAGEMENT	6		
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND AGRONOMY FOR SAFETY AND IDENTITY PRESERVATION OF AGRIFOOD			
PRODUCTS	6		
- BIOTECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF VEGETABLE-BASED FOODS (MOD I)	3		
- GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AND IDENTITY PRESERVATION (MOD II)	3		
STUDENTS' FREE CHOICE	12		
2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR – Path "Risk Management" offered at UNIBO in collaboration with UNIFE	СР		
ADVANCED FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING	6		
ADVANCED AND PREDICTIVE FOOD MICROBIOLOGY	6		
FARM BIOSECURITY AND FOODBORNE RISK	6		
- FOODBORNE RISK TRACEABILITY	3		
- FARM BIOSECURITY AND ZOONOTIC DISEASES PREVENTION	3		
RISK ASSESSMENT OF FOOD PRODUCTS TO HUMAN HEALTH	6		
- EVALUATION OF ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM HUMAN EXPOSURE TO FOODBORNE HAZAF	RDS 3		
- INNOVATIVE APPROACH FOR RISK ASSESSMENT IN MICROBIOME FOOD VALUE CHAIN	3		
STUDENTS' FREE CHOICE	12		

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates in Food Safety and Food Risk Management will play roles of responsibility in food companies for the safety aspects related to primary production, procurement and handling of raw materials (especially at transnational level), process control, development of new products, and marketing and distribution at European and extra-European level. In addition, they will be able to integrate current regulations and new scientific knowledge in terms of emerging risks, by performing direct research and development of new products both in companies, universities and other research institutions. Graduates will be able to develop and monitor risk management strategies for the prevention and management of current and emerging risks or outbreaks as well as effectively define and manage food safety plans.

In other words, graduates will be able to manage the system of risk governance, which is intimately responsible for the efficiency of the detection, prevention, mitigation, and reduction of threats/risks and their consequences.

The graduate will also cover responsible positions in control bodies and in national and international organizations operating in the sector of Food Safety (including EFSA).

The graduate will also be able to have an active role in the field of training and scientific dissemination at all levels.

A professional practice exam called "esame di stato", in Italy, must be passed to enroll in the Food Technologists professional register.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

#### COURSE REFERENT

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#### ACCESS

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#### DEPARTMENT

**Department of Food and Drug (DIPALIFAR)** - saf.unipr.it Parco Area delle Scienze, 27/A - Campus Universitario - 43124 Parma

#### COURSE TYPE AND DURATION

MSc (Laurea Magistrale) - 2 years

#### CLASSE DI LAUREA

LM-70 Classe delle lauree magistrali in Scienze e tecnologie alimentari (Food Sciences and Technologies)

#### COURSE WEBSITE cdlm-fsafrm.unipr.it

