



Great interest in a new program

The new Forest and Landscape program has attracted students from around the world. Many applications were received for each available spot.

One of those who recently began the three-year bachelor's program is Emma Munters;



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"It feels good to bring your values and a landscape perspective into the forest. It feels like the whole world, or at least Europe, is talking about forests from a new perspective.

"They don't have to be plantations or nature reserves; something in between is also possible and it feels right to include this landscape perspective."

"My plan is to build on this education with a two-year masters program to become a forester," says Munters.

THAT possibility now exists thanks to changes in the forestry training track. It now consists of 3 years of bachelor's education and 2 years master's.

The new bachelor's program can be part of this track. And those who don't want to be a professional forester can for example continue into a landscape architecture master's, or start working directly after graduating.

EMMAS thoughts are shared by many in the group. Many say that they are interested in forests from a broad perspective, including Isac Printz.

"It is really interesting to use forests for more than industrial production, as a buffer against climate change, for social aspects and recreation. That's why I decided to try



Isac Printz

something new in Alnarp. So far it feels just right."

FOREST and Landscape is a cooperation between landscape architecture and forest science in Alnarp. Wageningen University in the Netherlands also participates.

"It feels good to work with landscape architects for a wider perspective," says Karin Hjelm of the Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre.

Together with Helena Mellqvist of the LTV faculty, she is the director of studies for the Forest and Landscape program. Both are happy about the strong interest in the new program.

"We only have 30 spots, but managed to stretch the limits a bit. Now we have 35 students from 15 countries."



Karin Hjelm in a forest clearing during a Forest and Landscape field trip.

"One of the first assignments was to write about how they ended up here. It is fun reading, and reflects a group of idealists and visionaries who see a mix of forests and landscapes as the future," says Mellqvist.

DURING the first field trip, a lot of questions came up from different perspectives.

"This is really fun. The international enrollment and broad interests make for good discussions in the group," says Michelle Cleary, who led the excursion and the first course in the program.

After an introductory course in tree biology and other fundamental knowledge, the second year focuses on forest management, ecology and biology.

Later, students choose a focus on forest-related topics (silviculture, planning, economics, conservation) or speci-

alization in landscape management (landscape design and analysis, urban forests, environmental psychology). They cap their education with a thesis written on landscape architecture or forest science.



Carlos Eduardo Gomez Ramirez

"This year is a good combination of questions I'm interested in. Also, Alnarp is a lovely place."



Henry Nicholson

"I am primarily interested in ecological aspects."