

DIPLOMA COURSE

The College

The Cyprus Forestry College has a well established reputation in Forestry education. It was established in 1951 to meet the increasing needs of Cyprus, the Middle East and other interested countries for the training of supervisory (sub-professional staff) in the general principles of Forestry and forest practice.

Since its establishment the College has trained students from Cyprus, Africa, Europe, Asia, Middle East, Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The College is a Cyprus Government Institution of Tertiary Education, within the Forestry Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment.



A snowy day at Prodomos

The College is situated in the midst of the Troodos mountains at Prodomos which is the village with the highest altitude in Cyprus. This place is ideal for forestry education as it occupies a central position within the island's main forest areas and is closely situated to the headquarters of Paphos and Troodos Forest Divisions. A good road network provides easy access to all parts of the island. The forest immediately surrounding the College constitutes part of the 2,400 hectares College forest which provides excellent facilities for all aspects of practical training in forestry operations, management, research and project work.

Aims of the Course

The Diploma course is designed to provide an appropriate education and training on a technical level on the general principles of Forestry and practice of Forestry.

During the course, theory is combined with a thorough practical training acquired by demonstrations, project work, and field experiments in the College forest which is an invaluable teaching aid as used extensively in all aspects of College training. In addition, educational tours and visits are organized to various sites and forest areas.

The Course structure and outline of the Syllabus

The course provides both the practical experience and technical education which are important for student's future careers as foresters. The course is of two years duration, commencing in October each year and is divided into two parts.

Part I: 3 Terms (Autumn, Winter and Spring Terms of year 1).

Part II: 4 Terms (Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring Terms of year 2).

Part I (First Year):

The fundamental principles of modern forestry practice are covered during the first year of the course.



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A class lecture in session

Part I is composed of 15 units of study:

- Botany
- Forest Zoology
- Silviculture
- Geology and Soil
- Forest Engineering (Roads, Buildings and Explosives)
- Surveying
- Forest Harvesting
- Chainsaws
- Forest Mensuration
- Meteorology and Climatology
- Genetics
- Fire Protection
- Computers
- Nursery Management
- Statistics

Part II is composed of 14 units of study:

- Timber Utilization
- Forest Entomology and Forest Pathology
- Forest Management (including Forest Economics)
- Surveying (including Aero-photogrammetry)
- Forest Mensuration
- Administration
- Systematic Botany
- Agroforestry
- Nature Conservation
- Explosives
- Ecology
- Forestry Recreation
- Silviculture
- Forest Policy, Forest Law and Introduction to European Forestry

Teaching Methods

Students are provided with a balanced programme of study involving a variety of teaching methods employed to achieve the course aims. Teaching consists of lectures, public speaking sessions, tutorials and practical classes, demonstrations, projects and assignments, library and laboratory work/experiments. Visiting lecturers give special lectures on various subjects such as Geology, Soils, Entomology, Meteorology, Zoology, First Aid and on the use of Explosives. Educational tours and visits are conducted to various Forest Divisions, other Government Departments, factories and wood processing industries.

Part II (Second Year):

The curriculum of Part II has been designed to allow students to investigate information and skills acquire in Part I, by studying in greater depth and in a more applied way the main forestry subjects carried into this year. Great emphasis is placed on study visits and project work which forms an important part of the course.



Students on practical skills session

Teaching and Student Facilities

The College is entirely residential and the campus offers a full range of facilities for students both during training hours and their leisure time afterwards. Extensive teaching facilities are provided at the College. These include lecture, tutorial and computer rooms, a library, the College forest, a laboratory, a workshop for wood technology, maintenance of chainsaws and land survey, a herbarium room, a meteorological station, a nursery, other teaching units and fire extinguishing and staff transportation vehicles.

Assessment

Student performance is assessed throughout the course, assessments being made on a variety of tasks - midterm tests, written reports and projects, field performance and terminal examinations. Final examinations are conducted by an External Examination Board at the end of each Spring term. A Preliminary Certificate is awarded upon successful completion of Part I of the course and a Diploma in Forestry for Parts I and II. The Diploma in Forestry is awarded at pass, credit or distinction level based on the combined average mark of both Part I and II, in accordance with the College regulations.

A number of prizes are awarded for outstanding achievement in academic work, character and sports.

European Programmes

The Forestry College cooperates with various colleges and universities in Europe within the framework of the Life Long Learning Programmes (Socrates / Erasmus and Leonardo Da Vinci).

Entry Requirements

Overseas candidates for admission to the two year Diploma Course are not normally required to attend the preparatory Trainee Course. Overseas applicants are usually sponsored by their own Governments or other sponsoring authorities and are accepted on the understanding that they are physically fit and of good character and have a reasonable proficiency of the English language and basic knowledge of Mathematics. In addition, they must possess one of the following entry qualifications:

- (i) A two year certificate in Forestry (or its equivalent) from a well recognized school or,
- (ii) A two - year Certificate in Agriculture or related field with merit grades in all major subjects from a well recognized school of Natural Resources, plus some years practical experience in forestry or,



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The Recreation Room

- (iii) A General Certificate of Education at "O" level (or its equivalent) with passes in at least four subjects including relevant sciences plus three years practical experience in Forestry or,

- (iv) Such other qualification as the College deems to be acceptable in lieu of those specified above.

Private students may be considered for entry to the College subject to the availability of places but they are themselves responsible for paying their fees and other expenses or providing documentary evidence that a sponsor will pay them. In case of overseas applicants the approval of their own governments may be required.

Accommodation

The College has a student boarding house able to accommodate 35 students, a restaurant and a laundry. All students have single study bedrooms. There is a dining room and three meals are provided each day.

All students are entitled to free medical and pharmaceutical treatment, vacations during Christmas and Easter holidays as well as the whole month of September.

Recreational Facilities

The College has a soccer and a basketball field, a common room which is supplied with magazines and offers television and video. The recreation room is equipped with snooker, table tennis, TV, video, CD and DVD player and some other indoor games. There is a student association with members elected annually by the students who also run their own canteen.



Students on a snowing day

for the convenience of students on campus. The main aim of students association is to take care of the welfare of students, through the organization of various social, recreational and sporting activities.

Scholarships/enquiries

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus awards annually a number of scholarships to overseas students within the framework of its Official Development Assistance (ODA) Policy for study at the College. Also other countries and various international organizations grant scholarships to students coming from countries of the Third World and Commonwealth countries.

All nomination forms for scholarships offered by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus must be forwarded by each nominee's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the relevant Embassy of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus BY JUNE 15, EACH YEAR.

Particulars of the scholarships offered by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, application forms and further advice are available from:

Other Forestry Courses

Apart from the two-year Diploma Course the College offers the Courses listed below.

Forest Trainee Course

(9 month pre-College course, commencing in January each year. Mainly for Cypriot candidates but also for overseas candidates who do not have the entry qualifications for direct entry to the 2-Year Diploma course in Forestry).

Post Diploma Course

(6-month course for specialist studies on a wide range of topics in forestry. The course is offered twice a year and runs from February till July and from August till January).

Short Training Courses

(A large number of short Courses varying in length from 2-12 weeks. Each course being tailored to meet the participant's requirements. The course is offered at any time of the year).

Full details relating to these courses are contained in separate course leaflets for each course listed.



GRADUATES OF THE CYPRUS FORESTRY COLLEGE SINCE 1951 BY COUNTRY

Antigua	1	Uganda	8
Bahamas	1	Uganda	8
Barbados	2	Uganda	8
Belize	8	Uganda	8
Bhutan	4	Uganda	8
Burkina Faso	3	Uganda	8
Burundi	1	Uganda	8
Cameroon	1	Uganda	8
Cyprus	499	Uganda	8
Dominica	9	Uganda	8
Ethiopia	12	Uganda	8
Fiji Islands	5	Uganda	8
Gambia	25	Uganda	8
Ghana	20	Uganda	8
Guyana	1	Uganda	8
Hong Kong	2	Uganda	8
Iran	3	Uganda	8
Iraq	11	Uganda	8
Jamaica	1	Uganda	8
Jordan	28	Uganda	8
Kenya	10	Uganda	8
Lesotho	1	Uganda	8
Labrador	3	Uganda	8
Laos	7	Uganda	8
Liberia	4	Uganda	8
Libya	25	Uganda	8
Malawi	1	Uganda	8
Malta	4	Uganda	8
Maldives	4	Uganda	8
Namibia	1	Uganda	8
Nepal	1	Uganda	8
Nigeria	6	Uganda	8
Pakistan	1	Uganda	8
Seychelles	13	Uganda	8
Sierra Leone	3	Uganda	8
Somalia	29	Uganda	8
Spain	1	Uganda	8
St. Helena	1	Uganda	8
St. Lucia	3	Uganda	8
Sudan	22	Uganda	8
Syria	6	Uganda	8
Swaziland	4	Uganda	8
Tanzania	14	Uganda	8
Trinidad & Tobago	1	Uganda	8
Uganda	8	Uganda	8
Western Samoa	1	Uganda	8
Yemen Arab Republic	2	Uganda	8
Zambia	11	Uganda	8
Zimbabwe	13	Uganda	8

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Since the establishment of the College in 1951, a total of eight hundred and thirty seven (837) students attended its various courses. Four hundred and ninety nine (499) are Cypriots and three hundred and thirty eight (338) are overseas students coming from forty eight (48) countries.

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