



Information Communication Technology in Education for Sustainable Development – M.S.c

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it usually take to complete this program?

It is estimated that the program will be completed within two and a half years according to the performance, including the completion of the master thesis. The fees for the entire program are **the equivalent of 3960 Euro** according to the exchange rate of the payment.

2. Who can apply for this program?

This program is one of the unique interdisciplinary programs approved by the ministry of higher education in Egypt. This program accepts students from educational backgrounds, engineering backgrounds and ICT backgrounds and it is open for those who want to broaden their knowledge and experience about Sustainable Development and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) from other disciplines.

3. How can apply for the program?

This will be the first cohort of the program and we will have flexibility in this regard. Documents needed and application form to be sent by email and after that personal interview will take place. The 1st attendance phase will start on the 3rd of February, 2020.

4. What are the needed documents for applying in the program?

The hereunder documents to be sent by email first to (ict.esd@hu.edu.eg) and later as hard copy at Heliopolis University after the acceptance in the program.

- University Certificate (Arabic and English if it is available)
- Military Statuses Certificate for male applicants
- Updated Europass CV (can be developed from this link: <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>)
- National ID (Copy)
- 4 recent photos
- Application Form that will available soon on the website (to be filled and signed by applicant)

Some other documents will be requested upon the acceptance in the program.



5. What kind of degree will I receive?

If you complete the program successfully, you will receive a Master of Science (MSc) in Information Communication Technology for Education for Sustainable Development (MSc in ICT for ESD), issued by the ASWAN University, Heliopolis University and Frederick University (joint degree). The degree is worth 120 ECTS (European Credit System).

6. Where will I be enrolled?

You will be enrolled at Heliopolis University for Sustainable development, Frederick University and Aswan University.

7. Do I need to provide in English language certificate?

No, but you have to show that your English is sufficient to study the entire program in English; this will be evaluated during the personal interview.

8. What is the language of instructing?

The language of Instruction is English.

9. What does it mean blended learning approach?

It means that part of the study will be in face to face classes and the other part will be delivered online.

10. What do I have to know to be able to register to blended learning programs?

Each program of study defines academic entrance criteria that are clearly specified in the program's web site. Additionally, as all blended learning programs are provided via e-learning and face to face interaction in the same time, you would need to:

- Have access to a computer supported by speakers.
- Have a high-speed access (2Mbps+) to the Internet
- Be computer literate. This means that you have core competences in use a computer such as being able to use office applications (word processing, presentations, etc), manage files, and browse the Internet.
- Access to a web camera would be useful for communication but is not considered necessary.



11. I work full time and I am asking if you have a system to accommodate my needs?

Blended learning programs are designed particularly to accommodate the needs of professionals that may not be available at all times or have known commitments. It takes the benefits from the attendance phase and the online interaction in the same time.

Also, tele-meetings, teleconferences and other synchronous communication sessions are recorded and available for students via online platform.

12. How do I get access to propriety books and software that might be needed from my studies?

Frederick University, Aswan University and Heliopolis University are providing facilities so that you can gain access to all electronic resources, including electronic books and software, remotely. Guides are provided to students to explain how this can be achieved.

13. How do you ensure that the work submitted is actually done by me? How can I be sure of fairness in evaluation?

The three universities are utilizing state-of-the-art software tools to verify that material submitted is not plagiarized, either by fellow students or other sources. Detailed guidelines are given to students to assist them in making informed choices and warning messages are generated by the software used to protect against such practices. Participation in face to face sessions throughout the semester will provide more explanation for this.

14. Where the face to face classes will take place?

According to the bylaw of the program, 75 % of the study will be online and 25 % will be in face to face interaction which mostly will take place at Heliopolis University premises.

15. What is the format of the face to face classes?

The face to face classes where the students have to be physically attending the classes will be divided into 6 obligatory attendance phases as follows:

Semester 1 (2 attendance phases, 5 days for each phase)

Semester 2 (2 attendance phases, 5 days for each phase)

Semester 3 (2 attendance phases, 5 days for each phase)

Semester 4 Master thesis

All the dates will be published on the university website in advance before the beginning of the first semester.



16. Who will teach in this program?

Teaching staff will be nominated from the 3 universities (Frederick University, Heliopolis University and Aswan University). In Addition, we will invite some of the expert in the field of ICT and Sustainable Development in order to enrich the learning experiences in the program.

17. How can I pay the tuition fees?

You can pay all the admission and tuition fees through the monthly salary deduction.

18. What are the benefits in my career path once I get this degree?

Graduates of the programme can follow careers in:

- Teaching across all education levels formal, non-for- mal and informal.
- Government ministries and other public sector organizations dealing with ESD policy, sustainable development and environmental issues.
- International organizations dealing with ESD, ESD policies and sustainable development issues.
- International and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and enterprises dealing with sustain- able development and environmental issues.