The CIHEAM Montpellier is an international institute of higher education, development cooperation, and research. It is an arm of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), an international organization created in 1962 by an intergovernmental agreement later ratified by the legislatures of the 13 member countries. The CIHEAM Montpellier offers master’s-level training in agricultural and agri-food economics, regional development, agri-logistics and natural resource management. The institute generates knowledge and competencies needed for the training of experts in agriculture, food, and sustainable rural development, and for the development of the countries of the Mediterranean rim. The CIHEAM Montpellier welcomes students and trainees for short and long-term stays.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
The CIHEAM Montpellier specializes in economic and social sciences as applied to agriculture and the rural world. Its researchers collaborate with networks devoted to training, research, and development in agricultural economics, food policy, international markets, the functioning of development institutions, and local and regional development. Fields of study:
- Projects and public policies engineering
- Agricultural management and territories
- Food value chains and agri-logistics
- Economy of agricultural, environment and food development

◆ RESEARCH
The CIHEAM Montpellier’s Mediterranean laboratory of economics and social sciences (LAMES) welcomes doctoral candidates and postdoctoral fellows to conduct research alongside the Institute research faculty. It is integrated with research and consulting units of Université Montpellier and of Agropolis, an international scientific cluster that specializes in agricultural research. It conducts specialized and applied research on three themes: food, agriculture, and sustainable development.

◆ STRENGTHS
Historically, the staff of the Institute has a great expertise in accompanying foreign students. The CIHEAM Montpellier encourages the mobility of skills in the Mediterranean basin, the transfer of resources to other network members, and scientific and pedagogical recognition of its programs. The Institute’s Mediterranean campus accommodates nearly 200 students and researchers in an environment of high environmental value. Since 2008, the CIHEAM Montpellier has been ISO 9001 certified for the pedagogical practices used in its master’s programmes, vocational training programmes, supervision of PhD students, and language training. It also obtained the Bienvenue en France label in 2020. Finally, its French as a foreign language courses have been labeled Qualité FLE since 2008.

◆ LOCATION
The CIHEAM Montpellier is located north of Montpellier, city in the south of France on the Mediterranean Sea, near Agropolis International (an international scientific cluster specializing in agricultural research). The Institute is accessible by public transportation: one can reach downtown Montpellier by bus or tramway in about 30 minutes.