



**CENTRALE  
LYON**

# International Master Erasmus Mundus meta4.0

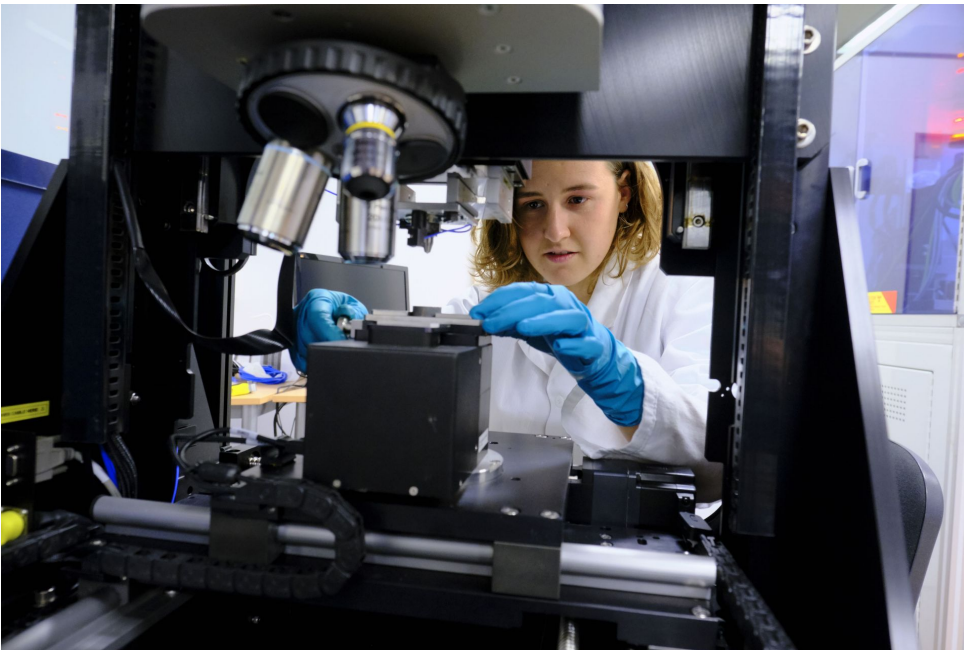
Degree level: Master

Training time: 2 years

Language: English

Status: Student

Campus: Saint-Etienne Campus



The [Master meta4.0](#) is an

innovative two-year program taught in English and offered by a network of six universities in Europe (France, Slovenia, Norway, Germany, Italy). This curriculum trains engineers specializing in advanced 4.0 manufacturing technologies, addressing the challenges of digital transformation and sustainability in global industry.

**This master's program aims to:**

- Train experts in **digital manufacturing, clean manufacturing, sustainable manufacturing** and **intelligent manufacturing**.
- Meet the growing needs for **digitization** and **industrial sustainability**.
- Fill the skills gap in **advanced technologies** on the European market.
- Provide international training with specializations in **France, Norway, Germany** or **Slovenia**.

## **Program**

In partnership with six European universities, this master's degree offers comprehensive training in **Master 1 (M1)** and **Master 2 (M2)**. The first year, split between **France** and **Italy**, covers the basics of **production engineering** and **materials science**. In the second year, students specialize in one of the four areas of **manufacturing 4.0**, with professional internships and periods of **international mobility**, enabling them to acquire in-depth expertise in **advanced manufacturing technologies**.

**Four options are offered:**

- **Sustainable manufacturing** with Centrale Lyon and [Mines Saint-Étienne](#)
- **Digital manufacturing** with the [Norwegian University of Science and Technology](#)
- **Clean manufacturing** with [Ljubljana University](#)
- **Intelligent manufacturing** with the [Chemnitz University of Technology](#)

## **First year**

The first year of the **Master meta4.0** is structured in two complementary semesters. In Saint-Étienne, students are introduced to the fundamental concepts of **production engineering**, while in Turin they specialize in **materials** and **manufacturing processes**, all in a stimulating international environment.

## **Semester 1: Fundamentals of Advanced Manufacturing**

Courses in the first semester take place **at Centrale Lyon, on the Saint-Étienne campus**.

## **Core Modules**

- Materials
- Computer Science

## Specialised Modules

- Metal Machining Processes
- Additive Manufacturing
- Physical Measurements
- Cross-disciplinary Project in Advanced Manufacturing

## Elective Modules

- Production Engineering
- High-Temperature Processes

## Complementary Modules

- Research Methods
- Foreign Language

## Semester 2: Fundamentals of Materials Science

Courses in the second semester are held at **Politecnico di Torino**.

- Materials for Advanced Manufacturing
- Materials and Design
- Materials Forming
- Surface Science and Technology
- Failure Analysis

Italian language courses are available.

## Second year

In the second year, students will build their career path by selecting one of the **four cutting-edge specializations: sustainable manufacturing, digital manufacturing, clean manufacturing, intelligent manufacturing**. This decision, based on their interests and results, will guide their research dissertation and future career.

# Sustainable manufacturing Digital manufacturing

## Clean manufacturing Intelligent manufacturing

The M2 courses for the "**sustainable manufacturing**" option take place at Centrale Lyon - Saint-Étienne campus and at [Mines Saint-Étienne](#).

Sustainability will be examined from a product perspective, focusing on extending their service life while maintaining or improving their performance. Topics such as **surface integrity modeling**, **functional material properties** and **component repair** using additive technologies will also be addressed.

## Semester 3: Specialization

### Scientific Modules

- Modelling of Material Removal and Wear
- Modelling of Thermomechanical Processes and Surface Integrity
- Surface Repair and Functionalisation
- Materials Durability
- Materials and Processes
- Industry 4.0 / Materials Characterisation III

### Complementary Modules

- Preparatory Research Project
- Responsible Engineering
- Foreign Language

## Semester 4: internship

The Master's thesis will be written on the basis of a 5-month internship, either in an industrial or applied research environment, or in a research laboratory of a partner university on a common topic, or in an associated partner organization or any other company or institution proposing a topic of orientation for the Master's thesis.

The M2 courses for the "**digital manufacturing**" option take place at the [Norwegian University of Science and Technology](#) in Gjøvik.

Topics such as **modeling** and **simulation**, **industrial communications** and **artificial intelligence** will be covered.

## Semester 3: Specialization

### Scientific teaching units

- Modeling and simulation for sustainable manufacturing
- Flexible automation and artificial intelligence
- Lifecycle performance of aluminum products
- Industrial communications and sensor technology
- Extended project within the specialisation theme

### Transversal teaching units

- Project work on a "digital theme"

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The M2 courses for the "**clean manufacturing**" option take place at the [University of Ljubljana](#) in Slovenia.

Topics such as **quality engineering**, **nanotechnologies** or **microfabrication technologies** will be addressed to show the potential of moving towards cleaner processes.

## Semester 3: Specialization

## Scientific teaching units

- Advanced machining processes
- Quality engineering
- Additive manufacturing
- Microfabrication technologies
- Energy conversion systems
- Laser processing technology

## Semester 4: internship

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The M2 courses for the "**intelligent manufacturing**" option take place at the [Chemnitz University of Technology](#) in Germany.

Topics such as **instrumentation** and **sensors, advanced process chains, augmented reality/virtual** in manufacturing or **hybrid** composite-based technologies will be covered.

## Semester 3: Specialization

### Scientific teaching units

- Efficient supply chains
- Instrumentation
- Computer-aided evaluation of material flows and process chains
- Digital manufacturing
- Machining technologies
- Hybrid technologies based on composite materials

## Semester 4: internship

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## **Diploma and certification**

This course awards a national master's degree - controlled by the French state.

It is also part of the Erasmus Mundus joint masters programs.



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## **Career opportunities**

- Digital manufacturing engineer
- Sustainable manufacturing manager
- Industrial internet of things engineer
- Advanced manufacturing analyst
- Additive manufacturing engineer
- Product design engineer
- Quality engineer

## **Focus**

This master's program is supported by **six partner institutions** in five EU countries: the Politecnico di Torino, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, the University of Ljubljana, the Chemnitz University of Technology, Centrale Lyon and Mines Saint-Étienne.

## **Admission requirements and application**

### **Pre-requisites**

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in science or engineering, or an equivalent diploma (180 ECTS), with a minimum average of 'B' on the ECTS scale. They must also have completed at least three years of study in one of the following fields:

- Mechanics
- Mechanical engineering
- Materials science and engineering
- Or potentially Mechatronics

[More information on the dedicated website](#)

### **Application**

Applications run from November to February. Applications are considered on the basis of a portfolio.

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## **Tuition fees**

- Fee "**Program students**": 4,500€ / year  
*for students of nationality of countries participating in the Erasmus Mundus program ("students whose nationality is one of the 27 Member States of the European Union, and additionally, Iceland, Norway, Republic of North Macedonia, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Serbia, countries defined by the European Commission as 'third countries associated to the programme'")*



- Fee "**Partner countries students**": 9,000 € / year  
(*"all other countries defined by the European Commission as 'third countries not associated to the programme'"*)

## **Administrative contact**

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## **Useful link**

- [meta4.0 master website](#)