

## SOME STUDENT TESTIMONIES



When I chose to study for my master's in aboard, I desire to discover and learn new things. Then I decided in favour of IMT Mines Ales also known as Ecole national supérieure des mines d'Ales. Life in ales leads you to know about French culture and custom.

This master of science allows studying about Risks, humanitarian and experience multicultural in every aspect. I enjoy the lessons a lot because my professors teach us how to discuss things and back up our point of view with arguments. This is a two years program and the final six months internship is very vital for professional growth. The department advisors have been great in helping me tailor my study plan according to what I want to do professionally. Now, I am working in MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) highly reputed humanitarian organisation as an intern. »

**PAVAN JOGA, INDIA, MARCH 2021**



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When I finished my bachelor's degree and after getting professional experience, I had the motivation of continuing my higher education in foreign country. Then I found a disaster management and environmental impact master at IMT Mines Ales, France.

When I reached to the college, I was surprised, because everything was well prepared by the administration and they warmly welcomed me. College was one of the best place to form strong relationships, not only gain friendship among peers, but also had chance to get close with professors, and even staff. I feel that the most important aspect in living the college life to its fullest met good people and these relationships made the college one of the best experiences in my life. Personally, I think these people made a big impact on my life, and that I greatly appreciate the friendships made throughout my college years.

During My master I learned about disaster preparedness, disaster management, and crisis management belong together and require quite different skills and learn how to cope with the after effects of humanitarian crises and natural disasters as disaster manager. The aim of this training is to raise awareness about the challenges the job holds, create global networks, and formulate international standards for disaster management. Studies combine content from the natural sciences including logistics, medicine, politics, anthropology, structural knowledge, practical orientation, and risk analysis method.

Disaster management masters have a wide variety of job prospects in government or non-governmental organizations, in the private sector, companies, research institutes and government. Although the cause of disaster management is very dramatic, it is certainly a very interesting degree course in a professional environment that will always be dynamic and that is primarily about helping people.

I want to say France is a good country to study and I would like to appreciate hospitality of French people. Specially Ales and my hostel now I feel like my own house. We have enough facilities in our hostel and enough freedom to study in a calm and quite environment.

Now I am doing my internship and I should say, to find an internship the college gave us a big support, and everyone is doing relevant internship according to the qualifications. I am very happy about my internship and I would like to grateful to our professor and the college administration”.

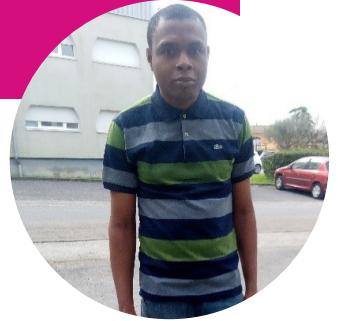
**Thanuja ASPANTHIYE GERADA, Sri Lanka, March 2021**



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The damage program has been a fundamental part of my progress, work, and competence in Disaster Management. It provided a truly amazing opportunity to gain very high-level knowledge within the field. The program professors and other staff have continued to provide their support and assistance. The knowledge that I have gained in the program has already started helping me, it's not only going to be beneficial for my future, but it's been beneficial for me since even before I graduate. I am 100% confident that it is perfect fit for me. I highly recommend this program to anyone considering a career in Emergency Management

**Oyem UBIDO, Nigeria, March 2021**



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In my point of view, this master is an amazing opportunity to learn about risk assessment and disaster management with good professionals and professors from several different countries such as Australia, France, the US, South Africa etc. The Master DAMAGE is a perfect balance between academic knowledge and applied case studies.

**LIVIA PARAGUASU SANTOS, BRAZIL, MARCH 2021**



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The main motive for me is aiming to learn the rapid and precise skills for my future career. Thus, pursuing Damage program as a chemical engineer helped me to deepen my knowledge in large- scale crisis, disasters and explosions. which was well illustrated by the professors, who tried their best in information delivery during this pandemic, as well as, the exploratory case studies helped generating new ideas and to use methodologies in different aspects

**FATEMA BELAL NASER, EMITATES, MARCH 2021**



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Textbooks can provide knowledge, but there's no replacement for a teacher”  
I can proudly say that it is a fact. I am Sanij NADUPPURAKKAL RAMADAS, an Indian, studied at IMT MINES ALÈS, now doing an internship in France. When I got an option to choose a place to study, initially I went for Europe then to France. Believe me; this country keeps on surprising you.

There were so many good things about my time at the College, including how fantastically knowledgeable my teachers were and how giving of their time. They continued to deliver the same quality in spite of the challenges, like the quarantine and online classes, during the pandemic period. The Indiapendence of college helped me to focus, understand the importance of time keeping ensuring that deadlines are handed in on time and having the teachers willing to answer any questions throughout early in the morning or after the college helped too.

The best thing about the College was being part of a supportive environment, where everyone is focused, help each other and you are encouraged to succeed as individuals. The support from staff within college and the many available online resources have really helped a lot. I enjoyed my studies, as I found the unit extremely interesting and I got a rare chance to interact the people from four Continents (Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

During my course I got an extensive training on risk and disaster management. The instructors in each course were patient, understanding, and highly skilled. I would highly recommend this program to anyone wanting to expand their career. “It is one of the best investments I have made

**Sanij NADUPPURAKKAL RAMADAS, India, March 2021**



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Being part of the Master DAMAGE has taught me to explore opportunities to develop a safer and more sustainable world from many different academic view points! The diverse faculty and student body enrich this experience and form a truly unique course which enables us to approach a variety of different careers. This program offers a great blend between academic learning and direct insights into professional activities as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in the world of safety and security

**Anna BERLIN, Germany, January 2022**



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After finishing my bachelor's in Civil Engineering, I worked in construction and environmental fields for a couple of years. When i am working in the Environmental field I want to do my masters abroad. When i am searching for suitable courses I found a Master in Disaster management and environmental impact at IMT Mines Ales

During /my master's I got an opportunity to meet expert's in the field of Risk management, logistics, and environmental studies where they taught us how to prepare for the coming challenges in the field.

These masters enabled me to work in multicultural aspects, as part of our course we had case studies which helped us to gain knowledge and teaming up with different people allowed us in different styles with different people.

When compared to other countries, the cost for Education in France is low. I can say Education in France is very good especially in IMT Mines Ales.

Before coming to Ales the college had helped me in getting accommodation at maison des eleves, which is a good place to leave for students and budget friendly.

After coming to France the college had helped us in administration procedure for international students, CAF, Social security.

**Nithin Kumar ERRA, India, March 2021**



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I am David DEVARADJOU from Pondicherry, India. Studying abroad was my childhood dream and France was my first option. While choosing the course and the university were a big challenge for me. I have keen interest in renewable energy , disaster management and environmental impact, and eventually shortlisted a few interesting courses and universities . This Master Damage in IMT MINES ALES was my last option before and now it has become my better choice .This course is more interesting and more detailed than I thought, the Professors/ Experts are so kind to explain the subject multiple times. Finally IMT MINES ALES is one of the prestigious institutes of France. I hope to get better here and to get placed as a Disaster Manager to serve the community.

**Davidraj DEVARDJOU, India, January 2022**





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Pursuing a master's degree at IMT Mines Ales was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The Master DAMAGE program did not only offer fascinating courses but provided an environment that facilitated individual and group learning as well as taking initiative. The professors were so interactable even though they are the guest lectures and always ready to help me by replying my mail with whatever I had a question even after their lecture; they teaching methodologies inspired me a lot to do my best.

Throughout the course, I learnt a great deal about the various fields in Disaster Management, and more about the Anthropogenic calamities and this course helps me understand the voids between the technical and non-technical actors of the humanitarian sector and I gained knowledge to fill the gap between them. Thanks to the combined help of all the staff, the amazing learning facilities on campus and the plenty of extracurricular activities on the Student housing. Really the student housing really got a rich and diverse student associative life I had full of challenges and fun during my course. I am ready to dive into the world of work, but I will always be grateful to my “Alma mater” for my education.

**Mohindhar MUKKU, India, March 2021**



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As Petroleum Engineer, it was a great chance for me to study Master of Disaster Management and Environmental Impact. I had a chance to learn different subjects from experienced professors from different Universities and organizations. With this program we learnt how to behave and manage the process during crisis situation through numerous case studies and discussions with experts. We experienced very positive memories altogether and experienced different cultures at the same time. I had also chance to visit some historical places which will remain as good memory from my study years in France

**ALI ALIKISHIYEV, Azerbaidjan, March 2021**

