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The Mind of the Chancellor



Dr. Hossein Moradi
President of SANRU University

Universities play a key role in the transferring of scientific, cultural, social, and economic aspects of human beings' societies which in turn are considered vital pillars to achieve pervasive progress in each society. Furthermore, the function of specialized universities for the identification and evaluation of scientific and research potentials of related subjects is important.

In this regard, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Universities by applying updated knowledge to develop and rehabilitate agricultural products' potential, and the preservation of natural resources plays a specific and valuable role in a country. SANRU is considered one of these universities in the northern part of Iran, mainly because of benefiting from committed and specialized academics, transactions with other national universities, and its inspirational movement toward scientific progression and evolution. The presence of fine cooperation between the pioneer researchers and lecturers of SANRU, in which some of them have been selected as scientific elites of Iran, has led to an investigation and resolution of agricultural and natural resources problems with collaboration with related agricultural and environmental research institutes. Considering the scheme of the university's management and guidance of academic staff, SANRU is traversing the process of enhancement of education and extension of specialized educational courses in ascending order.

Today, we are faced with complex challenges and only those who persevere will survive", so the secret key to preserving these challenges is to be equipped with the armor of knowledge. Hence, the direct message of SANRU is to assist you in discovering the available opportunities in agricultural sciences and natural resources fields to develop your potential, and with the support of the SANRU academic association, to realize your dreams!

Dr. Hosein Moradi
President of SANRU University





Why study at SANRU University

Value for money

- Competitive tuition fees
- Various competitive faculty-specific scholarships available at postgraduate levels
- Free health care under the National Health Service, except prescriptions, opticians, and dentists

Travel opportunities

- SANRU University is a few minutes and a couple of hours away from the Caspian Sea and Damavand volcano summit, respectively, by driving and providing easy access to the Alborz highlands.
- Excellent travel links (railway, bus, and airway) ensuring the opportunity to easily explore the rest of Iran.

Life in Mazandaran Province

- Green land, and sharing about 600 km of the Caspian Sea coastline.
- Numerous landscapes, including the famous coastal towns
- Having access to many shopping and entertainment centers





Introduction



Mazandaran in a Glance

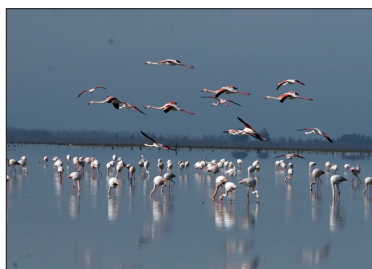
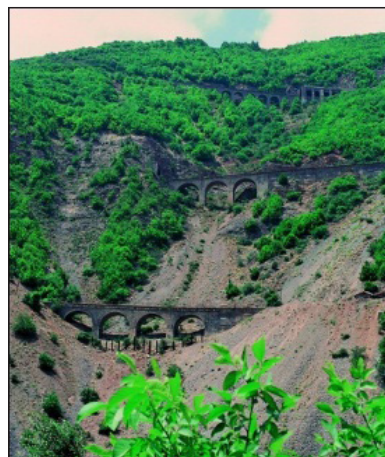
Mazandaran is one of the Caspian provinces in the north of Iran with a total area of 23756 km² and geographical specification of 50°, 34' - 54°, 47' eastern longitudes and 35°, 47' - 36°, 35' northern latitudes. Located on the Southern coast of the Caspian Sea, it is bordered clockwise by Golestan, Semnan, Tehran, Qazvin, and Guilan provinces (together forming Greater Mazandaran, separated from Mazandaran respectively in 1997, 1976, and 1960). Having a total area of 438000 Km², the Caspian Sea is considered the largest lake in the world and one of the important aquatic ecosystems which includes 114 economic and non-economic fish species.

Its diverse nature and climate include plains, rangelands, and forests ranging from sandy beaches to the rugged and snowcapped Alborz Sierra with the highest peak and volcano throughout Middle-East and Western Asia, Mount Damavand which at the narrowest point (Nowshahr County) narrows to 5 miles and culminates less than 2000 meters from the coast.



A major producer of farmed fish in Iran and the neighboring regions, Mazandaran is the leading economic base of agricultural and fishery products. In other words, this province is the largest rice producer (43%) in Iran and has the first ranking in terms of cultivation area and production of citrus. Furthermore, benefiting from the richest natural resources (Sea and Forest), a unique ecology island (Miyankale Island), the only broiler production line and so many other characteristics, Mazandaran has been considered an agricultural and natural resources province by the Iranian government administration. Moreover, Mazandaran relies on the Tourism industry, as many tourists enjoy visiting the area.

Mazandaran contains a deep rich history with human habitation of at least 75,000 years. Recent excavations in Goher Tippe provide proof that the area has been urbanized for more than 5 thousand years of civilization, and this area is one of the most important historical sites of Iran and has played an important role in the cultural flourishing and urban development of the region. Mazandaran was part of the ancient Hyrcanian Kingdom and the former Kingdom of Tapuria. Indigenous people of the region are ethnic Mazanderanis (Tapurians), speaking a Caspian language.





Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University (SANRU)

History

SANRU University is located in the northern part of Iran and close to the Caspian Sea in the city of Sari, Mazandaran Province.

The origin of the university can be traced to the “College of Agricultural Engineering” which was established in 1974. This junior college was covering Agricultural Science, Forestry, Range Management, and Animal Sciences courses. In 1979, after the victory of the Islamic revolution in Iran, this college played a key role in establishing of the University of Mazandaran. At the end of 1998, due to the outgrowing of the college, it was authorized by the Ministry of Science to establish two new faculties; Agricultural Science and Natural Resources. These faculties started their official educational activities in 2000. In 2004, the college was further expanded to four faculties Crop Sciences, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Sciences, and Fisheries and Natural Resources and it was renamed to “Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources campus” based on both quantitative and qualitative development. Furthermore, considering Mazandaran province as an agro-economic center, two other research institutes were added to this university, known as;



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- **Genetic and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute of Tabarestan (GABIT)**

This research institute is located at the core center of the University and rather than having its management system and independent organizational chart, it includes of several active academic subdivisions such as Biotechnology, Agronomy and Plant Breeding.

- **Caspian Ecosystems Research Institute**

This research institute is highly active in terms of conducting several research studies in different fields such as Forest Ecosystems, Marine Ecosystems, Ecosystem Products, Rangeland Ecosystems, and Environmental Issues.

Ultimately, in 2008, Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University officially announced its present legal entity. Today the SANRU has four faculties, more than 130 academic staff, 3000 undergraduate (B.Sc.), and 421 postgraduate (M.Sc. & Ph.D) students.

The outlook of SANRU University is based on updated teaching, learning, research, and innovation programs to prepare students, graduates, and staff who are ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.





Subject Area; undergraduates and postgraduates levels

Higher Education at SANRU University

Undergraduate honors degrees at SANRU University are usually four years in duration. Students are admitted to the academic faculty where their subject is offered. The degrees are structured to ensure a great deal of flexibility in the first two years of study, with students only confirming their major at the end of their second year.

Note: this does not apply regarding professional degrees that follow a less flexible curriculum. At the postgraduate level, Master's degrees throughout the Iran I.R. education system are two years in duration, whereas PhD programs are normally four years. An additional benefit of higher education in the Iran I.R. is the focus on independent learning and research. This educational culture is reflected in the number of contact hours, which you may find to be slightly lower than in your home country, and the expectation that students will be required to spend a significant proportion of their time doing independent study outside the classroom, driven in part by their academic interests.

a) Undergraduate

We accept international qualifications from around the world. If Farsi is not your first language, we normally require that you achieve a Persian score. This may be higher for certain courses.

b) Postgraduate

We accept international qualifications from around the world and will consider applicants with a good first degree (in certain circumstances this must be subject-specific). If Farsi is not your first language, we normally require that you achieve a Persian score. This may be higher for certain courses.





Computer and Internet Services

One of the vast services that has been provided by the deputy of Research and Technology for all staff and students is equipping the university with modern systems, software, and hardware either inside the computer site or in staff and academic member's rooms, in dormitories and elsewhere needed. Facilitating the electronic registry of students, automation of recording and other administration services, automation of financial activities, automation of research and technology records, automation of all records in student vice-chancellery, and automation of educational evaluation procedure and the key activity of this section.

Relation with Industries

Relation with industries is one of the most important sections that make a line connection between the university, specialists, and industries to provide research needs of industries by applying academic staff knowledge based on bilateral contractions between two sides. The definition of the research plan in the form of flagship contracts provided new activities between the university and industries countrywide.

Dormitory

Our dormitories consist of 300 bedrooms on four stairs at two separate blocks for males and females in a nice area inside the University campus. On each stair, there are facilities such as basic furniture, bed, washing machine, dinner table, carpet, fridge, iron, wardrobe, bookcase, desk, chairs, cooling and heating system, TV, etc. You may have a choice about the size of the dorm room you'd like to live in. If you choose a single room it means you will share it with only one person to try to meet a balance; however, there are four people in double rooms, two beds in each. Dorm rooms will be cleaned twice a week by the university cleaners.



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Campus Environment

SANRU University is pleased to offer a complete education experience on a magnificent campus, with a modern library, modern classrooms, computer sites with highly efficient computer and internet connections, research labs, research centers, dormitories, a student activity center, student sports complex, cafeteria, and restaurant. The campus also offers a bookstore, health center, Psychological Guidance, and ATMs.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities and join a broad range of social and cultural events in the university. There are numerous activities to do including walking, tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, art, literature, music, folklore, photography, and many more. Moreover, the students can watch films once or twice a week in a friendly setting and attend music classes.

Office of International Scientific Cooperation Office (ISCO)

The Office of International Scientific Cooperation Office provides information and assistance to international students, faculty members, and researchers. It also establishes links between SANRU University and other Iranian universities on the one hand and foreign universities, research institutes, and centers on the other. The ISCO offers advice and services to all international students and scholars. It provides opportunities for academic members and students to participate in international conferences, seminars, and workshops. It also enjoys close re-





relationships with many international associations and cooperates in offering its services for membership in international associations and sabbatical leave. For more information please contact the International Scientific Cooperation Office at: isco@sanru.ac.ir.

Finance

You must arrange funding for both your tuition fees and living costs before arriving in Iran I.R. You should contact the Iranian Council Officer nearest you and governmental agencies in your home country as a first step for funding advice. In some instances, loans given by your own Department of Education or by banks in your own country can be used to fund studies overseas.

Guaranteed Tuition Fee Rate

Tuition fees for international students are held at the level paid at the time of entry to SANRU University to assist in budgeting for degree study.

Working part time

As an international student studying full-time for longer than six months, you are permitted to work for up to 10 hours a week during the term period, provided it is not stated otherwise in your passport. Please note this must not be relied upon as a means to fund your studies.

Admission Requirements

Applications are evaluated on an individual basis. After their academic and educational records have been reviewed, applicants will be interviewed in person.

Application for Admission

an applicant for admission to one of the programs of SANRU University must satisfy the following requirements:

The applicants should present their high school diploma transcript or any other pre-university certificates that have been confirmed by the relevant authorities within or outside of Iran. Post-graduate applicants, in addition to the above documents, should also present their Bachelor's degree approved by the relevant authorities.

Applicants who are not citizens of Iran are in addition required:

- To supply financial guarantees that sufficient funds for tuition and living expenses.
- To accept and observe all educational and behavioral rules of SANRU University.

APPLICATION PROGRAMS

Applications are accepted twice a year.

Documents Required for Undergraduate Application

1. Undergraduate Admission Application Form
2. Original High School Diploma (mark sheets).
3. Twelve (12) photographs
4. An evidence of financial guarantee (i.e. a letter from a bank) indicating sufficient funds available for tuition and living expenses.
5. Photocopy of the passport (relevant page) or birth certificate
6. A copy of proof of English Proficiency if any

Note: English translations of these documents are necessary if they are in any language other than English





Documents required for postgraduate Application

1. Two recommendation letters from his/her previous thesis supervisors
2. Postgraduate Admission Application Form
3. Original High School Diploma and Bachelor's degree (mark sheets).
4. Twelve (12) photographs
5. An evidence of financial guarantee (i.e. a letter from a bank) indicating sufficient funds available for tuition and living expenses.
6. Photocopy of the passport (relevant page) or birth certificate
7. A copy of proof of English Proficiency if any

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATIONS

Application forms can be obtained from www.ensanru.ac.ir or the Registrar's Office. All applications should be submitted to the Registrar's Office in one of the following ways:

E-mail: isco@sanru.ac.ir

Fax: + (98) 11-33687715

Postal Address: ISCO Office, Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University (SARNU),

Km 9 Darya Road, P.O Box 576, Sari-Iran

For your admission inquiries please contact: isco@sanru.ac.ir

Evaluation of your Application

As soon as your application is received; it is evaluated by the Registrar's Office. The result is forwarded to your e-mail. Incomplete application forms are not taken into consideration. The evaluation of an application normally takes a few days. An acceptance letter is e-mailed to the e-mail address of eligible applicants and a reject letter is to the applicant whose academic qualifications are not sufficient.

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University and Course Registration

Students who are accepted at SANRU University are required to register on the given dates stated on the acceptance letter. For University registration students should go to Registrar's Office with the following original documents. Each applicant must fill out and sign the Registration Form at the time of registration.

1. Two recommendation letters from his/her previous thesis supervisors
2. Original High School Diploma or Bachelor's degree
3. Original Mark Sheets or Transcripts
4. A Bank Guarantee Letter
5. Twelve (12) photographs
6. A photocopy of your passport
7. The tuition fee receipt from the bank

Note: English translations of these documents are necessary if they are in any language other than English.





International students' welfare

- **International student advisor**

Our international student advisors, Dr. Sajad Kiani and Majid Khoshrooz can provide you with sympathetic, confidential, and practical advice on all aspects of living and studying at SANRU University.

- **International Student Handbook**

An International Student Handbook, which contains information on immigration, banking, traveling to Mazandaran Province, and so on will be sent to you in a pack of information as soon as your place at SANRU University is confirmed.

- **International Orientation**

Our International Student Advisor offers an extensive orientation program designed to introduce you to the city and university, answer questions on welfare, accommodation, and academic issues, and include a tour of Mazandaran with an additional optional tour of other destinations along with the Caspian Sea coastline.

Contact the University

a) SANRU University academic staff

International recruitment staff travels throughout the world, attending exhibitions, holding student information sessions, and interviewing students.

b) Student/Alumni Ambassadors

You can also contact any of our student/Alumni ambassadors who are all either currently studying at the University or have recently graduated and can provide you with a student perspective on life as a student at Mazandaran.



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Application of Overseas Students Admission Top of Form

Personal Identifications:				
1- Last Name:		2- First Name:		
3- Middle Name:		4- ID Number:		
5- Date of Birth: (Month, Day, Year)				
6- Place of Birth: City:		County:		
7- Nationality:		8- Religion:		
9- Sex: Male Female				
10- Passport Number:				
Date of Issue: (Month, Day, Year)				
11- Marital Status: Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Children:		
12- Dependents Information: (Including Spouse and Children)				
Last Name	First Name	Date and Place of Birth	Nationality	Relationship with Applicant
13- Current Mailing address of applicant:				
Zip code/Postal Code:				
Home:		Office:		
Tel:		Fax:		
E-mail:				
Educational Background:				
- \& List all educational institutions attended after high school in chronological order.				





Name of School/University	Location (Country)	Field of Study	Date of Attendance	
			From	To

15- Are you currently studying at any institution? Yes No

If yes, please complete the table below.

Field of Study	Name and Address of Institution	Degree Sought	Starting Date	Graduation Date (expected date of graduation)

16- Interested field of study:

1-

2-

3-

7- For which level do you apply?

Undergraduate

M.Sc. Degree

Ph.D. Degree

18- Please specify how you will be financially supported:

Personal Income

Scholarship

(Indicate source of your scholarship)

19- Date you expect to start the program:

20- Do you have any physical disability?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

21- English and Persian Languages Skills:





LANGUAGE	READING				WRITING				SPEAKING			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor

22- Publications (books, articles ...)

Title	Year	Publisher

Professional Experience:

23- Details of Previous and present employment:

Present institutional affiliation	
Previous	

I fully understand that filling this questionnaire does not constitute any offer of admission to the University of Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University, and I hereby certify that the information given above is all true and complete and, if admitted, as a student shall adhere to all academic and disciplinary measures of University of Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Applicant's Name and Signature:

Date:





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