

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) about the Master of Ecology application procedure

I am a Chinese graduate who wants to apply for the Ecology master's programme but I have not gotten the call for the **APS** interview, yet and the deadline is drawing near. Can I send the application without **APS** certification?

While we definitely need the APS certificates from Chinese and other Asian applicants for the final admission, you can at first apply without them. The APS certificate however has to arrive at the Secretariat for students by September 30 the very latest.

I already have obtained a **reference letter** from one referee, however, it was not written on the **form** available on the website. Can I still use it?

Reference letters (in German or English language) will be accepted in whatever style they are written, even handwritten letters will be ok. Referees can also send their reference letters directly via email (to master@uni-bremen.de AND mscecol@uni-bremen.de) as long as they clearly indicate in the mail that it contains a reference letter for a Master of Ecology application and clearly indicate the applicant's name.

What is the requisite of the **letter of motivation** (length, content)?

The content should explain to the selection committee why you are interested in ecology in general and in doing it as a Master's in Bremen in particular. Some aspects of your motivation may not show through from your CV alone. It should be one page maximum.

The deadline is already very close, can I **apply electronically** instead of sending my documents via mail?

No, electronic submission or application via email is not possible at the moment. All the required documents have to be here as hard copies by May 31, otherwise, your application is not considered valid.

I have successfully passed my **TOEFL test**. Can I send you a copy of the document including the scores that I received from ETS?

No, the document you received is not valid for the application procedure. Please, have the ETS to send the documents directly to the University of Bremen.

I am a bit confused now, **where should I send my documents** to?

Please, send your documents to the following address:

**Secretariat for Students (International),
Bremen University,
Bibliothekstraße VWG ,
D-28359 Bremen,
Germany**

It is said that if one has passed the last degree at an English speaking University, this will be sufficient as a **proof of proficiency in English**. My University is a German speaking one but I wrote my Bachelor thesis in English and also spent 6 month in the US. Do I need to do an English test exam?

Yes, a TOEFL, ILTS, UNIcert, or similar test is required in this case.

I have sent my **documents** already three weeks ago, could you please **confirm** that they have arrived?

At the moment, the Secretariat for Students cannot send out confirmations immediately because of the huge numbers of applications they have to handle. We are very sorry about this and are working on it; naturally, you are worried about your application. As soon as the documents are checked and approved, they will be send to the Master of Ecology team and we will notify you immediately via email, however, this may be only after the deadline. So far, no application got lost and if, in addition to sending the application, you have also sent the online application form via email, we will expect your application and try to find a solutions it its missing.

I am a student from India and have obtained a **3 years Bachelor degree** in Biology. Am I eligible?

For some countries, e.g. India, the three years Bachelor degree is not considered equivalent with a German Bachelor's degree, only the 4 years bachelor is. This was decided by German government. Please, ask us before applying if you are not sure your degree is equivalent.

For some reason, I did not manage to send the **application form** online. Moreover, in the printed form, words are missing because the fields are too small. What should I do?

First of all, do not worry about I, send it anyway. If something important is missing, try to write it shorter. Otherwise, we know that it is not your fault that we provided the document in this way... If you did not manage to send the form via email, even though you followed the instructions carefully, please, let us know about it. But it will not affect the application procedure in any way.