Information for Applicants for the Master's Program “Marine Geosciences”

Please note that the information contained herein is intended only as a general orientation for applicants. Applications and admission to the Master program is subject solely to the regulations governing admission to the respective degree course. These regulations can be accessed under www.uni-bremen.de/master. For legal reasons, the regulations governing admissions are only available in the German language.

**General Information:**
Official commencement of studies: October 1st
Language of delivery: English
Deadline for receipt of applications: The closing date for applications is April 30th.

Before submitting your application, please consult the homepage of the respective department and study the information on your chosen field of study: [http://www.geo.uni-bremen.de/page.php?pageid=85](http://www.geo.uni-bremen.de/page.php?pageid=85).

**Application procedure:**
Applications must be submitted online, prior to the closing date and together with all necessary admission requirements (see below).
For online applications for Master’s programs at the University of Bremen go to: [https://movein-uni-bremen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php?_language=en](https://movein-uni-bremen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php?_language=en).

Once your application has been submitted online, it is not necessary to submit any paper documents to the University of Bremen. You will only be requested to submit paper documents if your application is successful. In this case you will be sent a Confirmation of Enrollment together with a request to submit (either by surface mail or by hand) any further paper documents that may be necessary.

**Admission requirements:**
- Evidence of having obtained a prior academic degree (e.g. a Bachelor degree with 180 ECTS or equivalent) with a focus on Geosciences. In the event that you may not have qualified for a first degree before the closing date for applications, you may still submit your application: In this case, you must provide evidence that you have already obtained a minimum of 132 ECTS (or equivalent).
- Evidence of having acquired at least 30 ECTS, or ECTS in equivalent proportion of curriculum, in Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and/or Physics modules, as well as at least 60 ECTS, or ECTS in equivalent proportion of curriculum, in modules on Geosciences.
- Competence in the English language at a level of C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This does not apply to applicants who obtained their university entrance qualification or prior academic degree in the English language.
- A Letter of Motivation stating reasons why you have chosen to study on the Master’s Program “Marine Geosciences”, with a clear and convincing depiction of your personal aptitude and goals, especially with regard to the relation between the content of the program and career expectations, and which specifically shows congruence between motivation to study and the program focus.
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form.
- For applicants from abroad: Two Letters of Recommendation, if possible from a professor who knew you during your previous degree studies.
- If applicable, details of previous professional or other experience related to Marine Geosciences.
The following documents may be submitted at a later date:
In the event your application is successful, documentary evidence of language competence in accordance with the admission requirements listed above and evidence of having acquired a prior academic degree may be submitted up to two weeks before the official commencement of studies. The precise deadline will be notified in the Confirmation of Enrollment. The Degree Certificate evidencing prior academic studies may be submitted up to December 31st.

Translations and authentication:
Only official authentication issued by a German public body can be accepted. All translations must be certified by an officially certified translation agency in Germany or an EU member state or a German consulate.

Award of study places:
The number of study places available may be restricted from year to year: restricted admission. All Master programs with restricted admission in force are marked “Z” in the Master Portal www.uni-bremen.de/en/master. In the absence of “Z”, all applicants who fulfill the Admission Requirements can be admitted to studies and are considered to be suitably qualified by the selection board of the respective field of study.

Admission procedure:
In the event of restricted admission, the selection board will create a ranking list according to the following criteria and respective weightings. Up to 100 points may be awarded:

Up to 60 points: Overall grade awarded for previous degree, or average grade achieved up to time of application (min. 132 CP). The grades (German system of grades) will be converted into points as follows:

- 1.00 – 1.54 60 Points,
- 1.55 – 2.04 48 Points,
- 2.05 – 2.54 36 Points,
- 2.55 – 3.04 24 Points,
- 3.05 – 3.54 12 Points,
- > 3.55 0 Points.

Up to 20 Points: In accordance with the nature and extent of subject-specific knowledge in the fields of Geochemistry and/or Geology and/or Geophysics and/or Mineralogy, and/or Oceanography acquired during previous degree-course studies, the points will be allocated as follows:
Applicant possesses:
very good Program-specific knowledge  20 Points,
good Program-specific knowledge  15 Points,
satisfactory Program-specific knowledge  10 Points,
low level of Program-specific knowledge  5 Points,
no Program-specific knowledge  0 Points.

Up to 20 points: In accordance with type and extent of program-specific knowledge acquired in professional or other practice, points will be allocated as follows:
Applicant possesses:
very good program-specific knowledge  20 Points,
good program-specific knowledge  15 Points,
satisfactory program-specific knowledge  10 Points,
low level of program-specific knowledge  5 Points,
no program-specific knowledge 0 Points.

Up to 10 bonus points: In accordance with the reasons given for choosing the program (Letter of Motivation pursuant to Art. 1 Item 1c) points are allocated as follows:
The application is:
very convincing 10 Points,
convincing 5 Points,
only slightly convincing 2 Points,
not convincing 0 Points.

Further information in respect of application procedure, language competence, authentication, ECTS, “Semesterbeitrag” (semester “contribution”) and more can be accessed under http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/masterportal/faqs.html.