

Information for Applicants for the Master's Program "Ecology"

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.ecology.uni-bremen.de/eco>

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>.

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) in Biology, Ecology, Environmental Sciences, or another degree in a field of study recognized as equivalent. 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 135 ECTS (or equivalent).
- Evidence that a minimum of 3 CP were obtained in the field of Ecology while studying for previous academic degree.
- 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 why you have chosen this particular program.
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form

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 Master’s program.

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 50 points: Either overall grade of previous degree, or average grade achieved up to time of application (min. 135 CP or equivalent). The points are allocated in accordance with a ranking list of applicants drawn up on the basis of their grades.
- Up to 30 points: Related subjects dealing with ecology studied on previous degree course and/or related professional or other experience.
- Up to 20 points: Letter of Motivation (reasons for interest in the Master’s program). The assessment criteria are specific reference to the program “Ecology”, clear presentation of personal qualifications and goals, in particular in respect of connection between choice of program and career expectations, as well as congruence of motivation with the program focus.

Following the above-mentioned 3 assessment criteria, points will be awarded according to the corresponding position in the ranking list. The applicant on the highest position receives the maximum number of points. The other applicants on the ranking list each receive a correspondingly lower number of points; No points are awarded to the applicant on last position.

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/fags.html>.