

Information for Applicants for the Master's Program "Marine Microbiology (MARMIC)"

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: 01.10.

Language of delivery: English

Deadline for receipt of applications: The closing date for applications is 15.03.

Before submitting your application, please consult the homepage of the respective department and study the information on your chosen field of study:

<http://www.marmic.mpg.de/marmic/>.

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, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Geosciences, Oceanography, Physics, (Bio-) computer sciences, or another degree in an appropriately related field of study. 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 120 ECTS (or equivalent).
- 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.
- Particular aptitude with regard to the chosen study program, to be evidenced by a score of at least 70 points in the admission procedure (see below).
- A Letter of Motivation stating reasons why you have chosen to study on the Master's Program "MARMIC", 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.
- Two Letters of Reference. The criteria for assessment are that the letter contains statements referring to the applicant's theoretical knowledge, practical skills, creativity, flexibility, commitment, a sense of responsibility and ability to work in a team.

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 31.12.

Translations and authentication:

Only official authentication issued by a German public body can be accepted. All translations must be certified by 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 "MARMIC"

In order to assess applicants' particular aptitude for the chosen study program, a selection committee appointed by the department evaluates the application documents in accordance with the following criteria and subsequently allocates points to the applicants. Up to 100 points can be awarded. In order to be considered for a place of study, applicants must score at least 70 points.

- 0 - 80 points: Previous academic achievement and focal points of prior career path

The criteria for assessment are: The grade recorded on the Bachelor Certificate, or the grades achieved up to time of application, prior academic achievements in program-related subjects, attendance on advanced and other program-relevant courses, stays and studies in other countries.

- 0 - 10 points: Additional application documents: curriculum vitae and Letter of Motivation

The criteria for assessment are: Specific reference to the chosen study program, 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.

- 0 - 10 points: Letter(s) of Recommendation

The criteria for assessment are that the letter contains statements referring to the applicant's theoretical knowledge, practical skills, creativity, flexibility, commitment, a sense of responsibility and ability to work in a team.

Based on the number of points awarded, a ranking list of applicants is to be created. In accordance with the ranking list, a certain number of applicants (max. twice the number of places of study available each year) will be invited to take part in a written aptitude test and two interviews.

The interviews are to be conducted in accordance with the following criteria:

- Explanation of the reasons for choosing the study program in question,
- Subject-specific knowledge,
- Knowledge of methodology,
- Communication skills,
- Ability to work in international and interdisciplinary groups

The interviews are to be evaluated on the basis of the above criteria, whereby a maximum number of 20 points may be awarded for each of the criteria. Applicants can score a maximum number of 100 points.

In accordance with the average number of points scored in the written aptitude test and the two interviews, the selection committee is to compile a ranking list of the applicants.

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