



Economics M.Sc.

Application period: 15 February – 31 March (winter term)

Semester start: October 1st (winter term)

Language(s) of instruction: English

Introduction

Information about the admission requirements and the application process is available on the MSc Economics website:

www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ

Admission Requirements

University degree

Depending on the profile of the first degree, applicants shall apply in one of the following three application categories, which have different requirements:

- a) a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre'
- b) a degree in a related subject, with sufficient advanced training in Economics
- c) a mathematically oriented degree program (e.g., mathematics, business mathematics or statistics)

a) Applicants who have completed a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre' are considered to have sufficient economic background to apply to the program.

b) Applicants with advanced training in Economics (i.e., a degree with strong focus on Economics) must show sufficient training in advanced economic analysis. The Transcript of Records must document the following courses:

- two courses* in general economics, i.e. basic micro- and macroeconomics,
- three courses* on advanced topics in economics, of which at least one must cover predominantly theoretical and one predominantly applied issues
- three courses* in mathematics, statistics and econometrics, of which there is at least one in mathematics and one in statistics, or econometrics

*Each course must be equivalent in content and size to a two-hour lecture per week at the University of Hamburg. If you have more courses than required, you have to choose which courses you want to have considered in the selection process. Clearly identify the required courses at the STiNE-online application form and on your degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records.



Performance in the aforementioned mathematical courses may alternatively be substituted with a GRE revised General Test with at least 155 points on the quantitative section, or at least 700 points on a GRE Mathematics Subject Test.

c) Applicants with a mathematically oriented bachelor's degree program (e.g., mathematics, business mathematics or statistics) must show sufficient training in advanced mathematics. The Transcript of Records must document the following courses:

- Courses* on linear algebra and analysis
- Courses* on statistics or econometrics

Alternatively, a GRE revised General Test score of at least 155 points in the quantitative section, or a GRE Subject Test Mathematics score of at least 700 points may be submitted instead of the lectures to meet the requirement.

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English Language Proficiency Requirement

All applicants must provide proof of English language proficiency. Sufficient knowledge must be demonstrated as follows:

- TOEFL internet-based test (test date scores): at least 92 points with at least 22 points per skill (Listening, Writing, Speaking, Reading)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic: Overall Band Score with at least 6.5 (Good Competent User) with at least 6.0 per skill
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
- Cambridge Higher Business English Certificate (BEC)
- University degree program entirely taught in English (proven by a written confirmation from the university)

Test results remain valid for two years (counting back from the beginning of the application period on 15 February).



Recognition of transcripts for degree programs completed at foreign higher education institutions

If you obtained your first degree abroad, your certificate will be reviewed during the application procedure in the faculty of your program.

If your degree certificate is not in English or German, please include a copy of a certified English or German translation of the certificate with your application documents.

Application

Online Application

You will need to complete the online application available on Universität Hamburg's application portal during the application period: www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application. Please create a user account, enter your information online, upload the required documents to your online application and submit your application online.

The application procedure for the master program is an online procedure. This means that you do not need to submit any documents in paper form or via email to Universität Hamburg. Instead, you have to upload the documents. Selection is based on the information you provide online and the documents you upload.

If you want to submit an additional special application (e.g. hardship application), you will need to send this special application separately via the online application portal together with the required proofs as an upload by the application deadline. For more information on special applications, please see www.uni-hamburg.de/sonderantrag and www.uni-hamburg.de/info-master.

Documents to submit

For documents not issued in German or English, a certified translation is required.

- Degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records:

Please highlight the courses, which are mandatory for admission (see admission requirements). If you are still studying when you apply and cannot yet provide a final certificate containing your grades, please submit your current Transcript of Records confirming your provisional grade point average. You will then need to submit your degree certificate by the end of the first semester of your master's program.

Please make sure, that the grading scale of your first degree is available on your degree certificate or the current Transcript of Records. If the grading scale is not clear on these documents, please submit another proof of the grading scale of your first degree.



- Proof of English language skills:

Applicants who, at the time of their application, are not able to prove their English language skills as listed above, must provide a proof of their registration for the next possible test date (e.g. print out of the online registration). In this case, the deadline for late-submission of the test results will be postponed until 31 May. For late-submission, use this link:

www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/msc-econ/mailformeconlangcert.html

- GRE revised General Test or GRE Subject Test Mathematics test results (if applicable)
- Letter of motivation (500 words max., in English)
- At least one letter of recommendation from a university lecturer in your primary degree program. The lecturer must hold a PhD and must be full-time employed at an institute of higher education. Please note that we do not usually accept references from postdocs/research fellows. If in doubt, please contact application-econ.wiso@uni-hamburg.de. In general students upload the letters of recommendation as part of their application documents in StINE. Lecturers, who want to upload their letters confidentially, can submit it at our website:

www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/msc-econ/mailformeconreference.html

Selection criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places applicants will be selected according to a ranking based on the following criteria:

For applicants of category a):

- GPA/CGPA (50%)
- Letter of motivation (25%)
- Letter of recommendation (25%)

For applicants of category b):

- GPA/CGPA (25%)
- Grade average of required courses OR results of the GRE revised General Test or the GRE Subject Test Mathematics (25%)
- Letter of motivation (25%)
- Letter of recommendation (25%)

For applicants of category c):

- GPA/CGPA (25%)
- Grade average of required courses OR results of the GRE revised General Test or the GRE Subject Test Mathematics (25%)



- Letter of motivation (25%)
- Letter of recommendation (25%)

For details of the legal basis for this regulation, please see the Bylaws Regarding the Selection Procedure and Criteria for the Degree Programs in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences: www.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/studienorganisation/ordnungen-satzungen/auswahlsatzungen/auswahlsatzungen/wiso.html [German]

Admission and enrollment

Once your application has been reviewed, an acceptance or rejection letter will be made available in your STiNE account under the Dokumente (Documents) tab. Please see the information at www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application. An enrollment deadline will be indicated in your acceptance letter - please submit the documents required for enrollment by this date. The enrollment process is an online process. Detailed information about the enrollment process is provided at www.uni-hamburg.de/masterenrollment.

FAQ

For questions regarding the application process, please check the FAQ of MSc Economics: www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/master-econ/faq-msecon-inhalt.html

Contact

All Information about the program is available on the MSc Economics website: www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ

For queries regarding questions in the online application form please contact the Campus Center of Universität Hamburg: www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/beratung/info-beratung-online/kontaktformular-campus-center.html

If you have technical problems (e.g. your username or password, etc.) with the online application form, please contact the STiNE support: www.rz.uni-hamburg.de/en/beratung-und-kontakt/supportformulare/stine-supportformulare/bewerber.html

For all other questions regarding your application, please check the FAQ section and/or contact the MSc Economics application team: application-econ@wiso.uni-hamburg.de

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