



Economics M.Sc.

Application Information

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 your first degree, applicants shall apply in one of the following three application categories:

- a) a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre'
- b) a degree program that covers advanced knowledge in economics beyond basic principles, i.e. two lectures in general economics, three lectures on advanced topics in economics, and three lectures in mathematics, statistics and econometrics
- c) a mathematically oriented bachelor's degree program (e.g., mathematics, business mathematics or statistics)

You can apply even if you have not yet received your degree certificate. Please then submit your Transcript of Records by the application deadline on 31 March of each year. If you are admitted to the program, you must submit your degree certificate by the end of the first semester of your Master's program.

Graduate Records Examination (GRE) General Test

GRE General Test with a score of

- at least 151 points in the test category Verbal Reasoning,
- at least 155 points in the test category Quantitative Reasoning, and
- at least 3.5 points in the test category Analytical Writing.



The test results must be submitted by the application deadline. The GRE test results also demonstrate the English language skills required for the program.

For details of the legal basis for the admission requirements, please see the Bylaws Regarding the Special Conditions of Admission for Degree Programs in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences: <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/studienorganisation/ordnungen-satzungen/zugangsvoraussetzungen/wiso.html> (in German)

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 University of 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

- **Degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records**
 - For documents not issued in German or English, a certified translation is required.
 - If you are still studying when you apply and cannot yet provide a final certificate listing your grades, please submit your current Transcript of Records confirming your provisional grade point average (GPA). You will then need to submit your degree certificate by the end of the first semester of your master's program.



- For applicants with a degree from a university from outside Germany: Please make sure that the grading scale of your first degree is available on your degree certificate or the current Transcript of Records. If it is not clear from these documents, please submit another proof. The grading system must show the minimum passing grade and the highest possible grade.
- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test result**
- **Letter of motivation (500 words max., in English)**

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 (degree in Economics / 'Volkswirtschaftslehre'):

- GPA (40%)
- GRE General Test Category Verbal Reasoning (10%)
- GRE General Test Category Quantitative Reasoning (15%)
- GRE General Test Category Analytical Writing (10%)
- Letter of motivation (25%)

For applicants of category b (degree with advanced knowledge in economics):

- GPA (30%)
- GRE General Test Category Verbal Reasoning (10%)
- GRE General Test Category Quantitative Reasoning (25%)
- GRE General Test Category Analytical Writing (10%)
- Letter of motivation (25%)

For applicants of category c (degree in a mathematically oriented subject):

- GPA (30%)
- GRE General Test Category Verbal Reasoning (10%)
- GRE General Test Category Quantitative Reasoning (25%)
- GRE General Test Category Analytical Writing (10%)
- Letter of motivation (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 (in 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

FAQs

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.rrz.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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