



International Business and Sustainability (MIBAS) M.A.

Application Information

Application period: 15 February - 31 March (winter semester)

Semester start: October 1st (winter term)

Language(s) of instruction: English

Introduction

The MIBAS is an English taught, two-year degree program that prepares you for challenging positions in multinational companies, international organizations, labor unions, and academia. Those who achieve above-average grades on the program have the opportunity to continue their studies at doctoral level, the prerequisite for a career in academia.

Admission Requirements

University degree

One admission requirement is a first university degree in socioeconomics or an equivalent degree in social sciences, economics and business administration or law. Graduates from other degrees can be admitted.

Applicants must, at the time of the application, have achieved examination results amounting to

- at least 15 ECTS altogether from at least 4 of the following areas: business administration at an undergraduate level, accounting, financing, investment, marketing, management, controlling, HR, organization, information systems, production, taxation and
- at least 12 ECTS in research methods (quantitative methods and/or qualitative methods). You will be asked to indicate the relevant courses during the online application procedure.

Students who have not yet received their bachelor's certificate can apply for MIBAS. Please hand in a confirmation from the examination office / the academic office, which states that you are able to finish your studies until the beginning of the master's program.

Language skills

The following tests are accepted as proof of your English language skills:

- Revised TOEFL Paper-delivered Test: at least 22 points per skill (Reading, Listening, Writing)
- TOEFL internet-based test (test date scores): 92 points with at least 22 points per skill (Listening, Writing, Speaking, Reading)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic: Overall Band Score 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)

The test may not be more than 2 years old at the time of application. Applicants, who have not received their test results yet when applying, can hand in one of the accepted English language certificates later upon matriculation at Universität Hamburg. Please plan and prepare for your English examinations well before you apply.

Applicants do not need to prove German proficiency.

For details of the legal basis for this regulation, please see the admission bylaws for your chosen degree program: www.uni-hamburg.de/zugang-master

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

Applicants with a first university degree from outside of Germany need to have their foreign education certificates recognized in order to apply to MIBAS at Universität Hamburg. Before applying to MIBAS, you need to apply for the recognition of your degree. Information about applying for recognition is provided here: <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/bewerbung/international/studium-mit-abschluss/anerkennung-auslaendischer-schulbildung.html>

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

During the application process, you will be asked to upload the following documents in the online application form:

- Scan of the first degree certificate (if not yet available, a current transcript of records suffices)
- Transcript of records / official overview of grades including grade point average
- Proof of background knowledge in business administration and in research methods: e.g. your transcript proving at least 15 ECTS credits (or equivalent) in business administration and at least 12 ECTS credits (or equivalent) in research methods
- For applicants holding a degree from a university outside of Germany: recognition of your foreign educational qualification (<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-sozialoekonomie/studiengaenge/ma-mibas/bewerbung-mibas.html#8520422>)
- Written justification of your choice of degree. Please justify your choice of program based on the points listed on the program's website: <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-sozialoekonomie/studiengaenge/ma-mibas/bewerbung-mibas.html#8521232>
- Proof of English language skills
- Curriculum Vitae (CV), in English

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

Selection criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, a selection procedure will be necessary:

Applicants are divided into two groups:

- “Bildungsinländer”: Applicants without German citizenship who have obtained their higher education entrance qualification (e.g. Abitur) in Germany. Applicants with German citizenship are allocated to the group of ‘domestic students’ as well, regardless of the country of their higher education entrance qualification.
- “Bildungsausländer”: All non-German applicants who have obtained their higher education entrance qualification (e.g. USA: High School Diploma, Pakistan: Higher Secondary (School) Certificate, etc.) outside of Germany.

Each group is allocated 50% of the available places on the program. Applicants are ranked within their group according to the following criteria:

- Grade achieved in first degree (weighted 60%)



- Written justification of your choice of degree (weighted 40%, <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-sozialoekonomie/studiengaenge/ma-mibas/bewerbung-mibas.html#852123>)

The overall grade results from evaluation of both criteria. Places on the program are awarded according to the number of available places within each of these groups. Places not awarded within one group will be allocated to applicants from the other group.

For details of the legal basis for this regulation, please see the selection bylaws for your chosen master's program: www.uni-hamburg.de/auswahl-master

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. Detailed information about the enrollment process is provided at www.uni-hamburg.de/masterenrollment

FAQ

Most questions concerning the application process are answered in the FAQ-Section on the program website: <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-sozialoekonomie/studiengaenge/ma-mibas/bewerbung-mibas/faq.html>

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