

## MA International Business and Sustainability

Application information

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

**Semester start:** 1 October (winter semester)

**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

Proof of 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 if they can prove sufficient expertise in business administration.

In order to demonstrate sufficient expertise in business administration, applicants who did not specialize in this field must be able to provide proof of successfully completed examinations accounting for at least 12 ECTS altogether from at least four of the following areas: business administration at an undergraduate level, accounting, financing, investment, marketing, management, controlling, HR, organization, information systems, production, taxation.

If you have not received your degree certificate yet, you can submit this by the end of the first semester of your master's program.

### Additional special admission requirements

#### Language skills

When enrolling at our University, all prospective students must submit proof of adequate English proficiency. The following tests are accepted as proof of your English language skills:

- a university degree in an academic study program taught in English

- Revised TOEFL Paper-delivered Test: at least 22 points per skill (Reading, Listening, Writing)
- TOEFL internet-based test: 92 points with at least 22 points per skill (listening, writing, speaking, reading)
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): Results A, B, C
- proof of at least five subsequent years of English lessons at a German school,
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academics: Band 6,5, Good Competent User, with at least 6,0 per skill,
- proof of English proficiency with the Level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) from a recognized institution
- TOEIC is not accepted

Acceptance of other than the above mentioned language certificates remains subject to approval by the admissions board.

Applicants who haven't received their test results before the application deadline can hand in one of the a.m. accepted English language certificates upon enrolment at Universität Hamburg.

Please plan and prepare for your English examinations well before you apply.

A German language certificate is not needed, as the MA MIBAS is taught in English

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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/zugang-master)

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

If you completed your bachelor's degree at a foreign university, you will need to apply to uni-assist for preliminary review of your certificate or Transcript of Records, regardless of your nationality. Universität Hamburg makes an application form available and explains the recognition procedure online: [www.uni-hamburg.de/vpd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/vpd)

uni-assist needs around four weeks to review documents and processes applications in the order in which they were received. **We therefore urgently recommend that you submit your documents to uni-assist as soon as possible!** Fees apply for review of your documents. Please note that uni-assist will only begin reviewing documents when this fee has been paid.

## Application

### Online application with upload of documents

You will need to complete the online application available on Universität Hamburg's application portal during the application period: [www.uni-hamburg.de/online-bewerbung](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/online-bewerbung)

Please create a user account, enter your information online, upload the required documents to your online application and submit your application electronically.

The application procedure for the master's program in International Business and Sustainability is an online procedure. This means that you do not need to submit any documents in paper form to Universität Hamburg. Instead, you have to upload them (see below). Selection is based on the information you provide online and the documents you upload online. If you are admitted to enrollment, you will need to submit documents in paper form to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) confirming the information you provide in your online application. Please note that the offer of admission may be withdrawn otherwise.

### Documents to upload

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

- **Degree certificates, including a Transcript of Records (or equivalent)**  
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.
- In case of **foreign education qualification**: [preliminary review documentation](#) (VPD) from uni-assist.
- **Written justification** of your choice of degree: Please justify your choice of program based on the points listed on the [program's website](#).
- Proof of **English language skills**.  
A paper copy of this proof must be provided for enrollment.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) (in English)

## 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 with 60%)
- [Written justification](https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-sozialoekonomie/studiengaenge/ma-mibas/bewerbung-mibas.html#8521232) of your choice of degree (Hyperlink: <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-sozialoekonomie/studiengaenge/ma-mibas/bewerbung-mibas.html#8521232>)

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](http://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 on applying online for a master’s program for details of when this will become available: [www.uni-hamburg.de/international-master](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/international-master). An enrollment deadline will be indicated in your acceptance letter—please submit the documents required for enrollment to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) by this date. Please submit certified copies of all documents—see [www.uni-hamburg.de/beglaubigung](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/beglaubigung) for details.

## **FAQs**

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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