

Wood Science (Master of Science)

Application information

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

Semester start: 1 October (winter semester)

Language(s) of instruction: English

Admission requirements (List of all admission requirements as per the current admission bylaws)

University degree

1. a bachelor's degree in Bio-Resource Management or Wood Science from the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences at Universität Hamburg, or
2. Any other bachelor's degree, that provided at least 75 ECTS credits equivalent to the curriculum of the Bachelor of Science Bio-Resource Management.

In special cases, an admission other than specified in no. 1 or no. 2 is possible if one Bachelor's degree is available and additionally special degree program related achievements (eg relevant internships, work experience or work results) can be provided. The admission can be provided with individual requirements. The admission in special cases will be made by the selection committee of the master program.

Additional special admission requirements

Applicants must have adequate English language skills. Adequate language proficiency may be demonstrated as follows:

- a) CEFR/TELC B2 (English instruction at a state school in Germany for seven years is equivalent)
- b) IELTS 5.0
- c) TOEFL (IBT 80, PBT 500, CBT 170)
- d) Cambridge FCE, CAE, or CPE
- e) Degree from an English language bachelor degree program
- f) University entrance certificate in English
- g) Verified stay in a foreign, English speaking country for at least 1 year

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

If you obtained your first degree abroad, your certificate will be reviewed during the application procedure in the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences.

If your degree certificate is not in English or German, please include a certified English or German translation of this together 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-bewerbung Please create a user account, enter your information online, and submit your application electronically.

You will then need to print out your online application and submit it together with the following documents to the application address indicated below.

Documents to submit

Please submit uncertified copies of all documents. For documents not issued in English or German, a certified English or German translation is required.

- **Signed printout of your online application**
- **Degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records**
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.
- **Optional:** Please list all further program-specific documents (e.g., module descriptions, TM-BASE cognitive test, etc.).
- **Optional:** higher education entrance eligibility (e.g., *Abitur*, preliminary review documentation (VPD) from uni-assist, master craftsperson qualification, etc.) as required
- **Optional:** If proof of foreign language proficiency is required, please indicate that a paper copy of this proof must be provided.

Application address

Universität Hamburg
Institute for Plant Science and Microbiology
Academic Office Biology
Dr. Markus Brändel
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Germany

Please note that your application can only be considered if your complete application documents reach the **application address** by the application deadline. The date on which your application is received and not the postmark is decisive! This deadline is final; no extensions can be granted.

Please bind (staple) all supporting documents required for your application or ensure that loose pages are otherwise bound. The printout of your online application should be the top page. Do not use paper clips, folders, or transparent sleeves.

If you want to submit an **additional special application** (e.g., hardship application), you will need to send this directly to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) together with the required proof separately from the application documents indicated above by the application deadline. For more information on special applications, please see www.uni-hamburg.de/sonderantrag and www.uni-hamburg.de/info-master.

Selection criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, a selection procedure will be necessary: then student selection shall be made as follows:

- a) Results of the first higher education degree
- b) participation in an academic exchange program (eg Erasmus, DAAD),
- c) the professional experience in a field relevant to the course of study, as a rule evidenced by a completed vocational training (master's degree, eg carpenter, carpenter, woodworking mechanic, timber merchant),
- d) the completion of a subject-specific internship in an area attributable to the industry (examples: carpentry, carpentry, timber trade, forestry) for a period of at least two months,
- e) the completion of a stay abroad or several stays abroad (at least 2 months each) with proven experience in the professional environment of M. Sc. Wood Science or in academic institutions with a related content to the degree program,
- f) the submission of a justification of the study request, in particular with regard to the interest in a scientific further education (letter of motivation),
- g) being a selected student representative on the Student Council or other university body,

h) Tasks of at least 20 credits from the bachelor's degree program in Bio-Resource Management or equivalent study credits from other study programs, which are in addition to the 75 credits relevant for admission.

Lit. b) to g) will improve the higher education degree by 0.1, provided that under lit. h) is met, this improves the grade by 0,1 per additional 20 credit points. The ranking is based on the final score calculated from this.

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Admission and enrolment

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. An enrolment deadline will be indicated in your acceptance letter—please submit the documents required for enrolment 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 for details.

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