Wood Science M.Sc.

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

**Semester start**: October 1st (winter term)

**Language(s) of instruction**: English

**Admission Requirements**

**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 (e.g. 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:

- CEFR/TELC B2 (English instruction at a state school in Germany for seven years is equivalent)
- IELTS 5.0
- TOEFL (IBT 80, PBT 500, CBT 170)
- Cambridge FCE, CAE, or CPE
- Degree from an English language bachelor degree program
- University entrance certificate in English
- 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 your program.
If your degree certificate is not in English or German, please include a copy of 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-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
Please submit all documents via the online application form. For documents not issued in English or German, a certified English or German translation is required.

Make pdf-files of the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae (recommended, not mandatory)

2. 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.

3. English language certificate.

4. If applicable - Proof of additional qualification, see selection criteria b to h below.

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 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.

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