

## **Information for Applicants for the Master's Program "Marine Biology"**

Please note that the information contained herein is intended only as a general orientation for applicants. Applications and admission to the Master program is subject solely to the regulations governing admission to the respective degree course. These regulations can be accessed under [www.uni-bremen.de/master](http://www.uni-bremen.de/master). For legal reasons, the regulations governing admissions are only available in the German language.

### **General Information:**

Official commencement of studies: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Language of delivery: English

Deadline for receipt of applications: The closing date for applications is April 30<sup>th</sup> (The deadline for EMBC+ applicants is different. Please consult [www.embcplus.org](http://www.embcplus.org)).

**Before submitting your application, please consult the homepage of the respective department and study the information on your chosen field of study:**

<http://www.marbiol.uni-bremen.de/en/mscmarbiol>.

### **Application procedure:**

Applications must be submitted online, prior to the closing date and together with all necessary admission requirements (see below).

For online applications for Master's programs at the University of Bremen go to:

<https://movein-uni-bremen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php?language=en>.

Once your application has been submitted online, it is **not** necessary to submit any paper documents to the University of Bremen. You will only be requested to submit paper documents if your application is successful. In this case you will be sent a Confirmation of Enrollment together with a request to submit (either by surface mail or by hand) any further paper documents that may be necessary.

### **Admission requirements:**

- Evidence of having obtained a prior academic degree (e. g. a Bachelor degree with 180 ECTS or equivalent) in Biology, Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Oceanography, or another degree in an appropriately related field of study. In the event that you may not have qualified for a first degree before the closing date for applications, you may still submit your application: In this case, you must provide evidence that you have already obtained a minimum of 135 ECTS (or equivalent).
- A minimum overall grade of 2.5 in for previous degree course at time of application.
- Competence in the English language at a level of C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This does not apply to applicants who obtained their university entrance qualification or prior academic degree in the English language.
- A Letter of Motivation stating reasons why you have chosen to study on the Master's Program "Marine Biology".
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form.
- If applicable, evidence of professional or other experience related to the field of study.

*The following documents may be submitted at a later date:*

In the event your application is successful, documentary evidence of language competence in accordance with the admission requirements listed above and evidence of having acquired a prior academic degree may be submitted up to two weeks before the official commencement of studies. The precise deadline will be notified in the Confirmation of Enrollment.

The Degree Certificate evidencing prior academic studies may be submitted up to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Translations and authentication:**

Only official authentication issued by a German public body can be accepted. All translations must be certified by an officially certified translation agency in Germany or an EU member state or a German consulate.

**Award of study places:**

The number of study places available may be restricted from year to year: restricted admission. All Master programs with restricted admission in force are marked "Z" in the Master Portal [www.uni-bremen.de/en/master](http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/master).

In the absence of "Z", all applicants who fulfill the Admission Requirements can be admitted to studies and are considered to be suitably qualified by the selection board of the respective field of study.

**Admission procedure:**

In the event of restricted admission, the selection board will create a ranking list according to the following criteria and respective weightings. Up to 100 points may be awarded:

- Up to 40 points: Either overall grade of previous degree, or average grade achieved up to time of application (min. 135 CP). The points are allocated in accordance with ranking list of applicants drawn up on the basis of their grades.
- Up to 40 points: Related subjects dealing with marine biology, ecology, or Physiology studied on previous degree course, and/or related professional or other experience.
- Up to 20 points: Letter of Motivation stating reasons for interest in the program. The assessment criteria are specific reference to the program "Marine Biology", clear presentation of personal qualifications and goals, in particular in respect of connection between choice of program and career expectations, as well as congruence of motivation with the program focus.

**Further information in respect of application procedure, language competence, authentication, ECTS, "Semesterbeitrag" (semester "contribution") and more can be accessed under <http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/masterportal/fags.html>.**