



Economics M.Sc.

Application Information

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

Semester start: October 1st (winter term)

Language(s) of instruction: English

Introduction

Information about the admission requirements and the application process can be found at:

www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ

Admission Requirements

University degree

Depending on the profile of your primary degree, i.e. your previous higher education, there are three application categories with its respective admission requirements:

- a) a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre'
- b) a degree in a related subject, with sufficient advanced training in Economics
- c) a degree in Mathematics, Mathematical Economics, Statistics or the equivalent

a) Applicants who have completed a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre' are considered to have sufficient economic background to apply to the program.

b) Applicants with advanced training in Economics (i.e., a degree with strong focus on Economics) must show you have sufficient training in advanced economic analysis. Your transcript of records must document the following types of courses:

- two lectures* in general economics, i.e. basic micro- and macroeconomics,
- three lectures* on advanced topics in economics, of which at least one must cover predominantly theoretical and one predominantly applied issues
- three lectures* in mathematics, statistics and econometrics, of which there is at least one in mathematics and one in statistics, or econometrics

In lieu of the three lectures in mathematics, statistics and econometrics, a GRE revised General Test with at least 155 points in the quantitative section, or a GRE Subject Test Mathematics with a score of at least 700 points will fulfill the requirement.

If you have more courses than required (for each area) choose which courses you want to have



considered in the selection process. Clearly identify the required lectures on your transcript.

* A lecture must consist of at least 2 hours per week over the course of one semester.

c) Applicants with a degree in mathematics, econometrics, statistics, or the equivalent.

If you have completed a degree in one of these fields, you must show sufficient training in advanced mathematics to be admitted. This means your transcript of records must document the following types of courses:

- Lectures* on Linear Algebra and Analysis
- Lectures* on Statistics or Lectures* on Econometrics

Alternatively, a GRE revised General Test score of at least 155 points in the quantitative section, or a GRE Subject Test Mathematics score of at least 700 points may be submitted instead of the lectures to meet the requirement.

* A lecture must consist of at least 2 hours per week over the course of one semester.

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.

English Language Proficiency Requirement

Because the master's program is conducted in English, all applicants must provide proof of English language proficiency. Please submit your scores on one of the following English language tests:

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

For details on the legal basis of 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

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

- **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.

Please make sure, that the grading scale of your primary degree is available on your degree certificate or the current transcript of records. If the grading scale is not clear on these documents, please submit another proof of the grading scale of your primary degree.

- **Proof of English language skills:**

Applicants who, at the time of their application, are not able to prove their English language skills as listed above, must provide a proof of their registration for the next possible test date (e.g. print out of the online registration). In this case, the deadline for late-submission of the test results will be postponed until **May 31**. For late-submission, use this link:



<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/msc-econ/mailformeconlangcert.html>

- GRE Mathematics test results (if applicable)
- **Letter of motivation** (500 words max., in English)
- **At least one letter of recommendation from a university lecturer in your primary degree program.** The lecturer must hold a PhD and must be full-time employed at an institute of higher education. Please note that we do not usually accept references from postdocs/research fellows. If in doubt, please contact application-econ.wiso@uni-hamburg.de. There are two possible ways to submit the letters of recommendation. Either students upload the letters of recommendation as part of their application documents or lecturers upload their letters confidentially at our website. Therefore, please use this link:
<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/msc-econ/mailformeconreference.html>
- Chinese applicants are welcome to provide an APS Certificate as part of their application documents.

Selection criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, a selection will be made on the basis of ranking. Candidates who meet the formal requirements for admission will be ranked according to the following criteria:

For applicants of category a):

- GPA/CGPA (50%)
- Letter of motivation and letter of recommendation (50%)

For applicants of category b):

- GPA/CGPA (25%)
- Grade average of required courses OR results of the GRE revised General Test or the GRE Subject Test Mathematics (25%)
- Letter of motivation and letter of recommendation (50%)

For applicants of category c):

- GPA/CGPA (25%)
- Grade average of required courses OR results of the GRE revised General Test or the GRE Subject Test Mathematics (25%)
- Letter of motivation and letter of recommendation (50%)



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

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

FAQs

Please check the FAQ of MSc Economics if any question about your applications occurs: <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/master-econ/faq-msecon-inhalt.html>

Please also have a look at the FAQ of Universität Hamburg and the Academic Office's FAQ section, if you want to get a glance about the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students, their studies and exams:

<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/intern/2020/0131-corona-faq.html>
<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/service/faq-coronavirus.html>

Contact

Visit the program's website at: www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ

For queries regarding questions in the online application form please contact the Campus Center of Universität Hamburg: <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/beratung/info-beratung-online/kontaktformular-campus-center.html>

If you have technical problems (e.g. your username or password, etc.) with the online application form, please contact the STiNE support: <https://www.rz.uni-hamburg.de/beratung-und-kontakt/supportformulare/stine-supportformulare/bewerber.htm>

For any other queries regarding your application, the application documents, the upload of your documents, the selection process, the study program, etc. which are not answered on this website (also check the FAQ section), please contact application-econ@wiso.uni-hamburg.de

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