

## **-Master of Science (MSc) Economics-**

### Application information

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

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

**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](http://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) Applicants with a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre'
- b) Applicants with a degree which includes advanced training in Economics
- c) Applicants with a degree in Mathematics, Econometrics, Statistics or equivalent

Applicants with a) a degree in Economics or 'Volkswirtschaftslehre' may continue to 'Additional special admission requirements'

Applicants with b) advanced training in Economics (degree with strong focus on Economics) must have sufficient training in advanced economic analysis.

Your transcript of records must document the following type 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

The lectures in mathematics, statistics and econometrics may be substituted with a GRE revised General Test with at least 155 points in the quantitative section, or with a GRE Subject Test Mathematics of at least 700 points.

Clearly identify the above listed lectures on the copy of your transcript. If you have more courses than required (for each area) choose which courses you want to have included into the selection process.

\* A lecture should comprise of at least 2 hours per week over the course of one semester.

Applicants with c) a degree in Mathematics, Economathematics, Statistics or equivalent

If you have completed a degree in mathematics, economathematics, statistics or neighboring fields, you must fulfill the following requirements to be admitted:

- Sufficient training in advanced mathematics

Your transcript of records must document the following type of courses:

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

The lectures may be substituted with a GRE revised General Test with at least 155 points in the quantitative section, or with a GRE Subject Test Mathematics of at least 700 points.

\* A lecture should comprise 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.

### **Additional special admission requirements**

All applicants must provide one of the following English language skills:

- English language tests:
  - o TOEFL paper- and pencil test: 22 points per skill
  - o TOEFL internet-based test: 92 points with at least 22 points per skill (Listening, Writing, Speaking, Reading)
  - o International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - Academics: Band 6,5, Good Competent User, with at least 6,0 per skill
  - o Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): Results A, B, C
  - o Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): Results A, B, C
  - o Cambridge Higher Business English Certificate (BEC): Results A, B, C

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)

### **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-application](http://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 electronically.

The application procedure for the master's program in Economics 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 copy 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.
- 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**.
- Up-to-date Transcript of records
- 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.
- 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 procedure will be necessary:

Candidates who fulfill the formal requirements for admission will be ranked. The ranking is based on 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 General/Mathematics test (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 General/Mathematics test (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: [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 at [www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application). 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.

Detailed information about the enrollment process is provided at [www.uni-hamburg.de/masterenrollment](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/masterenrollment)

More helpful information about the online applications to the master's programs can be found at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/bewerbung](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/bewerbung) and [www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienorganisation/formulare-informationsmerkblaetter/informationsmerkblaetter](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienorganisation/formulare-informationsmerkblaetter/informationsmerkblaetter)

## FAQs

On the following website you can find the Frequently Asked Questions about the application and selection procedure:

[www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/master-econ/faq-msecon-inhalt](http://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/master-econ/faq-msecon-inhalt)

On the following website you can find the Frequently Asked Questions about the impact of the corona pandemic on your studies and exams:

[www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/service/faq-coronavirus.html](http://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/service/faq-coronavirus.html)

[www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/intern/2020/0323-auswirkungen-studierende.html](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/newsroom/intern/2020/0323-auswirkungen-studierende.html)

## Contact

Visit the program's website at: [www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ](http://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ)

For queries regarding questions in the online application form please contact the Campus-Center of Universität Hamburg: [www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/beratung/info-beratung-online/kontaktformular-campus-center.html](http://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://support.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/bewerbung/>

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](mailto:application-econ@wiso.uni-hamburg.de).

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