



Politics, Economics, Philosophy 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-pep

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed a first university degree (e.g., Bachelor degree or equivalent of at least 180 ECTS) in one of the following fields of study:

- Political Science
- Economics
- Philosophy

Applicants must demonstrate that at least 60% or its ECTS equivalent (108 ECTS out of 180 ECTS) of their first university degree is in one of the above named fields of study. Applicants with a first degree in PPE (or similar) should consult the FAQs (see Questions Regarding Admissions Requirements).

Applicants with a first university degree in economics must provide evidence of the successful completion of the following courses:

- mathematics, statistics and econometrics with an equivalent of at least 15 ECTS,
- advanced courses in economics with an equivalent of at least 24 ECTS.

Applicants with a first university degree in political science must demonstrate the successful completion of at least 12 ECTS in courses pertaining to the methods of empirical research in social science/political science.

Applicants with a first university degree in philosophy must demonstrate the successful completion of at least 8 ECTS in formal methods (e.g., logic and argumentation theory, decision theory, mathematics).



In the event that at the time of submission of your application you have not received your degree certificate, you will have to submit this by the end of the first semester of your studies in the M.Sc. PEP 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 copy of the translation is required.

- **Degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records:**

Please highlight the courses, which are mandatory for admission (see Admission requirements). 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 **31 May**. For late submission, use this link:

<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/msc-pep/mailformpep-language.html>

- **Letter of motivation** (500 words max., in English):

- **Two letters 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-pep.wiso@uni-hamburg.de. Under the following link we provide a reference form the lecturers may use. 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-pep/mailformpep-referee.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 procedure will be necessary. Applicants will be selected according to a ranking based on the following criteria:

- Final or current GPA of your first degree: 50%
- Letter of motivation: 20%
- Letters of references: 20%
- Proficiency in the respective two other disciplines of the program (proven through ToR), i.e. proficiency in economics and/or philosophy, if your first degree is in politics; proficiency in economics and/or politics, if your first degree is in philosophy; proficiency in philosophy and/or politics, if your first degree is in economics: 10%

For details on the legal basis of this regulation, please see the selection bylaws for your chosen master's program: 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. 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 Politics, Economics and Philosophy if any question about your applications occurs:

<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/studienbuero-volkswirtschaftslehre/studiengaenge/master-pep/faq-mscpep-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>



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Visit the program's website at:

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

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.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/beratung-und-kontakt/supportformulare/stine-supportformulare/bewerber.html>

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-pep@wiso.uni-hamburg.de

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