

MSc in Environmental Sciences Academic Year 2021/22

The English taught Master of Science in Environmental Sciences at the University of Vienna combines studies in natural sciences, especially earth sciences and biology. The number of students attaining this master programme is limited to 40 per year. Applicants of the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences are subject to the following admission procedure in three stages. Applicants whose material receives a positive evaluation in the first two stages will be invited to an examination in the third stage.

1. Examination of formal pre-study requirements (bachelor degree or equivalent degree in earth sciences, biology, chemistry, physical geography, physics, or other environmental, natural or engineering sciences).
2. Examination of formal requirements in English proficiency for non-native speakers.
3. Written or oral examination of the subject-specific competences of the candidate students. The examination serves to review carefully the applicant's knowledge of her/his methodological background, and academic preparation.

Application period: March 1st 2021 until May 3rd 2021

The deadline refers to the receipt of the electronic copy of the complete application.

Required steps

Application procedure using u:space

The portal for (prospective) students of the University of Vienna is u:space. It allows you to apply for the Master in Environmental Sciences for the upcoming academic year, during the application period.



New students need to register in u:space first and then use the portal for their application.

Already registered students at the University of Vienna log in to u:space with your existing password and apply for the Master in Environmental Sciences.

Required documents

The applicants are required to submit the following copies of documents in English or German translation, if appropriate. Details concerning the potentially necessary translation, legalisation or notarisation of documents can be found on the website of the Admission Office (<https://studieren.univie.ac.at/en/admission/legalisation/>).

1. Detailed tabular Curriculum Vitae in English.
2. Bachelor's or equivalent degree in an appropriate field as well as Diploma Supplement or Transcript of Records or Consolidated Grade Record of any previous university studies. Appropriate fields of study include the following: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, physical geography, physics, or other environmental, natural or engineering sciences. Alternatively, a letter of reference by your current institution stating that you will receive your bachelor degree latest by September 30th, 2021.

3. Proof of English proficiency:

- Proof of successful completion of a degree program, in which English was the language of instruction
- TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language): at least 87 points
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) overall band score: 6.5
- Cambridge B2 First, formerly known as Cambridge English: First (FCE): A, B or C (at least 160 points)
- Cambridge C1 Advanced; formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE): proof of level B2
- Language Centre of the University of Vienna: score B2/3 or proof of level B2

4. Statement of purpose and motivation in English (see below).

5. Copy of your passport or identity card.

***Please note:** The University of Vienna grants no financial support of any kind to the students of Environmental Sciences. Living costs in the city of Vienna are approx. € 1000 per month.*

Statement of purpose

The statement of purpose should be one A4 page in length (500 - 700 words in length, 12 pt., Times New Roman/Arial, single-spaced) and address the following questions in clearly separated sections:

- What is your personal motivation to apply for this programme?
- In which ways do you think your prior experiences, qualifications, and skills will support your studies in this domain?
- Having looked at the past and present research activities and foci of Environmental Sciences at the University of Vienna, which questions relate most to your own current research interests?

The document must be written in English, page numbered, and in A4 format. The name of the applicant as well as the word count of the document must be included in the document header.

Procedure

- In case your application documents are formally incomplete, you will be notified by the Admission Office to supply additional documentation or legalisations.
- In case your documents are formally complete, an assessment committee will make a decision based on your application material.

Start of the academic year: 1st of October

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