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Master's degree

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Overview

Degree
Master of Science (MSc)

In cooperation with
The two-year Master's course builds on the expertise of five European universities: University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Life Sciences, Copenhagen; Bangor University, School of the Environment and Natural Resources, Bangor; Technische Universität Dresden, Fakultät für Umweltwissenschaften, Tharandt; University of Padova, TESAF Department, School of Agriculture, Padua; AgroParisTech, Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences, Montpellier

Teaching language
English

Languages
The language of all courses and course assignments is English.

Programme duration
4 semesters

Beginning
Winter semester

More information on beginning of studies
October, annually

Application deadline
With DAAD scholarship: 31 October one year prior to the planned start (to TU Dresden)
With individual funding: 31 May (non-EU citizens), 15 July (EU citizens) for a programme start in the same year

Tuition fees per semester in EUR
None

Combined Master's degree / PhD programme
No

Joint degree / double degree programme
Yes

Description/content
Huge challenges exist in contemporary tropical forestry which need to be tackled by well-trained professionals. Pursuing this approach, the four-semester study programme Tropical Forestry places its focus on socioeconomics and qualifies graduates in managing natural forests, forest plantations, and urban tree resources in tropical and subtropical regions. The acquired expertise provides wide career prospects in a local, national and international context. MSc graduates operate especially as change agents, developing forest management and rural regions towards sustainability under economic, social and ecological aspects. Subjects of global concern such as climate change, adaptation and mitigation, land grabbing or demographic aspects of rural development complement the course.

Students will attend modularised studies in the following:
### Course Details

#### Course organisation
Well-balanced between knowledge transfer and its practical application, the MSc programme comprises two profiles: 1) Tropical Forestry and Management and 2) Sustainable Tropical Forestry (SUTROFOR). Both include lectures, seminars, practice, case studies, group work, and excursions adapted to the respective alignment. Additionally, the profile Sustainable Tropical Forestry contains e-learning modules, a summer school in a tropical country, and includes a two-semester study period at one of our European partner universities: the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), Bangor University (UK), AgroParis Tech in Montpellier (France), or the University of Padova (Italy). The last semester of both profiles is reserved for the Master’s thesis, during which field work is conducted in a tropical or subtropical country. The Master’s programme is organised entirely in English in order to facilitate access for international undergraduates.

The SUTROFOR double degree: two national MSc degrees – an MSc degree from both the first-year institution and the second-year institution

#### Types of assessment
- Written and oral exams, papers/reports on seminar topics, projects

#### A Diploma supplement will be issued
- Yes

#### International elements
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)

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#### Integrated internships
- None

#### Special promotion / funding of the programme
- DAAD development-related postgraduate course

#### Course-specific, integrated German language courses
- Yes
Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR
None

Semester contribution
Currently, students pay 285 EUR per semester (i.e. for six months). This includes a ticket for public transport in Dresden (bus, tram, ferry, "S-Bahn" suburban train) and regional trains in the Federal State of Saxony. Additionally, students can use a bike rental service all over the city for free for one hour. The contribution also assures concessions in the university cafeterias and offers benefits (e.g. price reductions) for many cultural and leisure activities in Dresden.

Costs of living
Dresden offers high quality of living for very moderate costs. Currently, students should expect to pay around 700 EUR per month including rent, food, insurance, and basic expenses. This figure is relatively low compared to other big German cities.

Funding opportunities within the university
No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements
BSc or equivalent degree in forestry, agriculture, environmental sciences, or any other related field. Students interested in undertaking this Master’s course without any undergraduate studies in forestry-related fields must explain their motivation towards tropical forestry.
Each applicant has to submit a CV, letter of motivation, university degree certificate and academic transcripts and a proof of English proficiency, e.g., with an English language certificate.


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### Services

**Accommodation**

It is quite easy to find accommodation in Dresden. Accommodation is available either via the "Studentenwerk Dresden" or on the private market. Monthly rent for a single room in a student residence is approx. 250 EUR.

Private housing can be found online. We recommend that students move into a hall of residence at the beginning of their stay in Dresden. Subsequently, they can find a place on the private market or in a shared apartment, known as a "Wohngemeinschaft" in German.

**Career advisory service**

TU Dresden's Career Service offers plenty of opportunities to prepare for the job market with general and job specific workshops, career fairs and one-on-one counselling, with a special adviser for international students and their specific problems and questions about the German job market.

**Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Tutors
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