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# Master's degree



## Tropical Forestry

Dresden University of Technology • Tharandt

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science (MSc)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The language of all courses and course assignments is English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<a href="https://tu-dresden.de/bu/umwelt/forst/studium/studiengaenge-der-fachrichtung-forstwissenschaften/master-studiengang-tropical-forestry-and-management">https://tu-dresden.de/bu/umwelt/forst/studium/studiengaenge-der-fachrichtung-forstwissenschaften/master-studiengang-tropical-forestry-and-management</a>
Application deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>With DAAD scholarship: 31 October one year prior to the planned start (to TU Dresden)</li><li>With individual funding: 31 May (non-EU citizens), 15 July (EU citizens) for a programme start in the same year</li></ul>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>In the first two semesters, the course contents are structured with subject-specific modules. In the third semester, the planning and management modules are integrating the specific subject knowledge in a synergetic and holistic way. Specific contents are climate and ecology, including functions and performances of ecosystems; forest-related development policy and forest culture by the aid of models and instruments of rural development; assessment, growth and evaluation of forest resources; forest utilisation based on specific parameters, harvest, transport, storage, processing and marketing of timber and non-timber forest products, economic aspects and management of forest resources, forms and models of natural resource management organisations, management systems and cooperation models and their analysis; integrated management of vegetation, soil and water in catchment areas; silviculture and conservation of biodiversity in natural forests; silviculture and forest protection in plantation forests as well as agroforestry; urban and peri-urban tree and forest management in various contexts; computer based modelling; and communication and conflict management.</p>

Delivered course content focuses on forest management strategies for both natural forest and forest plantations in the tropics; spatial and temporal coordination of diverse management strategies and land use management as well as theoretical and methodical knowledge of planning at project and landscape scale; and planning scientific work and research, including publishing. In addition to lectures, [excursions](#) take place.

## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>A good balance between knowledge transfer and its practical application characterises the MSc programme in Tropical Forestry. It includes lectures, seminars, practice, case studies, group work, and excursions adapted to the respective alignment. The AGEP (German Association of Postgraduate Programmes with Special Relevance to Developing Countries) network offers additional cross-university e-learning modules. The last semester is reserved for the Master's thesis, during which fieldwork is conducted in a tropical or subtropical country. The Master's programme is organised entirely in English in order to enable access to international undergraduates.</p> <p><a href="#">» PDF Download</a></p>
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International guest lecturers</li></ul>
<b>Description of other international elements</b>	<p>The Master's programme is development-oriented and internationally staged, and it primarily addresses students from countries of the tropics and subtropics. Corresponding to the professional perspectives, importance is attached to the increasing participation of students from Germany and other European countries.</p>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	None
<b>Special promotion / funding of the programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DAAD development-related postgraduate course</li></ul>
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	Yes
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	<p>Currently, students pay approx. 290 EUR per semester (i.e. for six months). This includes the Deutschland-Ticket, a ticket for most local public transport (bus, tram, ferry, S-Bahn) and regional trains in all of Germany incl. Dresden. Students can also use a bike rental service all over the city of Dresden for free for 30 minutes. The contribution also assures concessions in the university cafeterias and offers benefits (e.g. price reductions) for many cultural and leisure activities.</p>

**Costs of living** Dresden offers high quality of living at very moderate costs. Currently, students should expect to pay around 850 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** Yes

**Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university** Information on scholarships and funding for students is summarised on a [dedicated web page of the TU Dresden](#).

## Requirements / Registration

**Academic admission requirements** Applicants must hold a university degree certificate (at least BSc or an equivalent degree) in forestry, or in a related field like agriculture, horticulture, land use, or regional planning, geography, water management/hydrology, biology, ecology, regional development, or governance of natural resources.

Please provide the following documents in addition to the application documents:

- Research concept note (of two pages, for a possible Master's thesis topic – including a problem statement, research objectives, methodology, timetable, bibliography listing all cited publications)
- For a detailed description of application requirements, please refer to: <https://tu-dresden.de/bu/umwelt/forst/studium/studiengaenge-der-fachrichtung-forstwissenschaften/master-studiengang-tropical-forestry-and-management>.

**Language requirements** If English is not your native language, you must provide us with a certificate of English language proficiency. We accept:

- TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 80 for the Internet-based test (iBT 80), 550 for the paper-based test (PBT), 213 for the computer-based test (CBT) or
- IELTS certificate with minimum overall band score of 6.0 or
- A **certificate of English language as medium of instruction** during your Bachelor's education can be provided. This certificate must be issued by your previous university duly signed and stamped with official seal.

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**Submit application to** <https://tu-dresden.de/bu/umwelt/forst/studium/studiengaenge-der-fachrichtung-forstwissenschaften/master-studiengang-tropical-forestry-and-management/termine>

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment** In order to top up their budget, some students may want to look for temporary work in Dresden. If so, different regulations apply for students from EU member states, countries of the European

Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland, and students from outside the European Union and the EEA area. In addition, restrictions on the duration of employment may apply. Professors, lecturers and group leaders involved in the Master's programme may offer students the possibility of working as academic assistants. However, living expenses can be financed only partially through a job as an academic assistant.

#### Accommodation

It is still relatively easy to find affordable accommodation in Dresden. Accommodation is available either via the "Studentenwerk Dresden" or on the private market. Rent for a single room in a student residence is approx. 250 EUR per month.

Private housing can be found online. We recommend that you move into a hall of residence at the beginning of your stay in Dresden. Subsequently, you can look for a place on the private market or in a shared apartment, which is known as a "Wohngemeinschaft" in German.

#### Career advisory service

TU Dresden offers plenty of counselling and training within its Career Service to help students with finding professional orientation. They offer workshops to equip students with professional skills and aid to optimise their CV.

Additionally, there are special workshops for international students to get to know the German and Saxon job market and network.

#### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors

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