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Master's degree



MSc Biodiversity, Evolution, Ecology

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Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	The programme is offered completely in English. All modules will be taught in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Application and registration period: 15 April – 31 May Please see this link .
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	Building on the unique strengths of the Berlin area, including the Berlin-Brandenburg Institute of Advanced Biodiversity Research (BBIB), this programme offers a wide range of courses in the field of biodiversity, ecology and evolution. We integrate a number of scientists at institutions of the Leibniz Association in the teaching programme and research, resulting in a diverse course portfolio.

Course Details

Course organisation

A proof of 120 credit points is required for the Master's programme in Biodiversity, Evolution, Ecology. It consists of the following fields:

1. **Introduction area** (15 CP)
2. **Extension area** (60 CP)
3. **Project area** (15 CP)
4. **Master's thesis** with accompanying colloquium (30 CP)

The introductory area comprises two modules, providing students with an overview of the various research areas at the Institute of Biology of FU Berlin and an introduction to advanced biostatistics. In the supplementary area, students can select from a significant number of module variants, allowing for specialisation within the course of study. To ensure research-oriented teaching in line with current methods, there is a high turnover of module variants. Each current module variant can be found on the website, offering a broad spectrum of options each semester. The project area offers students the opportunity to engage in research projects within different working groups at the Institute of Biology of FU Berlin or at non-academic research centres in Berlin. Students can engage in these research projects through participation in up to two modules.

International elements

- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad

Description of other international elements

Our lecturers are characterised by the fact that they have experience abroad and lead international research groups that cooperate with many international partners. In our highly research-oriented Master's programme, students come into contact with international and intercultural aspects in various ways, spanning their courses, their research projects, and their Master's theses.

In addition, we have many research contacts with partners in Germany and abroad and are increasingly integrating them into our Master's programme. Among other things, we are developing joint events with partners from the Una Europa universities.

We recommend and support students in undertaking study periods or research projects abroad, including clarifying potential credits or recognitions in advance.

Diverse intercultural background of students

In its previous iteration as a bilingual Master's in Biology, students from the EU, other parts of Europe, Africa, Asia and America converged. By switching to an English-only Master's programme, we are increasing this intercultural diversity, with our concept of diversity also encompassing gender and other dimensions of diversity.

Integrated internships

With the research project, an internship comprising 15 ECTS is a compulsory part of the degree programme. With the project comprising 10 ECTS, a second internship can be included as an option.

Special promotion / funding of the programme

- DAAD
- ERASMUS+

Name of DAAD funding programme

PROMOS

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	In total, the semester contribution amounts to 304.40 EUR. It includes a fee of 181.40 EUR for the transportation ticket contribution. This allows you to use public transportation in Berlin for free. Other costs covered by the semester contribution include a 50 EUR enrolment fee, a 63 EUR semester contribution to the student support service ("studierendenWERK Berlin"), and a 10 EUR contribution to the student union.
Costs of living	Compared to other European countries, the cost of living in Germany is quite reasonable. However, the cost of living has also risen somewhat in Germany in recent years. The prices for food, accommodation, clothing, cultural events, etc. are slightly above the EU average. You will need around 950 to 1,200 EUR each month to cover your living expenses. The biggest expense is monthly rent, which is between 400 and 700 EUR in Berlin.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	The Deutschlandstipendium scholarship enables students at Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin) from all nations and walks of life to fully concentrate on their studies. The programme supports talented students with 300 EUR per month. To apply, you must already be enrolled and be within the standard period of time given to complete your degree during the funding period, or you must have a letter of acceptance to start a degree programme at Freie Universität Berlin.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>To be admitted to the Master's programme, applicants must prove that they meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a first qualifying German university degree or equivalent foreign degree in Biology, Geosciences, Horticulture, Forest Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Bioinformatics, Veterinary Medicine or another natural science university degree• proof of modules with a total of at least 30 credit points from the field of Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution in a quantitative and qualitative scope comparable to the Bachelor's degree programme in Biology of the Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy of Freie Universität Berlin <p>Of these, at least 10 credit points should involve practical experience in laboratory and/or field work.</p>
Language requirements	<p>Applicants who have not obtained their university degree at an educational institution where English is the language of instruction must provide evidence of English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).</p> <p>Applicants who have obtained their degree from a foreign university or equivalent institution, or have completed a non-German-speaking course of study, must provide evidence of German language skills at the A1 level of the CEFR.</p>
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Submit application to Freie Universität Berlin
c/o uni-assist e.V.
11507 Berlin
Germany

[uni-assist](#)

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many ways of earning money while you study, for example as waiting staff, academic assistants, or private tutors. Knowledge of German will improve your chances of finding a part-time job, but it isn't necessarily required. However, it is important to be aware of the legal regulations.

The student support service at the university, called [studierendenWERK Berlin](#), and the local representative of the "Bundesagentur für Arbeit" (Federal Employment Agency) can provide information about jobs for students. When searching for a job, look at online job boards, ads in local newspapers, and notice boards on campus.

Accommodation

You have the option to stay in a public/private student dormitory or in a private (shared) apartment. Student dormitories are not administrated by the university itself, so Freie Universität Berlin does not have any on-campus housing. However, it works together with "[studierendenWERK Berlin](#)" regarding student accommodation.

If you do not wish to stay in a student dormitory, you can try to find a room or an apartment on the private housing market. Many students in Berlin live in shared apartments ("WGs"). You can find these offers online (e.g. [WG-gesucht](#) or [Kleinanzeigen](#)) or on notice boards on campus.

Available rooms/apartments near the university are rare. Therefore, students mostly commute from other parts of the city. The commute via public transportation usually takes between 30 minutes and an hour, which is considered a normal travel time in Berlin due to the city's size.

Career advisory service

The [Career Service](#) of Freie Universität Berlin aims to support international students at Freie Universität by providing information, advice, and events related to career planning, internships, and job applications.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The [International Student Support](#) team at FU Berlin regularly offers information events that include Q&A sessions. While personal office hours are not available due to our team size, students can contact Info-Service Study for general inquiries, or seek assistance from the General Academic Advisory Service or Psychological Counselling for more complex concerns. Additionally, the team continually enhances its expertise in international affairs, thereby contributing to FU Berlin's internationalisation process.



Campus Tour – On the Road with Elena and Björn on the Campus of the Freie Universität Berlin

Elena and Björn take you on a tour to discover the Freie Universität Berlin campus in Berlin-Dahlem. In beautiful autumn weather, the video shows the whole campus, including the chemistry department.

» more:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfkTct48o_4

Freie Universität Berlin



Aerial view of Freie Universität Berlin

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Freie Universität Berlin is a leading research institution. It is one of the 13 German universities being funded through the German government's Excellence Strategy and is part of the only University Consortium of Excellence, the [Berlin University Alliance](#), which consists of four partners in Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

You can choose from more than 180 subject areas. No matter which area you are interested in, be it archaeology, physics, Jewish studies, law, or psychology, you will find your subject at Freie Universität Berlin.

As an international university, Freie Universität Berlin has partnerships with numerous universities across the world and maintains offices in Beijing, Cairo, Eastern Europe (Tbilisi, Georgia), New Delhi, Moscow, and São Paulo. About 17 percent of the students come from abroad, as do 38 percent of the doctoral students. At Freie Universität Berlin, you will meet people from all over the world.

Various support services are available for students. In particular, students who are new to a German university and to Berlin will profit from these services, for example, the introduction week, the mentorship programme, or the Student Services Centre. UniSport offers programmes ranging from Aikido to Zumba, which are very popular among students. The many cafeterias and canteens on campus offer food and drinks; this also usually includes fair trade, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options. Environmental protection and sustainability are generally important topics at Freie Universität Berlin, and there are many opportunities to get involved in related activities offered by students and the university.



University location

Freie Universität Berlin is one of the major universities in the capital of Germany. It is located in the green district of Dahlem, in the south-western part of the city. There is no other campus in Berlin that is as green as the campus of Freie Universität Berlin. You can simply step out of the university buildings to enjoy outdoor activities: lunch on one of the many terraces and rooftops, swimming in the nearby lakes, or reading between cherry and apple trees. Dahlem is also home to one of the biggest botanical gardens in Europe. By using public transport, you can easily access the heart of Berlin and enjoy its cultural life and diversity. The U3 subway line connects Dahlem with the popular and central districts of Schöneberg, Kreuzberg, and Friedrichshain; however, all of the other districts can also be easily reached.

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