# Master's degree

## MSc in Process Engineering (MPE)

**Offenburg University of Applied Sciences • Offenburg**

## Overview

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**Languages**

As the learning and teaching language of the study programme is English, German and/or Polish language proficiency is not required. However, knowledge of either or both of these languages is highly recommended for life outside of the classroom.

If you plan to pursue a doctorate or work in Germany after receiving your Master’s degree, good knowledge of German will be essential.

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The Master’s programme Process Engineering (MPE) is a double-degree programme, organised jointly by Offenburg University and the University of Warmia and Mazury (UWM) in Olsztyn – a traditional university with a strong focus on research in Poland.

In three semesters, the MPE programme equips students with advanced knowledge in chemical and thermal process engineering, biotechnology, or food technology. Additionally, they receive training in the intercultural competencies that are essential qualifications in the increasingly multicultural environment of process engineering.

At Offenburg University, the emphasis lies in the area of chemical, biological, and renewable energy conversion. The education in Olsztyn deepens knowledge in the areas of environmental techniques and bioanalytics. The lectures and seminars are accompanied and supplemented by extensive laboratory work and training in scientific work methods.

In accordance with personal interests, you can choose elective modules in the areas of biotechnical process engineering and renewable energy conversion. In this way, in addition to the compulsory modules, most of the important fields in process engineering are covered, namely, in the areas of chemical, environmental and bioengineering.

After completing the programme, you will receive a double degree from both universities involved.

### Course organisation

The winter semester of the Master’s degree programme Process Engineering takes place in Offenburg, and the summer semester takes place in Olsztyn, Poland.

In the winter semester, the curriculum of the Master’s degree programme offers specialisation in either Biotechnical Processes (including Design of Fermenters, Fermentation and Fluid Mechanics) or Renewable Energy Conversion (including Biomass Combustion, Renewable Energies, Thermal Treatment and Sustainable Process Engineering). In addition, you will attend compulsory modules on Chemical Engineering, Water Processing, Process Control Engineering, Biotechnical Conversion Processes and Public Relations.

During the summer semester at the University of Warmia and Mazury (UWM) in Olsztyn in Poland, students can choose between two modules: Environmental Science and Biotechnology (including Analytical Training, Biotechnology in Environmental Protection, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Toxicology, Techniques of Genetic Engineering) and Food Engineering (including Basics of Nutrition, Food Physics and Rheology, Technical Microbiology, Enzymology, Technological Equipment in Food Processing, Food Quality).

The degree programme will conclude with the Master’s thesis, a complementary presentation and a final examination. The Master’s thesis can be completed either at a university or a research facility, or at a research and development-oriented industrial company.

### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
The international student body creates a diverse and challenging learning atmosphere. Cultures from all over the world collide and students are exposed to an international field that is no different from the real globalised world.

The summer semester (March to June) in Olsztyn is an integral and compulsory part of the programme.

Applicants are supposed to already have some practical experience resulting either from an industrial internship completed during their Bachelor’s programme or from a job.

The Master’s thesis can be prepared at either of the participating universities, or externally at a suitable company or institute of your choice.

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134 EUR

Approx. 850 EUR per month to cover personal expenses
This includes accommodation at a cost of 300-350 EUR per month.

No

A first, job-qualifying degree of at least three and a half years of study, such as a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Engineering, is required.

The programme is primarily directed at graduates of Bachelor's courses such as process, chemical, environmental, and biotechnical engineering, or comparable engineering programmes. It is less suitable for biologists, chemists, agricultural engineers, etc. A degree in mechanical, industrial, leather, textile, petroleum, or energy engineering is not suitable for this programme.

Additionally, applicants should meet the following requirements:
- Academic excellence: You should be among the top-third of graduates from your institution.
- Proof of English proficiency
- APS (only for applicants from China and Vietnam)
- Willingness to integrate into an international environment in which different cultures, ideas, perspectives, and approaches will be encountered

If you are interested in the international Master’s degree programme Process Engineering, we invite you to enter your data into our online application system HISinONE.

The selection committee will then screen your online application. Within four weeks, you will be notified as to whether or not you have been selected to provide a complete application.

In this case, you are invited to send your full paper-based application by postal mail. Based on the paper-based application, the selection committee will then make a final decision.

Letters of admission will be sent as soon as the selection committee has reached its decisions.

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<td>- TOEFL [550 and higher (PBT), 213 and higher (CBT), 79 and higher (iBT)]</td>
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<td>- or IELTS 6.0 and higher (does not apply for native speakers)</td>
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Exemptions can be made if you can prove that your previous academic education was in English.

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Submit application to

Applications are only accepted via our online application system HISinOne.

Postal Address:  
Offenburg University of Applied Sciences  
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77652 Offenburg  
Germany

## Services

### Possibility of finding part-time employment

- **On-campus:** A limited number of student assistant positions and tutoring jobs are available. Knowledge of English is usually sufficient for these positions.
- **Off-campus:** Students are allowed to hold off-campus jobs for a maximum of 20 hours per week during the lecture period and to work a maximum of 240 half days per year (according to regulations for foreign students requiring a visa). At least a basic knowledge of German is usually required for off-campus positions.

### Accommodation

In the International Student Barometer, the largest survey of international students worldwide, Offenburg University was rated number one among German universities for its arrival assistance for international students.

Before your arrival, the Graduate School team can arrange accommodation (student residence hall or private accommodation) for you. The rent usually ranges from 300-350 EUR per month. If you wish, we can put you in contact with a student mentor (“senior buddy”). He/she will assist you to make preparations before you leave your home country, pick you up at the railway station, show you around, and help you on an individual basis during the first few weeks so that you can
familiarise yourself with important aspects of life in Germany.

Each of our Graduate School’s Master’s programmes has a dedicated coordinator who will provide you with all of the necessary information for your studies in Offenburg. A preparatory German language course is offered in September. At the beginning of October, a special introduction day for international students is organised. Each programme also has its own orientation weekend.

Additionally, members of the “Senior Service” (local citizens interested in fostering intercultural understanding and working on a voluntary basis) offer their friendship and help.

Here, at Offenburg University, you are made to feel not only welcome, but also at home.

Career advisory service

Offenburg University’s Career Center offers you a personal advisory service, directing you through your contemplated or chosen career path.

Seminars on “Applying in Germany” will get you ready for successfully writing applications and presenting yourself to companies.

The Career Center will also help to correct and translate CVs and letters of motivation.

In addition, Offenburg University hosts a career day at the university and participates regularly in recruitment fairs in Cologne, Hanover, or other bigger cities. At these fairs, students can directly contact companies, make enquiries about available positions, and discuss any concerns that they may have.

Field trips to companies such as Daimler, SMART, etc., provide an excellent window of opportunity for students to gain insight into organisations’ work environments and structures as well as get a first-hand overview of career opportunities.

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

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Pick-up service
- Other

Support programmes for international students

Extensive assistance in finding accommodation, senior buddy system (personal mentor for the first few weeks), information package and introduction events in English, assistance with immigration services and authorities, guided city tours in English, individual support and advice from the coordinator of the study programme, German summer language course, ongoing language courses during the lecture period, language exchange programmes (“tandems” and “Sprachencafé”), cultural and social programme (excursions, get-togethers, company visits, etc.), sports (sailing, mountain biking, dancing, etc.), and “Senior Service” (an initiative to bring local senior citizens and international students of Offenburg University together)
Offenburg University is a research-rich, high-performance institution in the Black Forest, a German economic powerhouse. We are among the top five in applied research in the south-west and an active member of the European University Association. Offenburg is a highly-ranked university according to the CHE ranking, forming a thriving community with 4,500 students on two campuses.

The university is widely recognised for its international reach and was one of the first German universities with international Master's
programmes.

The university is known for its emphasis on practical skills and applied research. Its close ties to the regional business community include many world-renowned companies. It is also strongly committed to providing an internationally oriented education. In particular, the English-taught Master’s programmes of the Graduate School have won a number of awards, including the DAAD’s quality label “TOP 10 International Master’s Degree Courses Made in Germany”.

The Graduate School’s staff offers ongoing support throughout the programme:

- extensive assistance in finding accommodation
- “senior buddy” system (personal mentor for the first few weeks)
- assistance with immigration services and authorities
- guided tours of Offenburg and Gengenbach
- individual support and advice from the coordinators of each programme
- individual academic advising
- German language course in September
- ongoing language courses during the lecture period
- cultural and social programme (excursions, get-togethers, company visits, etc.)
- “Senior Service” (an initiative bringing together local senior citizens and international students)

International students from all five continents choose to study at Offenburg knowing that their cultures will be respected and appreciated.

University location

The friendly and safe town of Offenburg, population 60,000, is at the centre of the beautiful Ortenau region, situated between the Rhine Valley and the Black Forest and characterised by a comfortable climate with warm and pleasant summers and winter temperatures rarely dropping below zero.

With almost 900 years of history, Offenburg offers a historical centre with a baroque scenery, a variety of cultural events, hiking and cycling trails along the Kinzig River and the surrounding vineyards, and typical Baden gastronomy.

Although Offenburg is relatively small, it offers great cultural and recreational possibilities. There are various festivals and festivities throughout the year, including the famous German carnival season, wine festivals in autumn, and very popular Christmas markets.

Offenburg’s city centre offers a variety of department stores and speciality shops as well as a farmers’ market on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Inexpensive groceries can be found at the major supermarket chains around town.

Nearby cities include Strasbourg (France), 25 km, capital of the European Union and seat of the European Parliament; Freiburg, 65 km; Karlsruhe, 75 km; Heidelberg, 110 km; Basel (Switzerland), 120 km; Stuttgart, 140 km; and Frankfurt, 200 km.

Offenburg is close (35/50/130 km) to the international airports of Strasbourg, Karlsruhe, and Basel-Mulhouse, which are mainly served by low-cost carriers (easyJet, Ryanair, among others). The main German airport hub in Frankfurt can be reached by high-speed train in around 90 minutes.
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