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Master's degree



Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development

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Overview

Degree	Double Master's degree option with University of Graz (Austria) or Ca' Foscari University Venice (Italy); Joint Master's degree option with Hiroshima University (Japan)
In cooperation with	Degree-awarding partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Graz (Austria),• Ca' Foscari University Venice (Italy),• Hiroshima University (Japan) as part of the joint degree programme Non-degree awarding partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basel University (Switzerland)• Utrecht University (Netherlands)• TERI School of Advanced Studies (India)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English
Languages	The programme is 100% taught in English. All examinations (including the Master's thesis) are exclusively in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The programme can only be started in the winter semester and includes a mandatory mobility in the second semester (summer semester). An additional mobility in the third semester is possible. Teaching takes place exclusively in the form of classroom lectures and seminars.
Application deadline	7 March for the following winter semester More information: https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/sustainable-development/application-and-selection
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	840 EUR

Additional information on tuition fees

Tuition fees at Leipzig University currently amount to 3,360 EUR in total, payable in four instalments (840 EUR/semester). A (partial) waiver of tuition fees is excluded.

More information and updates on the costs of the programme can be found at <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/sustainable-development/finances/>.

Combined Master's degree / PhD programme

No

Joint degree / double degree programme

Yes

Description/content

The structure of the study programme was developed jointly by the consortium of the participating universities:

- First semester: "**Fundamentals in Sustainable Development**" (30 ECTS) introduces the concept of sustainable sustainability and current sustainability issues from different perspectives and presents research and intervention strategies.
- Second semester: "**Specialisation**" (30 ECTS) aims at deepening a specific area of sustainable development and its related scientific strategies and methods. The specialisation takes place during the mandatory mobility at one of the partner universities.
- Third semester: "**Integration phase**" (30 ECTS) provides students with the necessary scientific and social skills to work on inter- and transdisciplinary case studies.
- The fourth semester is dedicated to the **Master's thesis** (30 ECTS).

Further information on the programme can be found at <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/sustainable-development/programme>.

Course Details

Course organisation

First semester (home university): Fundamentals in sustainable development

Students from Leipzig University:

- Basics in Economic Sciences (10 ECTS)
- Basics in Social Sciences (10 ECTS)
- Basics in Sustainable Development (10 ECTS)

Students from Hiroshima, Graz or Venice select classes offered at their respective home universities.

Second semester (mobility university): Specialisation track as part of the mandatory mobility semester

Students from Leipzig University must choose one specialisation track of the partner universities (Basel, Hiroshima, Graz, Utrecht or Venice). Refer to the section on mobility.

Incoming students from Hiroshima, Graz or Venice University coming to Leipzig for their mobility semester can choose between one of the following tracks:

Environmental and Resource Economics – ERE (at least 20 from 30 ECTS)

- Sustainable Energy Economics (10 ECTS)
- Environmental and Biodiversity Economics (10 ECTS)
- Climate Economics (10 ECTS)

Environmental and Resource Management – ERM (at least 20 from 30 ECTS)

- Water Resources Management (10 ECTS)

- Land Management (10 ECTS)
- Energy Management and Engineering (10 ECTS)

Third semester (Leipzig): Integration phase

- Interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary case study (15 ECTS)
- Project Management and Communication Skills (5 ECTS)

as well as further specialisation (at least 10 ECTS elective courses):

- Entrepreneurship Management (10 ECTS),
- Material Flow Management (5 ECTS)
- Sustainability of the "Energiewende" (5 ECTS),
- Economics of Natural Resource Use and Conservation (5 ECTS),
- Modelling in Resources Management (10 ECTS)
- or further modules communicated at the beginning of the semester

Students may also spend an additional mobility semester at any of the partner universities, including TERI University (India). (Additional tuition fees may apply.)

Fourth semester (home university): Master's thesis (30 ECTS)

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)
Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)	The mandatory mobility semester at one of the partner universities in the second semester allows students to gain exposure to different approaches to sustainable development, specialised in a field of their choice (natural sciences, social sciences or economics & management).
Integrated internships	The programme does not require the completion of an internship, but students are encouraged to gain work experience during the summer break or before starting their Master's thesis.
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERASMUS+
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

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Semester contribution The semester contribution in Leipzig University amounts to **approx. 270 EUR** per semester and includes access to public transportation.
<https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/current-students/re-enrolment-and-semester-fee/>

A semester contribution might apply during the mobility semester at the partner university.

Costs of living Students in Leipzig should calculate 950 EUR per month for costs of living.

Funding opportunities within the university No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Eligibility requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in natural or social sciences or equivalent
- Proof of English proficiency (C1)
- For Leipzig University only: 12 months of work experience starting from the completion of the Bachelor's programme

Selection criteria

- Previous academic performance (GPA or average mark)
- Academic background
- Relevant working experience
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from academic supervisor)
- A letter of motivation

Language requirements

The applicant must submit one of the following English language certificate :

- IELTS (academic module, minimum required score of 6.5 and not less than 6.0 in the writing section)
- TOEFL (minimum required score 93, Internet-based)
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (minimum 180 points);
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (minimum score C1)

The language certificate must **not be older than two years** at the time of admission to the programme (May/June).

English native-speaking applicants and those who successfully completed a 100% English-taught Bachelor's programme do not have to provide an English certificate.

Application deadline

7 March for the following winter semester

More information: <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/sustainable-development/application-and-selection>

Submit application to

Application direct with the international consortium of partner universities at <https://jointdegree.biobs.com/>
(Do not apply through uni-assist.)

More information can be found at <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/sustainable-development/programme>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

The following website lists student jobs at the university:
<https://www.jobportal.uni-leipzig.de/>.

Students of the Master's programme can also find research assistant positions at the university or one of the many research centres in the city.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available through the Student Services Office or on the private market.

The cost for a single room in the dorms is approx. 250 to 350 EUR. More information can be found at <https://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/housing>.

Career advisory service

The Career Service of Leipzig University offers counselling and orientation services to prepare students for the transition from studies to the labour market.

<https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/guidance-and-services/career-service/>

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Specialist counselling
- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Contact and advice around studies: <https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/contact-and-advice>

Social counselling: <https://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/beratung-soziales/studium-international>

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