



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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# Master's degree





# MSc Hydrography HafenCity University Hamburg • Hamburg







## Overview

Degree	Master of Science - MSc
Teaching language	• English
Languages	All classes are held in English.
	In order to be prepared for everyday life and work in Germany, students may attend German language courses at different levels at the HafenCity University Hamburg.
Full-time / part-time	• full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Applicants with a non-German university degree have to apply via uni-assist and the ahoi application portal of the HafenCity University.
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	Second step: In addition, all applicants have to apply directly at HCU via the ahoi online application portal (1 June - 15 July): https://www.hcu-hamburg.de/en/sv/for-prospective-students
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

#### Description/content

The HafenCity University (HCU) in Hamburg offers one of the few specialisations in Hydrography in the world and the only one in Germany accredited according to the highest FIG/IHO/ICA level (Category A).

Hydrography is one of the three specialisations (together with Geodesy and Geoinformatics) within the MSc Programme Geodesy and Geoinformatics that can be chosen at the HCU.

The focus of the Master's courses of hydrography is on collecting, analysing, modelling, and visualising data of oceans, coasts, and inland waters for the safety of waterways, planning, engineering, georesource management, and research.

One of the highest priorities of hydrography is securing modern marine navigation and the preparation of basic information for all structural engineering measures in the maritime field. Modern technology is employed here to survey the waters. The survey data are administered, analysed, and visualised in digital hydrographic information systems. Modern methods of nautical charting also contribute directly to the protection of marine ecosystems through a reduction in ship groundings and maritime accidents. Furthermore, a hydrographic database provides important components for marine pollution detection, coastal zone management as well as sensitive ecosystem identification and monitoring.

The two-year Master's specialisation combines scientific and technological aspects and covers areas including advanced geodesy, navigation, geoinformation, marine sciences, oceanography, maritime environment, data processing, and software technology. The curriculum includes several supervised field trainings.

#### Course Details

#### Course organisation

The two-year study programme of the specialisation Hydrography is organised in compulsory modules, some of which are also included in the specialisations Geodesy and Geoinformatics. Two eligible courses of the Q-Studies are also part of the curriculum. In these courses, educational knowledge from art as well as the social and natural sciences is taught in a transdisciplinary way. Practice and field exercises are integrated in the programme.

For further details please visit our website:

https://www.hcu-hamburg.de/bachelor/geodaesie-und-geoinformatik/organisation/hydrographie-

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A Diploma	supplement will
be issued	

Yes

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

Yes

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

Yes

## **Costs / Funding**

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

340 EUR

#### Costs of living

We recommend that single students budget at least 800 EUR per month to meet personal expenses (accommodation, living, health insurance, books).

Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above- mentioned funding opportunities within the university	https://www.hcu-hamburg.de/en/international/financial-support

## Requirements / Registration

## Academic admission requirements

Bachelor's or Master's degree in hydrography, surveying, geodesy and geoinformatics, or related fields

Non-German university degrees have to be approved by uni-assist. Information on requesting the preliminary documentation can be consulted online at http://www.uni-assist.de.

#### Language requirements

All applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit official evidence of sufficient English knowledge. This may be proven by one of the following:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as an Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) with at least 71 points or as an Institutional Testing Programme (TOEFL ITP) with at least 490 points
- International English Language Testing System Academic Test (IELTS) with at least Band
   5.0
- TELC at least level B1
- Proof of a professional or subject-relevant stay of at least four months in an anglophone country
- Proof of minimum 20 CP course achievement in an anglophone study programme
- The advanced technical college certificate or the final grade certificate of year 12 or 13 of Germany secondary school in each case with the grade satisfactory (minimum 3.0 or 8 points according to the German grade system in secondary school)
- Attendance of a minimum of one year at a general-education school in an anglophone country

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#### **Services**

#### Possibility of finding parttime employment

Due to the intense nature of the programme, working while studying is sometimes difficult but still possible. Nevertheless, nearly all of our students have some sort of a part-time job in one of the study periods. The university itself offers students the opportunity to work as assistants for lectures, research or projects under the supervision of a professor. Students can also obtain off-campus part-time jobs in the public sector or private industry in the field of hydrography. Students from the European Union and the EEA stand practically on equal terms with German students and have free access to the German job market. However, for students who do not come from the EU or EEA countries, work is restricted; they are only allowed to work up to a specific number or hours. German employment regulations have to be considered before taking on a job.

#### Accommodation

Most of our international students live in Haus Bauhütte (seewww.studentenwohnheim-hh.de/wohnen/einzelzimmer for further information) or in rooms provided by Studierendenwerk Hamburg (see www.studierendenwerk-hamburg.de/en/accommodation-for-students-and-trainees for further information).

Important: It is not at all easy to find an adequate and affordable accommodation in Hamburg in time for the beginning of the semester. Therefore, we highly recommend to begin the search even before receiving your letter of acceptance and arriving in Hamburg.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors

## HafenCity University Hamburg



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The HCU Hamburg - University of the Built Environment and Metropolitan Development - was founded by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in January 2006. With its approx. 2,300 students, HCU is a small university with a focus on addressing current and future issues facing our towns and cities. Our professional excellence is based on the four disciplines that cover the spectrum from house to city: architecture, civil engineering, geodesy and geoinformatics, and urban planning.

Our reality is changing more rapidly than ever. New solutions for metropolitan problems thus demand disciplinary excellence as well as openness to neighbouring disciplines such as social sciences, humanities, and metropolitan culture. Our goal at HCU is to foster lifelong learning and the continual search for new solutions. The "studium fundamentale" and the study projects at HCU encourage students to

diverge from the usual ways of thinking, develop their abilities to reflect, and use their powers of judgement in the complex and changing challenges of the future.

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## University location

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, one of the 16 states of the Federal Republic of Germany, with its 1.8 million inhabitants, is the second largest city in Germany. Economically and culturally, Hamburg is also the centre of all Northern Germany. Approximately 3.5 million people live in the metropolitan region of Hamburg. For them, Hamburg is a shopping and cultural metropolis. With 755 square kilometres, the city area is seven times larger than Paris and two and a half times larger than London. Up to 14% of the city area is made up of green spaces and recreational areas. Hamburg boasts 31 theatres, six music halls, 10 cabarets and 50 state and private museums. They range from the Kunsthalle Art Museum and the State Opera to music clubs on the Reeperbahn. The Reeperbahn, formerly known as the "Sin Mile", has numerous bars, cafés, and discos as well as many other interesting sites that can not be found anywhere else. The "Kiez", as the natives call it, even gave the Beatles their start in the early 1960s.

For more info, please see: http://english.hamburg.de/.

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- https://www.instagram.com/hcuhamburg/
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