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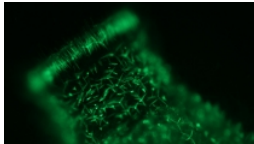
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# Master's degree



## Master of Science in Geobiology and Palaeobiology

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München • München



## Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%).
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Current application deadlines for the following winter semester: Non-EU applicants: 31 March EU applicants: 31 May
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Master's programme "Geobiology and Palaeobiology" (MGAP) is a consecutive, research-oriented, four-semester, international Master's programme of the Faculty of Geosciences, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), in collaboration with researchers at the Bavarian State collections, under the umbrella of the GeoBio-Center LMU.</p> <p>MGAP aims to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the interdisciplinary research fields of Geobiology and Palaeobiology and facilitates early independent research to prepare them for careers in science and beyond. Our graduates frequently secure prestigious PhD-positions or continue in highly respected positions outside of academia.</p>

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## Course Details

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### Course organisation

The module-based curriculum provides an integrative approach facilitated by experts with different areas of expertise. The degree programme consists of a set of mandatory modules and elective modules. Students will learn and acquire skills in a wide range of scientific methods, such as modern techniques in molecular biology, including genomics and transcriptomics, geomicrobiology, fieldwork, collection management, bioinformatics, statistics, and (palaeo-)biodiversity assessments. The programme includes independent scientific work in individual and intensively supervised research projects at early stages of the curriculum, with topics ranging from organismic palaeobiology to genomics, phylogenomics, molecular systematics, biomineralisation, as well as geomicrobiology of the deep biosphere.

The programme consists of 120 credits, 30 of which are assigned for the Master's thesis and its defence.

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### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

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## Costs / Funding

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### Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

### Semester contribution

124 EUR per semester

### Costs of living

Living costs (including accommodation and health insurance) in Munich range from 900 to 1,000 EUR per month.

### Funding opportunities within the university

No

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## Requirements / Registration

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### Academic admission requirements

Applicants to the programme must possess the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree (in a programme of at least six semesters' duration) with a sufficient grade in one of the following fields:

- Geology
- Biology
- Physical geography

or a related subject

### Language requirements

All courses are held in English. Proof of English language proficiency of level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is required, for example by the following language certificates:

- TOEFL (iBT) (Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based): at least 95 points;
- IELTS (International English Language Testing Service): minimum 7.0 points, and no part less than 5.0 points;
- Cambridge CAE (Certificate in Advanced English): Mark "A" or "B";
- A university degree in Geology, Biology or Physical Geography or related subject from a study programme held in English language.

Basic German language proficiency (A1) needs to be proven at latest one year after starting in the programme.

### Application deadline

Current application deadlines for the following winter semester:

Non-EU applicants: 31 March

EU applicants: 31 May

### Submit application to

Information on the application procedure is available here:

<http://www.mgap.geo.uni-muenchen.de/admission/index.html>

## Services

### Accommodation

The International Office helps visiting academics, PhD students, and postdocs who are travelling to Munich for a set period of time to find accommodation.

For further information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.lmu.de/en/study/important-contacts/international-office/index.html>

Rooms in shared flats are popular on the private market and reasonably priced at 400-600 EUR per month if located in central parts of Munich.

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Please visit: [http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/about\\_lmu/index.html](http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/about_lmu/index.html)



## University location

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich) is recognised as one of the top-ranked universities in Europe. Research and teaching at the university's 18 faculties are committed to the highest international standards of excellence. Students can choose from over 200 degree programmes ranging from the humanities and social sciences to economics and law as well as medicine and natural sciences. A growing number of Master's and doctoral programmes are taught in English.

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München forms part of a unique network of research institutions, foundations, and corporations in and around the city. Its campuses and a lively international student community constitute an integral part of the urban landscape. Home to approximately 1.5 million people, Munich is not only an important hub for higher education, research, technology, and the media. With its renowned museums, galleries, theatres, and festivals, the capital of Bavaria also ranks among the major European cultural centres. Its proximity to the surrounding lakes and the Bavarian Alps adds to Munich's inimitable appeal.

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