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# Master's degree



## Environmental Sciences (MSc)

RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau • Landau in der Pfalz



## Overview

Degree	Master of Science in Environmental Sciences
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in English, and it is possible to complete the entire programme in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EU applicants: 15 July for the winter semester</li><li>Non-EU applicants: 15 June for the winter semester</li></ul> Due to the long visa process, we strongly recommend non-EU students to apply by 15 May.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>The "Master of Science in Environmental Sciences" programme at the RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau (on the Landau campus) is an interdisciplinary programme combining concepts of environmental chemistry, geocology and applied ecology, and it includes social sciences and environmental economics.</p> <p>The Master of Science in Environmental Sciences is a research-oriented programme. The goal of the programme is to develop students' depth of understanding and expertise and advanced methodological skills in the sub-areas of environmental science across different scales from molecules to the landscape. Human activities are considered as ecosystem components. Graduates</p>

are expected to gain in-depth, job-related soft skills, experience interdisciplinary teamwork and be proficient at communication (presentation and publication) in order to find solutions to complex, multidisciplinary problems.

Students have the opportunity to choose to study the MSc Environmental Sciences as a dual degree programme with Brno University of Technology (Environmental Sciences and Engineering).

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## Course Details

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**Course organisation**

The Master's programme comprises four semesters of full-time study with a total amount of 120 ECTS.

The programme consists of five required modules to obtain a broad knowledge in the field of environmental sciences (28 ECTS). Students then complete nine elective modules (54 ECTS) from the following subjects: Environmental Analysis, Socioeconomics & Environmental Management, Soil Systems, Chemicals in the Environment, Applied Ecology, Aquatic Systems, Landscapes & Scales, Modelling.

A six-week Research and Training Internship (8 ECTS) at an external research institute or industry partner in Germany or abroad provides practical work experience in the second or third semester. Finally, the degree is to be completed in the fourth semester with a six-month Master's thesis (30 ECTS).

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**International elements**

- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

**Integrated internships**

A six-week internship related to environmental sciences (Research and Training Internship) is to be completed during the second or third semester, or even before you start your studies.

**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**

Currently approx. 330 EUR per semester

The contribution includes a Deutschland-Semesterticket which allows you to travel Germany 24/7 with regional trains and buses.

**Costs of living**

RPTU in Landau: We estimate that students require about 900 to 950 EUR per month to cover the costs of living (including housing and bills, health insurance, Internet, food, clothes, study materials, etc.). However, this depends on the individual style of living, the type of housing, etc.

<https://rptu.de/international/master/prospective-students-landau/why-rptu-landau>

Funding opportunities within the university No

## Requirements / Registration

**Academic admission requirements** Bachelor's degree in environmental sciences (or equivalent programme with a focus on natural sciences) with a minimum final grade of "good" (e.g. 2.5 on a 6.0 scale with 1.0 being the best grade)

We expect at least basic university-level training in biology, chemistry and maths/statistics.

**Language requirements** Good active and passive English language skills (at least B2 level) are required, but there is no formal English language requirement.

A basic command of German helps to facilitate everyday life. Enrolled students can attend our German courses.

**Application deadline**

- EU applicants:  
15 July for the winter semester
- Non-EU applicants:  
15 June for the winter semester

Due to the long visa process, we strongly recommend non-EU students to apply by 15 May.

**Submit application to** [www.uni-assist.de](http://www.uni-assist.de)

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment** Student assistant jobs are available on a competitive basis at the university and its departments or at nearby industry companies.

Excellent students have good chances to find jobs in research projects, but these are not usually granted in advance.

**Accommodation** RPTU Landau:

Accommodation is available in student residences or on the private housing market.

A certain number of rooms in student residences are reserved for incoming international Master's students who enrol at RPTU in Landau. The monthly rent of approx. 420 EUR includes a kitchenette, own bathroom with shower, all bills, and a starter package (basic supplies like a blanket, pillow, one set of dishes, cleaning supplies).

Students can contact the Welcome Center for further information on the application process or regarding the search for private housing.

E-mail: [welcomecenter-ld@rptu.de](mailto:welcomecenter-ld@rptu.de)

**Career advisory service** The Welcome Center of the International Affairs RPTU on the Landau campus supports international students through the STAIR programme, which prepares the students for the German

job market. The workshops convey skills and competences needed to successfully start in German (business) culture.

#### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Tutors
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Support with registration procedures

#### General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

International Affairs RPTU supports international students in every phase of their stay.

Before your arrival: Effective pre-arrival communication helps you to manage application, visa, health insurance, and housing affairs.

Once you are here: During our Welcome Days Programme, we guide you through all administrative steps (enrolment, registration process, visa/residence permit, rental contract, etc.). Cultural and social events help you to settle in easily in Landau and on campus, e.g. workshops, Germany hacks and university hacks, city tour, a welcome breakfast.

During your studies: We provide you with continuing support and accompany you on your way until graduation and entry to the German job market.

More information: <https://rptu.de/international>

## RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau



Landau campus

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RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau is a top-ranked German research-oriented university (first place among 146 international universities in nine categories, such as Learning, Living, Support Services, Cost in the International Student Barometer 2022). Our university offers high-quality graduate education and (post-) doctoral research training in innovative fields of the high-tech world, many of them English-taught. Our features:

- International study environment highly affiliated to industry & research
- “Science & Innovation Alliance” of high-profile research institutes nearby campus, offering (student assistant) job opportunities

- Zero tuition fees & low cost of living
- "University of Teaching Excellence" award for outstanding student-teacher ratio & efficient support structure for international students, including visa support
- Safe, modern, and healthy study environment surrounded by beautiful nature
- 21 international graduate programmes (with more than 40 specialisations)

RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau offers over 140 study programmes in the following 16 departments:

- Architecture
- Biology
- Business Studies & Economics
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cultural & Social Sciences (Landau)
- Educational Sciences (Landau)
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical & Process Engineering
- Natural & Environmental Sciences (Landau)
- Physics
- Psychology (Landau)
- Spatial & Environmental Planning
- Social Sciences

By virtue of its internationally renowned faculties and their top-ranked international study programmes, RPTU attracts students from all over the world. Our extraordinarily high ratio of postgraduate and doctoral students underlines the university's focus on research, Master's studies, and doctoral research training.

With a current enrolment of approx. 20,000 students, amongst them 17.4% international students, the university has a manageable size and therefore ensures excellent guidance and close contact with professors. Thus, the university offers an outstanding support ratio of students per lecturer.

International Affairs RPTU has profound experience with international students and supports them in every phase of their studies. Helping international students "feel at home" in a new (academic) culture at RPTU is of major importance within our service portfolio for incoming international students.

More information on why to choose RPTU: <https://rptu.de/international/master/prospective-students-landau>

## RPTU

### University location

Landau – A city to enjoy

More than 46,000 people plus around 9,000 students live in the southern Palatine city between the Rhine River plains and the Palatinate Forest. The region, shaped by viticulture, is also called the "German Tuscany" because of its mild climate with 1,800 hours of sunshine per year.

The Palatinate Forest, the largest forest in Central Europe and part of a transborder biosphere reserve with France, provides excellent possibilities for outdoor activities such as hiking, rock climbing or mountain biking. It is a paradise for nature lovers. Larger cities like Heidelberg or Frankfurt are within easy reach, and France is only 20 km away.

The campus in Landau (Southern Palatinate) is located in green yet central surroundings near the former French fort, which is listed as a historic monument.

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