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Master's degree



Environmental Science – Soil, Water and Biodiversity

University of Hohenheim • Stuttgart

Overview

Degree	Master of Science (MSc, double degree with one of three partners)
In cooperation with	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Copenhagen, Denmark• Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden• University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English
Languages	The entire programme is taught in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• full-time
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	15 March for non-EU citizens 15 September for EU citizens
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	Currently, higher education is (almost) free at all public universities in Baden-Württemberg. Since the winter semester of 2017/2018, universities in Baden-Württemberg charge moderate tuition fees for non-EU international students. These fees amount to 1,500 EUR per semester. Students from the EU and the European Economic Area (EEA) as well as exchange students are excluded from these fees. Refugees are also not affected.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	European double Master's programme in Environmental Science This degree programme focuses on the sustainable use and management of natural resources in

Europe. It enables you to specialise in six different areas:

- Water Resources
- Environmental Impacts
- Soil Resources and Land Use
- Ecosystems and Biodiversity
- Environmental Management
- Climate Change

You will study at two of the four member universities of the Euroleague for Life Sciences and receive a full Master's degree from both universities. The partner universities in Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Austria are the best in Europe in the field of environmental sciences.

What you can expect:

- Full double degree from two member universities of the Euroleague for Life Sciences
- Six different specialisation options with a focus on soil, water and biodiversity
- Ideal precursor for an international career in the environmental sector

More information is available on the main [EnvEuro website](#).

Objectives

The aim of the degree programme is to teach you the principles used in the environmental management of ecosystems in Europe. Graduates of the programme are therefore able to identify problems in the management of natural resources in an international context and develop solutions.

In addition, great emphasis is placed on international collaboration and exchange in the field of environmental management in Europe.

Occupational fields

This Master's degree programme will train you to become an expert in environmental sciences and give you access to a variety of career opportunities in companies and public institutions. Possible fields of work are, e.g.:

- Environmental and quality management in companies and organisations
- Environmental technology companies
- Consultancy firms for agriculture, landscape planning and environmental protection
- Impact assessment and risk analysis
- Research and development for international companies and organisations
- Research institutions
- Government agencies and institutions at EU, national, regional and local levels

Successful completion of this Master's programme also qualifies students for participation in a doctorate programme.

Current information

For further information on this degree programme, we invite you to attend our Master's info event (online via Zoom): www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/masters-informational-events.

Course Details

Course organisation

The **first year of study** can begin at one of the four participating partner universities:

- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria
- University of Hohenheim, Germany

At your chosen home university, you will complete your first year of study with a foundation semester and an advanced semester. During the first semester, you will choose one of six specialisations as well as the host university where you will spend the second year of study.

In October and November of the first academic year, all students from the four participating universities take part in the mandatory Intro Days. This takes place in a hybrid form, both in presence and with online components at the respective home universities.

In the **second year of study**, you will switch to your host university. There you can continue the specialisation of the first year or choose a new one. You will then complete your studies with the Master's thesis, which is jointly supervised by lecturers from the home and host universities.

After completing your studies, you will receive a full Master's degree from both universities at which you studied.

Curriculum

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
Certificates for specific modules are awarded	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses are led with foreign partners • International guest lecturers • Specialist literature in other languages • Language training provided • Training in intercultural skills • Projects with partners in Germany and abroad • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Integrated internships	Internships are not compulsory, but they are recommended. The internship must be organised by the student and has to fit the schedule of the programme. The CareerCenter Hohenheim runs a database for internship offers and assists in finding suitable placements.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
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Semester contribution	Universities in Baden-Württemberg require their students to pay a semester contribution towards

the administration costs, for student services and for the Student Parliament. Student services provide many benefits, such as discounted tickets for public transportation. The semester contribution amounts to approx. 185 EUR per semester.

Costs of living

Baden-Württemberg has the highest standard of living in Germany. The downside is that living costs are slightly above the German average. However, the cost of living can vary enormously depending on your personal lifestyle and where you live. It is generally more expensive to live in a bigger city like Stuttgart, where the University of Hohenheim is located. As a rule of thumb, 800 EUR to 900 EUR per month should be enough. The largest monthly expense is usually for rent – accounting for a third of the total cost of living for most students. These costs can be cut substantially by sharing a flat or living in a dorm. A typical example for monthly expenses could look like this:

- Rent: 350 EUR to 400 EUR
- Health insurance: approx. 85 EUR
- Public transport: approx. 30 EUR to 50 EUR
- Study materials: 100 EUR
- Food and drink: 100 EUR to 150 EUR
- Leisure and hobbies: 50 EUR to 100 EUR

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Numerous funding opportunities exist for Master's thesis projects abroad, which are offered by various foundations. Detailed information is available [here](#).

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Formal requirements

- Bachelor's degree in agricultural, environmental or natural science with a standard period of study of at least three years (180 ECTS in total)
- If an applicant's final grade or grade point average of the degree is not above average, he/she must demonstrate his/her special suitability for the programme.
- Proof of proficiency in English

Additional requirements

In addition to basic IT skills, we expect the ability and willingness to work in intercultural teams. Students must also be willing to spend an academic year abroad.

Language requirements

- **TOEFL** with at least 90 points (Internet-based)
- **IELTS** (academic exam) with an overall band score of at least 6.5

For more information and other language tests that can be recognised, please refer to the application information website: www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/application-enveuro-info.

Application deadline

15 March for non-EU citizens
15 September for EU citizens

Submit application to

Online application: www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/application-enveuro-info

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Hohenheim offers enrolled students assistant jobs on campus. Students are responsible for managing working hours and these hours should not conflict with their studies. Working off campus is also possible according to the Aliens Act. However, please be aware that without good knowledge of German, jobs are quite difficult to find.

Accommodation

Student residences on campus

At the University of Hohenheim, several student residence halls are located on campus. They are managed by Student Services Tübingen-Hohenheim. There is a high demand for these rooms, which is why usually only a small number of applications will be successful.

International (non-EU) students have a much more difficult time than Germans in finding private accommodation at the start of their studies when they are searching from their home countries. Therefore, the university provides a quota of rooms for international students. **This enables almost all new international students to have a room in a residence hall.** To be able to offer this special assistance at the start of studies, the rental duration for these rooms is limited to two years for Master's students.

After this period, the **house-hunting assistance** offers support in finding a room on the private market.

Career advisory service

CareerCenter Hohenheim offers guidance and support to students and graduates in areas such as professional orientation, building a professional profile, and the application process. The centre actively fosters connections with business and industrial partners, ensuring early engagement with the professional world through information events, seminars on essential skills, internships, and more. They assist individuals in entering their desired careers through activities like company contact fairs, company presentations, access to the "JobTeaser" job board, and personalised advising. It is important to note that these services are provided free of charge.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Hohenheim has established **coordination offices** for all its international Master's programmes. These offices serve as dedicated **support systems** for prospective, current, and alumni students, offering a wide range of assistance. The coordination offices aim to provide comprehensive support to individuals at different stages of their academic journey, addressing their needs and concerns effectively.

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