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# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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## Master's degree



**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology** 

University of Potsdam • Potsdam

#### Overview

| Degree                                      | Master of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology   |
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| Teaching language                           | • English   |
| Languages                                   | As a rule, courses are held in English. Participants can choose to write their Master's theses in<br>English or German.   |
| Programme duration                          | 4 semesters   |
| Beginning                                   | Winter and summer semester  |
| Tuition fees per semester in<br>EUR         | None  |
| Combined Master's degree /<br>PhD programme | No  |
| Joint degree / double degree<br>programme   | No  |
| Description/content                         | Our international Master's programme in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology focusses on a broad<br>spectrum of research topics ranging from molecules to cells and animal or plant life. The different<br>research teams in our programme have core expertise in the fields of biomedicine, molecular plant<br>sciences, evolutionary systems biology, and macromolecular systems. Master's students will be<br>involved in research using the latest technologies in genomics, genetics, systematic bioanalysis<br>and protein analysis, and high-end microscopy. |

## **Course Details**

| International elements                      | <ul> <li>Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</li> <li>Opportunities for students to work abroad</li> </ul>   |
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| Integrated/optional study<br>abroad unit(s) | Studying abroad is not required, but it is possible to attend lectures and practical courses at other universities, including those that are not necessarily in Germany. Exchange agreements via the Erasmus programme are also in place. |
| Diverse intercultural                       | Currently, an international and diverse group of approximately 150 students is enrolled in the  |

| background of students                                  | programme while living in the Potsdam/Berlin area, one of Germany's culturally and scientifically most vibrant regions. |
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| Course-specific, integrated<br>German language courses  | No  |
| Course-specific, integrated<br>English language courses | Νο  |

## Costs / Funding

| Tuition fees per semester in<br>EUR         | None   |
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| Semester contribution                       | No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee, which is currently 292 EUR. This semester contribution includes the "Deutschland-Semester-Ticket", which entitles you to free use of local public transport all over Germany. |
| Costs of living                             | The average monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam are 935 EUR, but this can vary between 600 and 1,100 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found here.   |
| Funding opportunities within the university | Νο   |

## **Requirements / Registration**

| Academic admission<br>requirements | <ul> <li>In general, the prerequisite for admission to this Master's programme is a first professionally qualifying academic degree, e.g. a Bachelor's degree. More specifically for the Master's programme in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, you should have obtained your first degree in biology, biochemistry, biosciences, biotechnology, or biomedicine totalling 180 credit points. Academic degrees in related fields may be recognised provided they are equivalent or comparable.</li> <li>You must provide proof of knowledge in molecular biology and biochemistrytotalling at least 60 credit points as well as evidence of the acquisition of basic scientific working techniques for the preparation and writing of scientific papers and texts or practical work (e.g. protocols) amounting to 18 CP.</li> </ul> |
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| Language requirements              | Your language skills in <b>English must be at least at B2 level and in German at least at A2</b><br>level according to the European Framework of Reference for Languages.   |
| Submit application to              | https://my.uni-assist.de/   |

## Services

| Possibility of finding part-<br>time employment            | Job opportunities for students alongside their studies are numerous. Depending on personal and<br>professional skills, students can find jobs in the service sector (e.g. in restaurants, supermarkets,<br>cinemas, museums, theatres, etc.) or work as student research assistants at the University of<br>Potsdam or at one of the many non-university research institutions located in the area. Berlin, the<br>capital city of Germany, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there.<br>Please see this website for further information.  |
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| Accommodation  | There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by<br>Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in<br>one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only<br>apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally,<br>there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply.<br>However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share<br>with fellow students. The housing market is very tight, so please start looking for an<br>accommodation as early as possible.<br>For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click<br>here. |
| Career advisory service                                    | The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.  |
| Support for international students and doctoral candidates | <ul> <li>Welcome event</li> <li>Buddy programme</li> <li>Visa matters</li> <li>Help with finding accommodation</li> <li>Support with registration procedures</li> </ul>  |

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