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# Master's degree



## Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development

Leipzig University • Leipzig

### Overview

Degree	Double Master's degree option with University of Graz (Austria) or Ca' Foscari University Venice (Italy);  Joint Master's degree option with Hiroshima University (Japan)
In cooperation with	University of Graz (Austria), Ca' Foscari University Venice (Italy), Hiroshima University (Japan)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The programme is 100% taught in English. All examinations (including the Master's thesis) are exclusively in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The programme can only be started in the winter semester and includes a mandatory mobility in the second semester (summer semester). An additional mobility in the third semester is possible.  Teaching takes place exclusively in the form of classroom lectures and seminars.
Application deadline	15 March for the following winter semester. More information under <a href="https://jointdegree.biobs.com/">https://jointdegree.biobs.com/</a>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	800 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	Tuition fees at Leipzig University amount to 3,200 EUR in total, payable in four instalments (800 EUR/semester). A (partial) waiver of tuition fees is excluded.  More information of the costs of the programme at the partner universities can be found at <a href="https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/joint-international-master-in-sustainable-development/finances-fees/">https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/joint-international-master-in-sustainable-development/finances-fees/</a> .
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No

Description/content

The structure of the study programme was developed jointly by the consortium of the participating universities:

- First semester: **"Basics of Sustainable Development"** (30 ECTS) introduces the concept of sustainable sustainability and current sustainability issues from different perspectives and presents research and intervention strategies.
- Second semester: **"Specialisation"** (30 ECTS) aims at deepening a specific area of sustainable development and its related scientific strategies and methods. The specialisation takes place during the mandatory mobility at one of the partner universities.
- Third semester: **"Integration phase"** (30 ECTS) provides students with the necessary scientific and social skills to work on inter- and transdisciplinary case studies.
- The fourth semester is dedicated to the **Master's thesis** (30 ECTS).

Further information on the programme can be found at <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/joint-international-master-in-sustainable-development/>.

## Course Details

Course organisation

**First semester:** Basics in sustainable development

- Basics in Economic Sciences (10 ECTS)
- Basics in Social Sciences (10 ECTS)
- Basics in Sustainable Development (10 ECTS)

**Second semester:** Specialisation track as part of the mandatory mobility semester

**Students from Leipzig University** must choose one specialisation track of the partner universities (see below on mobility).

**Incoming students** from the partner universities coming to Leipzig for the mobility semester can choose between one of the following tracks:

Environmental and Resource Economics - ERE (30 ECTS)

- Sustainable Energy Economics (10 ECTS)
- Environmental and Biodiversity Economics (10 ECTS)
- Climate Economics (10 ECTS)
- or one elective from the ERM track (10 ECTS)

Environmental and Resource Management - ERM (30 ECTS)

- Water Resources Management (10 ECTS)
- Land Management (10 ECTS)
- Energy Management and Engineering (10 ECTS)
- or one elective from ERE track (10 ECTS)

**Third semester:** Integration phase and further specialisation

- Inter- or transdisciplinary case study (15 ECTS)
- Project Management and Communication Skills (5 ECTS)
- One further elective (10 ECTS): Entrepreneurship Management (10 ECTS), Material Flow Management (5 ECTS) Sustainability of the "Energiewende" (5 ECTS), Economics of Natural Resource Use and Conservation (5 ECTS), Modelling in Resources Management (10 ECTS) or further sustainability-related modules from Leipzig University

Students may also spend an additional mobility semester at any of the partner universities, including Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and TERI University (India). (Additional tuition fees may apply.)

#### Fourth semester: Master's thesis (30 ECTS)

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated study abroad unit(s)</li> </ul>
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	<p>A mobility semester in the second semester is a <b>mandatory</b> part of the programme.</p> <p><b>Students from Leipzig University</b> must choose one of the following <b>specialisation tracks</b> at one of the partner universities:</p> <p>University of Graz (Austria):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable Business Management (social sciences)</li> <li>Innovation and Transition Management (social sciences)</li> <li>Climate Change (natural sciences)</li> </ul> <p>Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Changes and Sustainability (natural sciences)</li> </ul> <p>Hiroshima University (Japan):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable Development Science and Technology (natural sciences)</li> <li>Global Development Policy (social sciences)</li> </ul> <p>University of Basel (Switzerland):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Changes and Sustainability (natural sciences)</li> </ul> <p>Utrecht University (Netherlands):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy and Materials (natural sciences)</li> <li>Environmental Change and Ecosystems (natural sciences)</li> <li>Earth System Governance (social sciences)</li> <li>Political Ecology and Society (social sciences)</li> </ul> <p>Students may also spend an additional mobility semester at any of the partner universities including Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and TERI University (India). (Additional tuition fees may apply.)</p>
Integrated internships	The programme does not require the completion of an internship, but students are encouraged to gain work experience during the summer break or before starting their Master's thesis.
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ERASMUS+</li> </ul>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

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Semester contribution	<p>The semester contribution in Leipzig University amounts to <b>approx. 250 EUR</b> per semester and includes the regional public transportation pass.</p> <p><a href="https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/current-students/re-enrolment-and-semester-fee/">https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/current-students/re-enrolment-and-semester-fee/</a></p> <p>A semester contribution might apply during the mobility semester at the partner university.</p>
Costs of living	Students in Leipzig should calculate 800 to 900 EUR per month for costs of living.
Funding opportunities within the university	No

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor's degree in natural or social sciences or equivalent</li><li>• Proof of English proficiency (C1)</li><li>• For Leipzig University only: 12 months of work experience starting from the completion of the Bachelor's programme</li></ul> <p>Selection criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Previous academic performance (GPA or average mark)</li><li>• Academic background</li><li>• Relevant working experience</li><li>• Two letters of recommendation (at least one from academic supervisor)</li><li>• A letter of motivation</li></ul>
Language requirements	<p>The applicant must submit one of the following English language certificate :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IELTS (academic module, minimum required score of 6.5 and not less than 6.0 in the writing section)</li><li>• TOEFL (minimum required score 93, Internet-based)</li><li>• Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (minimum 180 points);</li><li>• Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (minimum score C1)</li></ul> <p>The language certificate must <b>not be older than two years</b> at the time of admission to the programme (May/June).</p> <p>English native-speaking applicants and those who successfully completed a 100% English-taught Bachelor's programme do not have to provide an English certificate.</p>

**Application deadline**      **15 March** for the following winter semester. More information under <https://jointdegree.biobs.com/>

**Submit application to**      Application direct with the international consortium of partner universities under <https://jointdegree.biobs.com/> . (Do not apply through uni-assist)

More information can be found at <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/joint-international-master-in-sustainable-development/>.

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**      The following websites list student jobs at the university:  
<https://www.jobportal.uni-leipzig.de/>  
[www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/jobs/](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/jobs/)  
<https://stura.uni-leipzig.de/jobportal/>

Students of the Master's programme can also find research assistant positions at the university or one of the many research centres in the city.

**Accommodation**      Accommodation is available through the Student Services Office or on the private market.

The cost for a single room in the dorms is approx. 250 to 350 EUR. More information can be found at <https://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/housing>.

**Career advisory service**      The Career Service of Leipzig University offers counselling and orientation services to prepare students for the transition from studies to the labour market.

<https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/guidance-and-services/career-service/>

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Specialist counselling
- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**      Contact and advise around studies: <https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/contact-and-advice>

Social counselling: <https://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/beratung-soziales/studium-international>

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