MASTER’S PROGRAM IN BIOECONOMY - HOW TO APPLY

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Application period for the Winter Semester: 1 April – 31 May
- Application period for the Summer Semester: 1 November – 15 January

STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

1. To apply, please complete the application form via TUMonline: http://campus.tum.de

2. If you did not obtain your first degree (usually a bachelor’s degree) in a country within the European Union (as well as Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Lichtenstein), you will need to apply via Uni-Assist in addition. Please note that the application deadline applies for the Uni-Assist application as well. However, the VPD document can be handed in later: https://www.tum.de/nc/en/studies/application-and-acceptance/uni-assist/

3. Once you have completed the online application form, you will receive a list of all documents that you need to upload along with a signed version of your completed application form. This list of documents you will need to submit will include the following:
   - Signed application form (form provided in TUMonline)
   - Bachelor’s degree certificate (if you have already graduated)
   - Transcript of records
   - Language certificate in English (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, CAE certificate) or the English proficiency form (please see below for further information)
   - Resume / Curriculum Vitae (gap-free), passport or ID (copy)
   - Essay including statutory declaration (must also be uploaded in TUMOnline): please refer to the Essay Information sheet for more details
   - GMAT certificate (optional)
   - For admissions from non-EU/EEC countries: preliminary documentation by uni-assist

Please note that you may have to provide additional documents, please check here:
https://www.tum.de/nc/en/studies/application-and-acceptance/special-conditions-for-certain-countries/
4. After uploading the necessary documents, your application will be processed and evaluated by various departments.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS – Mandatory!

- You have completed the online application via TUMOnline (and possibly Uni-Assist) and uploaded all necessary documents to our enrollment office within the application period (exception: the preliminary review documentation via uni-assist can be sent in later, but you will have to have applied at Uni-Assist within the application period)
- You are holding a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent of at least 140 ECTS in Management, Business Administration, Economics, related Social Sciences or in a comparable Bachelor’s program.
- You can prove your proficiency in English with one of the following options:
  - The language of instruction during your first university degree was English.
  - The language of instruction of at least 15 ECTS (or equivalent) during your first university degree was English as evident in a transcript of records or as confirmed by the university (please upload the English proficiency form with your application documents).
  - Your bachelor’s thesis (at least 10 ECTS) was written in English (please upload the English proficiency form with your application documents).
  - You have a TOEFL (minimum 88 points), an IELTS (minimum 6.5 points) or a CAE certificate.
- You should have successfully completed some of the following modules worth at least
  - 5 ECTS in empirical methods,
  - 10 ECTS in business (management)/ „Betriebswirtschaftslehre“, 
  - 10 ECTS in economics / “Volkswirtschaftslehre”,
  - 10 ECTS in mathematics and statistics or/and
  - 10 ECTS in circular economy and sustainability.

Please note that it is not necessary to prove any knowledge in the German language at the time of application. However, as a foreign student you are required to provide proof of basic German language proficiency (comparable to A1 level) by the end of the second semester by passing one module that is taught in German or by any other language certificate.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS – optional

- A GMAT with a minimum score of 600.

Please note that if an applicant does not meet the entrance requirements at the time of application no conditional admission will be given!
Essay

All applicants will need to write and submit an essay regarding a specific topic as part of their application. Please click here for the topic of the current application procedure.

Please submit your essay as pdf (upload in TUM Online).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

We follow a two-stage assessment procedure to be able to select the best possible candidates for the Master in Bioeconomy. As shown in Figure 1, in the first stage of the assessment procedure, candidates are evaluated based on their previous academic background. If an applicant’s eligibility is still questionable after stage 1, the applicant will move on to stage 2, where the academic background as well as the essay will be evaluated.
**Figure 1**

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**Stage 1**: We assess your...

- First-degree certificate or transcript of records, min. 140 ECTS, Grade and Essay (max. 79 points)
- Non-mandatory GMAT Score (min. 600 points) → (10 points)

...based on the following criteria:

- Specific courses from your undergraduate program (max. 50 points):
  - Economics subjects (≥ 10 ECTS) → 20 points
  - Management subjects (≥ 10 ECTS) → 10 points
  - Empirical methods (≥ 5 ECTS) → 10 points
  - Mathematics and Statistics subjects (≥ 10 ECTS) → 5 points
  - Circular economy and sustainability (≥ 10 ECTS) → 5 points
- Performance in first degree (GPA) (max. 9 points)
- Essay (max. 20 points)

59 points and more → **ADMISSION**
52-58 → REJECTION
51 points or less → **REJECTION**

**Stage 2**:

- ADMISSION INTERVIEW (max. 50 points)

70 points and more → **ADMISSION**
70 points or less → **REJECTION**
USEFUL LINKS

Applying to TUM:

Notarization requirements:
https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application/notarization/

English language requirements:

Uni-Assist:
https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application-and-acceptance/uni-assist

English proficiency form: