

## Admission requirements for the Master's programme in Economic Geography at Leibniz Universität Hannover

### 1 Admission requirements

#### 1.1 Language skills

Applicants who neither have a German higher education entrance qualification nor have obtained their Bachelor's degree at a German higher education institution must have sufficient knowledge of the **German language at language level C1 CEFR**.

Proof of the **English language at C1 level** is required if you are interested in the double degree track. However, you do not need to submit this proof with your application by 15<sup>th</sup> of July, but during the first semester, when the applicants for the double degree are being selected.

#### 1.2 Requirements for the previous study

To apply for the Master's programme in Economic Geography, a **Bachelor's degree in Geography or a subject-related degree programme** is required. Bachelor's degree programmes in business administration, economics, political science and social science can be regarded as subject-related. For other degree programmes, a case-by-case examination is carried out. The decisive criterion is whether issues relevant to economic geography were an essential part of the course of study in the specific case. You have the opportunity to explain this in an informal cover letter (1-2 pages).

If you do not yet have a Bachelor's degree, you must provide proof of at least 150 ECTS credits by the application deadline (15<sup>th</sup> of July).

In addition, you must provide evidence of a **certain amount of economic geography or economic science content as well as statistics**. At the time of application, you need:

- 10 ECTS credits that can be assigned to economic sciences; this includes, among others, the basics of business administration and the basics of economics\*.
- 5 ECTS credits that can be assigned to statistics; these include descriptive, inferential and explorative statistics.
- In addition, there must be at least 30 ECTS in economic geography (this includes, among others, fundamentals of economic geography, economic geographic theories, spatial economic policy, applied topics of economic geography), economic sciences and statistics (together).

\* In the minor subject „economic sciences“, the choice of a subject area oriented towards business administration is only possible if at least 5 ECTS business administration are available. The choice of an economics-oriented subject area is only possible if at least 5 ECTS credits in economics are available.

Your application must be accompanied by a separate list of admission requirements (Form A):

**Nachweis über die fachliche Eignung des vorangehenden Studiums** (Proof of academic aptitude from previous studies). File for download in the section „Zugangsvoraussetzungen“ (Admission requirements) at

[www.naturwissenschaften.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/studienangebot/geographie/wirtschaftsgeographie-ma/](http://www.naturwissenschaften.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/studienangebot/geographie/wirtschaftsgeographie-ma/)

## 2. Creditable courses

### 2.1 General information for the assessment

Only completed modules are taken as a basis; proof must be submitted by the application deadline (15 July of the current year). Subsequent submission of certificates is only possible in exceptional cases and after prior consultation with the Admissions Committee.

The Admissions Committee decides on the basis of the documents submitted. The committee is not obliged to conduct its own research in order to clarify ambiguities. Therefore, if the module or course titles are not meaningful, please enclose the module descriptions. This also applies to very general module titles such as "Regional Geography", "Practical Project", "Applied Geography".

If the information in Form A does not match the grade list or is not proven, the corresponding modules will not be taken into account.

### 2.2 Category „Economic Geography“

Creditable

- Fundamentals of economic geography, economic geographic theories, spatial economic policy, applied topics of economic geography (e.g. in the areas of industrial geography, retail geography, economic promotion, urban geography - but not urban planning or regional planning -, settlement geography), regional, development and environmental economics, urban economics, international trade, European economic relations, industrial economics, EU structural policy, globalisation, EU integration, etc.

Only proportionally creditable (depending on the share of economic geography)

- E.g. Fundamentals of Human Geography, Agricultural Geography, Transport Geography (but not Transport Planning), Tourism Geography, Regional Geography, Resource Management, Geomarketing

Not creditable for economic geography, but in the category of statistics

- E.g. Statistical Regional Analysis

Not creditable for Economic Geography, but in the category Economics sciences

- E.g. Entrepreneurship, sustainable corporate development, corporate environmental policy

### 2.3 Category „Economic Sciences“

Basic and advanced courses in the field of business administration or economics can be credited.

Please note: Courses that are held by economists but do not have business studies or economics as their content will not be credited here!

Courses from the field of law are not eligible for credit.

### 2.4 Category „Statistics“

Courses in descriptive, inferential and explorative statistics can be credited.

Courses in the basics of scientific work, empirical social research, cartography, GIS are not eligible for credit.

### 2.5 Generally not creditable in the three categories

A professional internship is generally not creditable.

### 3. Grade improvement for the ranking

The final or average grade can be improved if the following criteria are met:

- by 0.2 points if the topic of the (at least registered) Bachelor's thesis is assigned to the field of economic geography,
- by 0.2 points if at least 15 ECTS credits can be assigned to the field of economic geography; these include, among others, fundamentals of economic geography, economic geographic theories, spatial economic policy, applied topics of economic geography,
- by 0.1 points if at least eight weeks of work experience can be proven, in which predominantly economic geographic activities were carried out, e.g. collection/analysis of economic spatial data, location evaluation/location development, cooperation in political consultation in the area of economic promotion/start-up promotion.

You can prove that you have fulfilled these criteria by completing the Grade Improvement Form B and enclosing a printout with your application. You must also attach relevant supporting documents. This information is voluntary. If the supporting documents are not enclosed, no grade improvement will be granted.

**Form B: Nachweis über das Vorliegen der Kriterien zur Notenverbesserung** (Proof that the criteria for grade improvement have been met).

File for download in the section "Zugangsvoraussetzungen" (Admission Requirements) at

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