

Entrance and admission rules for the

Master Program: **Integrated Natural Resource Management**

### I. General prerequisites

This master program is a consecutive program according to § 23 paragraph 3 sentence 1 point 1 letter a BerIHG.

The overall admission criteria for a continuing master program, as specified in § 16 paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 ZSP-HU, can be found in the general annexes 1.1.1 and 1.1.2. Those annexes contain forms, which indicate the proofs applicants need to attach with their application.

The requirement of sufficient German language competence does not apply.

### II. Additional access requirements

The following additional eligibility- and qualification requirements need to be fulfilled in due course by the applicant. Further information about the requirements for the proofs that need to be submitted (from which sources and using which kind of forms) can be found in the general annexes (1.1.1 and 1.1.2). In the event that a document contains proof for several access requirements, it needs only be submitted once.

Degree of undergraduate studies	
<b>Description:</b>	Degree of undergraduate studies in a subject that is relevant for understanding the interaction of human societies and natural resources
<b>Explanation:</b>	<p>Degree of undergraduate studies in a subject that is relevant for understanding the interaction of human societies and natural resources, teaching analysis, management, use and protection. Degrees obtained in two knowledge areas qualify for the master's program:</p> <p>Knowledge Area 1 "Natural Sciences and Methods/Technologies of Resource Utilization" including, for example, the following subjects: agricultural sciences, horticultural sciences, forest sciences, nutritional sciences, environmental sciences, ecology, biology or geography as well as geo-sciences.</p> <p>Knowledge Area 2 "Social sciences in a broader sense" including, for example, the following subjects: economics, agricultural economics, horticultural economics, forest economics, ecological economics, environmental economics, resource economics, social science, sociology or political sciences.</p> <p>For applicants who prove that they have one of the degrees explicitly mentioned above the program-related admission requirements are presumed to be fulfilled.</p> <p>All other applicants must prove that they have received at least 30 ECTS credits in one of the two knowledge areas. Reaching this minimum amount of ECTS credits is also possible by proving that the competences in the two knowledge areas taken together accumulate to at least 30 ECTS credits.</p>
<b>1. Proof:</b>	Self-assessment according to the general annex 1.1.5.
<b>2. Proof:</b>	Transcript of records according to general annex 1.1.4.
<b>3. Proof (optional):</b>	Topics of the mediated competences for non-self-explanatory course or module titles according to general annex 1.1.6.

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Special knowledge requirements 1	
<b>Description:</b>	Special English language requirements: English language competences at least level B2
<b>Explanation:</b>	English language competence is required, in listening, speaking, reading and writing at the level of B2 or higher, according to the „Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, teaching, assessment (CEFR)“.
<b>Proof:</b>	<p>Certificates, reports of qualification for university entrance, language diploma or comparable proof.</p> <p>The proof needs to contain information of the certifying institute, the achieved level, the assessment scale used and either the date of issue or the date when the language assessment was conducted.</p> <p>The specified language competence level may be proven by verifying the following minimum achievements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNICert® II-Zertifikat: 3,0</li> <li>- Test of English for International Communication IELTS: 5,0</li> <li>- Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE): B-C</li> <li>- Test of English as a Foreign Language TOEFL:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Internet-based Test: 87</li> <li>o Paper-based Test: 560</li> </ul> </li> <li>- DAAD-Sprachzeugnis: Ø mindestens C in all skills</li> </ul> <p>The required language competence level is also considered to be achieved, if it can be demonstrated that English as an advanced second language, as specified in the „Einheitlichen Prüfungsanforderungen in der Abiturprüfung „Englisch“ or the „Bildungsstandards für die fortgeführte Fremdsprache (Englisch / Französisch) für die Allgemeine Hochschulreife“ has been taken during the last four half years of the Abitur (qualification phase) and verifiably passed with the minimum grade level of 4 (= 5 grade points). If the proof is not provided by the „Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife“, then the issuing authority must additionally confirm, that the asserted grades have been achieved at a level of qualification which is comparable to the Abitur.</p> <p>The language competence level is also considered to be reached, if it is proven, by study achievements and examinations which amount to a minimum of 20 ECTS Credits, that at least a part of the preceding academic education has been completed in an English speaking foreign country (where the principal official language is English) or that additionally studies have been conducted there. A school-leaving qualification in an English speaking country recognised for admission to university also replaces these general language competence proof requirements.</p> <p>Applicants whose native language is English can also verify their fulfilment of the admission requirement by submitting a self-declaration.</p>
<b>Source of supply:</b>	The issuing is done by the respective institution.
<b>Form:</b>	The form of submission will be announced during the application procedures.

Special knowledge requirements 2	
<b>Description:</b>	Knowledge is required in the field of mathematical and statistical as well as natural and social science methods, equivalent to at least 9 ECTS
<b>Explanation:</b>	Basic knowledge in areas such as mathematics, statistics, geo-statistics, econometrics, biometrics and/ or methods of the empirical social sciences equivalent to 9 ECTS is expected.
<b>1. Proof:</b>	Self-declaration paper according to the general annex 1.1.5
<b>2. Proof:</b>	Transcript of records according to the general annex 1.1.4
<b>3. Proof (optional):</b>	Topics of the mediated competences for non-self-explanatory courses or module titles, according to general annex 1.1.6.

### III. Regulations of the selection procedure

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**a. Quota in the selection procedure of university**

The quota of available study places assigned by the university selection procedure, following completion of the selection procedure, is 80 per cent.

**b. Selection criteria in the selection procedure of the university**

Further information about the requirements for the proofs that need to be submitted (source of supply and kind of forms to be used) can be seen in the general annexes (1.1.1 and 1.1.2). As stated above, document contains proof of several access requirements, it need only to be submitted once.

Selection criterion 1	
<b>Description:</b>	The degree of qualification of the previous study (final grade)
<b>Weighing:</b>	90 per cent
<b>Proof:</b>	General annex 1.2.3

Selection criterion 2	
<b>Description:</b>	Qualifications acquired outside of the university in the agricultural- or horticultural sector, amounting to 900 hours.
<b>Weighing:</b>	10 per cent
<b>Explanation:</b>	This entails practical professional experiences of no less than 900 hours, acquired either in the context of practicing a profession, of a professional education or of a professional internship, whether in one's own or a foreign country -. In order to be counted toward the scoring of the application the minimum duration of at least 900 hours of practical-professional experience must be completed prior to the start of the application period.
<b>Proof:</b>	A freeform certification statement, provided by the employer, or certificate issued by the professional instructor or a proof of internship issued by the supervising institution, in all cases with clear indication of the total work hours.
<b>Source of supply:</b>	Certification of performed working time should be issued by the employer or the institution that provided the professional education. The same applies to the certification of the internship, which should be issued by the institution under the auspices of which the internship took place.
<b>Form:</b>	The form of submission will be announced during the application procedures.

**c. The determination of the ranking position in the selection procedure of the university**

The ranking position of the applicants will be determined by the combined result of the above mentioned selection criteria, according to § 35 paragraph 2 ZSP-HU.