



## Application Guidelines

MSc Integrated Climate System Sciences (MSc ICSS)

Starting winter term

The application modalities and requirements for the Master of Science program in Integrated Climate System Sciences have been updated. The present document will provide you with the current guidelines, effective from (and including) the application period concerning winter semester 2025-26.

### Application Period

February 15 – March 31

### Application requirements

1. A degree in one of the bachelor's programs in Geophysics/Oceanography, Meteorology, Earth Sciences, or Geography from the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics, and Natural Sciences at the University of Hamburg. A degree in another natural science bachelor's program may also be accepted, provided that coursework equivalent to approximately 90 credit points in subjects comparable to the curriculum of the aforementioned programs can be demonstrated
2. Applicants must provide adequate proof of English proficiency, e.g. via:
  - An English-language B.Sc. or M.Sc. or
  - TOEFL internet-based test: minimum score of 90 (with a minimum sub score of 20 for Listening comprehension, Reading, Speaking and Writing) or
  - IELTS: at least band 6.5 (with a minimum sub score of 6.0 for Listening comprehension, Reading, Speaking and Writing) or
  - CEFR Level C1 (with a sub score of at least C1 in each category of Listening comprehension, Reading, Speaking and Writing).

**\*Should you need to take a standardized test to prove your proficiency, please note that your test should have been taken no longer than two years prior to your application.**

3. A complete application, including all documents listed on page 2.

\*Please note: If you have obtained your first degree in China, India and/or Vietnam, you will also be required to provide us with a certificate from the Akademische Prüfstelle (APS).

### Selection criteria

A combination of the relevance of your B.Sc. degree, the topic of the B.Sc. thesis, grades, English proficiency, the quality of your letter of motivation will be used for selection.

If you have relevant work experience, have done any internships in a relevant field, have spent time abroad, have published a scientific paper as first author and/or have obtained a minimum of 20 credit points in the European credit transfer system (ECTS) in Biogeochemistry and/or Economy and Social Sciences, these will also be taken into account.

### Application procedure

Fill out the [online application form on STiNE](#) and upload all your application documents there.

**Documents for a complete application**

1. Letter of Qualification (up to three pages)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. English certificate(s) (simple copy)
4. B.Sc. certificate, or if not available an up-to-date transcript of records of all examinations taken, including your average grade to date (simple copy)
5. (APS Certificate)
6. If available, summary of B.Sc. thesis in English

**Please note: Only complete and correct applications can be considered.**

**Questions?**

Please call +49 40 42838-8895 (Dr. Sebastian Zubrzycki) or send an email to [icss@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:icss@uni-hamburg.de) . We will be happy to assist you further.