Information Sheet
for Prospective Incoming Students

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TUM offers opportunities for international EXCHANGE STUDENTS (maximum of three semesters within the scope of an exchange program, like Erasmus+, TUMexchange or within a bilateral university agreement) as well as for international DEGREE STUDENTS (pursuing a BSc or MSc degree).

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Application for EXCHANGE Students
Winter Term (or for the entire year at TUM) 15 May
Summer Term 31 October

For detailed information about the application process, please visit the International Center pages “Coming to TUM” https://www.international.tum.de/en/exchangestudents/

How to identify Courses Suitable for Your EXCHANGE Program
You can search our online course database TUMonline for courses held in English. You can, of course, also choose from the entire German study guide. The curriculum is updated during February/March for the summer and August/September for the winter term. More information on the exact time and location of lectures/courses is finally available in TUMonline. Please note that some courses (especially practical courses and laboratory courses) have a limited number of places, and for those the degree students of the faculty have priority. 50% of credits have to be earned by attending courses offered by the TUM School of Life Sciences Weihenstephan, another 50% can be chosen from other TUM Schools (e.g. Chemistry, Physics, etc.).


Application for DEGREE Programs
Bachelor 15 March – 15 July
Master 01 January – 31 May for Winter Term
Application Procedure for DEGREE Programs
If you are applying with an international higher education entrance qualification be sure to observe these additional steps before starting your online application:

- Check your higher education entrance qualification
- Provide proof of your language skills within the application period
- Apply for your preliminary documentation via uni-assist within the application period
- Learn about the specific requirements for applicants from certain countries
- Be aware of possible visa requirements


Time Table

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Accommodation
The application at the TUM School of Life Sciences does not include an offer for a room in a student dormitory. Finding accommodation in the Munich area isn’t easy. The student union STUDENTENWERK dos offer rooms and apartments for degree students but the high demand for such rooms produces waiting times between one and four semesters. Degree Students can apply starting 15 May for the winter term and 15 November for the summer term.
For students participating in an exchange program it is NOT possible to take part in the online registration at Studentenwerk. However, for students participating in an international exchange program in Freising-Weihenstephan, we have a limited number of Servicepaket -rooms available which are allocated to applicants by means of a raffle.

How to get to Weihenstephan Campus
from Munich Airport: There is a direct bus #635 which runs every 20 minutes throughout the day between the airport and Freising main station.
from Munich Central Station: It takes approximately 40 minutes by S-Bahn (suburban train) from Munich station to Freising station using line “S1” - Munich Transport and Tariff Association (MVV)
It takes approximately 25 minutes by local train from Munich central station to Freising station (bound for Regensburg, Passau, Prague) - Deutsche Bahn

Orientation Program
TUM International (TUMi) provides support for new international students at the beginning of their studies in Munich and offers a comprehensive program of cultural activities throughout the semester. Orientation weeks take place at the beginning of each semester at the TUM headquarter in Munich, https://www.international.tum.de/en/coming-to-tum/tumi/

The TUM School of Life Sciences also offers a Welcome Day for International Students at our campus in Freising-Weihenstephan including support for registration with local authorities, information and guidance about studying and living in Freising and a get-together designed to help settle into life at WZW (short for Wissenschaftszentrum Weihenstephan – the TUM School of Life Sciences).
Key Data of Study Programs

**Forest Science and Resource Management**
**Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)**

The program aims to teach students how to make sustainable use of resources, with reference to the example of the forest and wood as a renewable resource. In addition to well-founded specialist knowledge, this demands a comprehensive understanding of systems and extensive methodological competencies. As complex ecosystems, forests feature worldwide among the most significant biodiversity hotspots and fulfill numerous functions. They offer habitats for plant and animal species, produce wood – the most important renewable resource in terms of surface area and quantity – and make a fundamental contribution to the common good of society. In times of climate change and related efforts aimed at decarbonization, the significance of the forest as a supplier of energy and as carbon sink has further increased. Forest ecosystems must therefore satisfy numerous demands and, as such, are increasingly the focus of sociopolitical discourse. All of which is reflected in a demand for wood and wood products that has continually risen over the years, as well as in increasing efforts to protect and maintain forests.

In order to do justice to these diverse and, in part, conflicting demands concerning the use of renewable resources and forest ecosystems, careful and comprehensive management is essential.

To this end, the bachelor's program "Forest Science and Resource Management" offers the requisite discipline-specific foundations, as well as those relating to economics and the social and natural sciences. As such, fundamentals of natural science play a role equally important to that of the technical assessment of products, and the socio-political significance of natural resources.

**Language of Instruction:** German  
**Standard Duration of Studies:** 6 semesters fulltime  
**Credits:** 180 ECTS  
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**Forest and Wood Science,**  
**Master of Science (M.Sc.)**

The master’s degree program in Forestry and Wood Science focuses on the sustainable management of forest resources. The degree’s central areas of study are "Production", "Environment", "Society" and "Wood". These reflect the four principle fields of professional employment toward which the program is geared and indicate the breadth of academic training. The first semester deals with the fundamentals of the discipline and its methodologies. These are complemented by an internship and "cross-disciplinary competencies".

In the second and third semesters, students choose three of the six available specialist areas: "Wood as raw/building material", "Mountain forestry", "Forest management", "International forestry", "Site assessment and use" as well as "Landscape development and nature conservation". In addition to the choice of specialist areas, the extensive range of available elective modules offers flexibility and the opportunity to create an individual profile without neglecting the breadth of training.

The fourth semester is devoted to the master’s thesis.

**Language of Instruction:** German  
**Standard Duration of Studies:** 4 semesters fulltime  
**Credits:** 120 ECTS  
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Sustainable Resource Management, 
Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Natural resources, such as soil, water, air or biological diversity, constitute the essential foundations of human life and economic activity. Their consumption is rapidly increasing worldwide, a process further intensified by global trends, such as population and economic growth. This results in increasing pressure on all natural resources, accompanied by yet more environmental problems. Moreover, rivalries and conflicting interests increasingly develop over the use of resources that are continuously becoming more and more scarce. This also leads with increasing frequency to international tensions, the comprehensive and lasting solution to which currently poses one of the greatest challenges to humanity.

The international master's program in Sustainable Resource Management addresses these challenges while taking into consideration their social, economic and ecological dimensions. As such, the focus lies on conveying suitable methods of analysis and management. At the same time, the development of specialist and personal competences in an intercultural context remains to the fore.

With nine available areas of specialization, the program offers a large degree of freedom when creating an individual competency profile. The available areas of focus include:

- Environmental Economics and Policy
- Management and Protection of Forest Ecosystems
- Wildlife and Protected Area Management
- Landscape Management
- Renewable Resources
- Climate, Air and Water
- Soils and Soil Management
- Material and Waste Management
- Agricultural Land-Use Systems

Language of Instruction: English
Standard Duration of Studies: 4 semesters fulltime
Credits: 120 ECTS

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