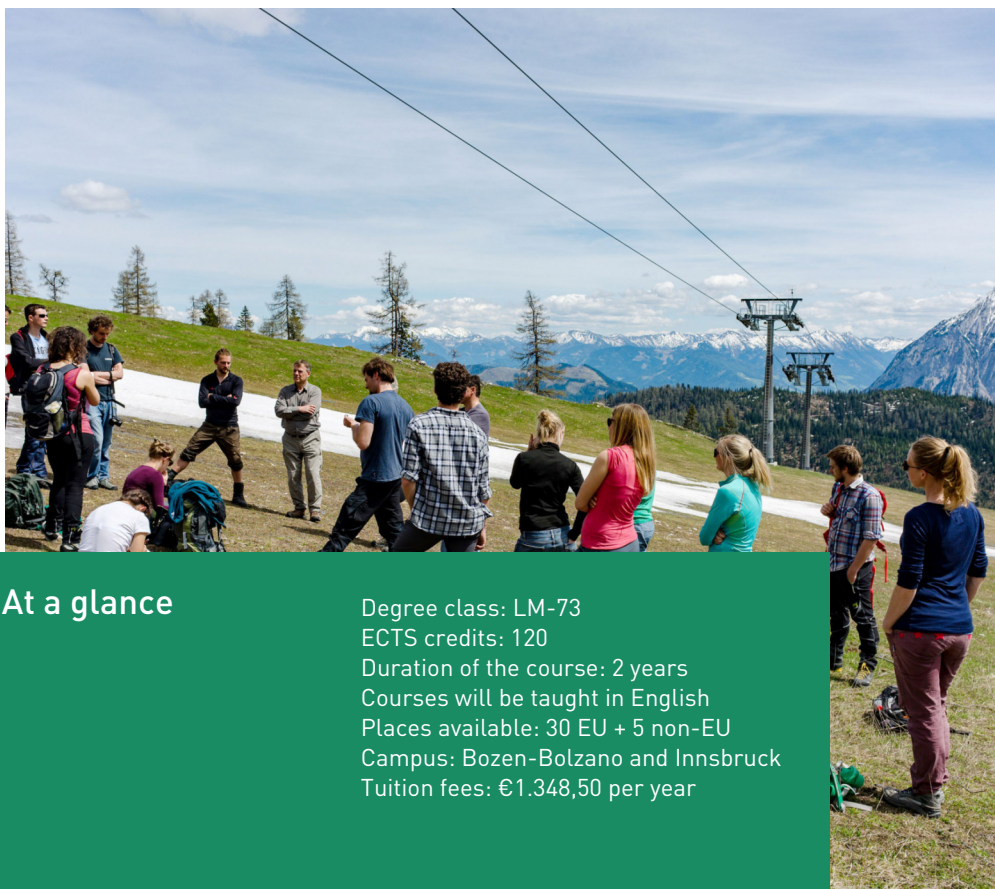


# Master in Environmental Management of Mountain Areas



## At a glance

Degree class: LM-73  
ECTS credits: 120  
Duration of the course: 2 years  
Courses will be taught in English  
Places available: 30 EU + 5 non-EU  
Campus: Bozen-Bolzano and Innsbruck  
Tuition fees: €1.348,50 per year



## Switch to the English page

Our programme is highly interdisciplinary and it is offered in cooperation with the University of Innsbruck (Austria). Both universities contribute their expertise in an integrative way to ecological, engineering and socio-economic perspectives of mountain landscape management.

The programme takes advantage of the **particular location of the partner universities in the Central Alps** and includes both student and teacher mobility between the two countries. Courses will be taught by lecturers from both universities.

## Structure of the course

The first study year is to be completed at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano and focuses on basic natural science and technical skills and competences in 9 compulsory modules.

The second study year at the University of Innsbruck, with two compulsory modules and several elective modules, gives students the possibility to focus on environmental and resource management, nature protection, landscape ecology and planning, agriculture and forestry as well as water and waste management in mountain areas.

Students work in interdisciplinary teams to carry out scientific research that is result-oriented, focused on targets and related to their Master dissertation project.

In the study plan you can find the partner university of the courses of your interest. In the course offering instead you can find the course descriptions.

# Study Plan - Master in Environmental Management of Mountain Areas - Major in Sustainable Mountain Agriculture and Development

## 1st Year (at Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)

- 6 CP Landscape Ecology
- 3 CP Advanced English (C1-Level)
  - 0 CP Geomatics and Landscape Planning
  - 3 CP Geomatics
  - 3 CP Landscape planning
- 6 CP Management of Mountain Forests
- 0 CP Basics of Environmental Economics and Natural Risk Management
  - 3 CP Environmental Economics
  - 3 CP Management of Natural Risks in Mountain Areas
- 3 CP Applied Statistics
- 0 CP Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas
- 6 CP Economic Development, Sustainable Tourism and Regional Products
  - 3 CP Project Development and Management
- 0 CP Ecosystem Restoration and Rural Appraisal
  - 3 CP Ecosystem Restoration
  - 3 CP Rural Appraisal
- 6 CP Technologies for Low Input Agricultural Systems
- 0 CP Sustainable Farming Systems in Mountain Areas
  - 4 CP Mountain Agriculture
  - 5 CP Livestock Management in Mountain Areas

## 2nd Year (at Faculty of Biology, University of Innsbruck)

- 25 CP Free Choice Courses\* (at Faculty of Biology, University of Innsbruck)
- 5 CP Selected topics in environmental management (one mandatory course at Faculty of Biology, University of Innsbruck)
- 30 CP Thesis\*\* (at either Free University of Bozen-Bolzano or University of Innsbruck)

### \* Free choice courses

Students can choose courses of their choice. Every year the Faculty publishes the list of free choice courses offered.

### \*\* Thesis

The degree can be successfully concluded after the elaboration and defense of an original thesis work, which can be performed at either universities.

There is no compulsory attendance at unibz, although attendance of lessons, exercise classes

and lab work is strongly recommended. Attendance is instead compulsory for part of the courses offered at the University of Innsbruck.

## Study Plan - Study Plan - Master in Environmental Management of Mountain Areas - Major in Environmental Protection

### 1st Year (at unibz)

- 6 CP Landscape Ecology
- 3 CP Advanced English (C1-Level)
- 0 CP Geomatics and Landscape Planning
  - 3 CP Geomatics
  - 3 CP Landscape Planning
- 6 CP Management of Mountain Forests
- 0 CP Basics of Environmental Economics and Natural Risk Management
  - 3 CP Environmental Economics
  - 3 CP Management of natural risks in mountain areas
- 3 CP Applied Statistics
- 0 CP Nature Conservation and Management
  - 3 CP Applied Botany
  - 3 CP Nature Conservation and Protected Areas
  - 3 CP Wildlife Management
- 0 CP Forest Planning and Protection Forestry
  - 3 CP Protection Forestry
  - 3 CP Forest Inventories
  - 3 CP Forest Harvesting and Logistics
- 0 CP Management of Mountain Rivers
  - 3 CP Hydromorphology of Mountain Rivers
  - 3 CP Flood Risk Mitigation Measures in Mountain Basins
- 0 CP Advanced Geomatics and Environmental Impact Assessment
  - 3 CP Advanced Geomatics
  - 3 CP Environmental Impact Assessment

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## **Exchange programmes and internships**

Currently we offer exchange programmes with almost 20 partner universities all over the world.

This study programme does not involve a compulsory internship. You can still choose to carry out a voluntary internship and choose from the long list of Italian and foreign businesses the University of Bozen is partnered with.

## **Career opportunities**

The interdisciplinary and research-oriented master programme opens up a wide range of occupational opportunities for graduates all over the world, in particular environmental assessment, monitoring and management of protected areas, project planning and Eco-certification in the fields of agriculture and forestry, analysis and natural hazard assessment of hydrogeological origin, and elaboration of development plans of agricultural mountain areas, as well as various scientific careers.

Well prepared and ready for the job market. On the website of AlmaLaurea you can check statistical data about graduates' satisfaction and their employability.



## Master in Environmental Management of Mountain Areas

### Application and Admission

You can find all you need to know in order to apply and gain admission to this study programme by browsing through the information below.

### Deadlines

#### Early Bird Application

Application: 02/03 - 28/04/2020 (by noon local time)

Language exams: 15 - 22/04/2020 (registration 31/03 - 07/04/2020)

Admission procedure and publication of ranking lists: by 18/05/2020

Payment of the 1st instalment of the tuition fees: by 28/05/2020 (by noon local time)

Enrolment: 15/07 - 16/10/2020 (by noon local time)

#### Late Application

Application: 20/05 - 31/08/2020 (by noon local time)

Language exams: 01 - 02/07/2020, if necessary, also on 03/07 (registration 20/05 - 25/06/2020), 28/07/2020 (registration 10/07 - 21/07/2020)

Admission procedure and publication of ranking lists: by 09/09/2020

Payment of the 1st instalment of the tuition fees: by 18/09/2020 (by noon local time)

Enrolment: 09/09 - 16/10/2020 (by noon local time)

#### Preparatory courses and Freshers Days

Preparatory Mathematics Course (recommended): 24/08 - 04/09/2020

Freshers Days: 28 - 29/09/2020

#### 1st semester

Classes: 28/09 - 23/12/2020

Exams (extraordinary session): 14 - 23/12/2020

Holidays: 24/12/2020 - 06/01/2021

Classes: 07/01 - 16/01/2021

Exams: 18/01 - 13/02/2021

#### 2nd semester

Classes: 22/02 - 01/04/2021

Holidays: 02/04 - 05/04/2021

Classes: 06/04 - 12/06/2021

Exams (extraordinary session): 17 - 29/05/2021

Exams: 14/06 - 10/07/2021

### **Autumn session**

Exams: 23/08 - 25/09/2021

## **Available places**

EU citizens and citizens given parity of treatment

Early Bird Application: 20

Late Application: 10

Non-EU citizens (living abroad)

Early Bird Application: 5

The programme will only be offered if a minimum of 12 newly enrolled students is reached.

Each curriculum will be offered if a minimum of 6 newly enrolled students is reached.

## **Entry requirements**

In order to gain admission to this programme you need one of the following qualifications

1. a bachelor degree in the Italian degree class L-25 (Agriculture and Forestry) ex D.M. 270/2004 or equivalent qualification gained abroad
2. a bachelor degree in the Italian degree class 20 (Agriculture, Food Industry and Forestry) ex D.M. 509/1999 or equivalent qualification gained abroad
3. a bachelor degree in biology of the partner University Innsbruck
4. another Italian or foreign degree if you certify the following ECTS credit points:
  - 20 credit points in the scientific sectors of the fundamental subjects ("attività di base") of the class L-25 (Agriculture and Forestry), and
  - 30 credit points in the scientific sectors of the typical subjects ("attività caratterizzanti") of the class L-25 (Agriculture and Forestry), related at least to two different subject areas.  
Please note: The correspondence of credit points awarded abroad to scientific-disciplinary sectors will be based on the contents of the exams.

### **Additional information on point 4:**

If you miss the requirements listed above by less than 9 ECTS credit points, you might acquire part or all of them by passing the following **preparatory courses (3 ECTS credit points each)**:

- Fundamentals of agronomy and forestry
- Fundamentals of ecology
- Fundamentals of agricultural and forest engineering

For details about the required ECTS credit points or the preparatory courses, please contact the Faculty Secretariat at [science.technology@unibz.it](mailto:science.technology@unibz.it).

You can enrol as external student through the following link:



<https://www.unibz.it/en/applicants/single-subject-courses/> and hand in the requested documents in the Student secretariat.

After having passed the exams of the preparatory courses, you need to upload the self-declaration in the application portal by the application deadline (see section "Online Application").

### **If you have not yet graduated at the time of application:**

You can apply if you have acquired at least 150 credit points (ECTS) and fulfil the above requirements. Until your graduation, you will be admitted conditionally. You must have achieved your degree by the enrolment deadline, otherwise you will be excluded.

To be admitted you must fulfil the language requirements indicated in the section "Language requirements".

## **Language requirements**

The official teaching language is English. Therefore, the following language requirements apply, otherwise you will be excluded from the admission procedure:

### **Entry level (to gain admission)**

English: B2

The levels of the Common European Framework of Reference apply.

You can demonstrate your language proficiency in the application portal (in the section "upload language certificates" and/or "enrol for language exams") after you have created an application in the section "create/manage applications".

- In case your final certificate has been awarded by an **Italian** public institution, you need to submit a self-declaration.
- In case your final certificate has been awarded by a **foreign** public institution, you need to upload diploma scanned copy of the original.

### **You can demonstrate language proficiency through:**

1. **the main teaching language in your final high school year** if English (recognised as C1)
2. **a bachelor or master degree** in English (recognised as C1). unibz graduates must upload the language certificates obtained and/or declare that they have passed language exams at the unibz Language Centre (B2, B2+ or C1)
3. **a recognised language certificate** (see the list of recognised certificates) If you cannot upload the certificates, you can send them by e-mail as PDF files or deliver them in person to the Language Centre by the application deadline (see "Deadlines" section).
4. **language exams organised by the unibz Language Centre.** You can register for these exams online through the application portal (in the section "enrol for language exams") after you have filled out your application in the section "create/manage applications". The registration periods are indicated in the "Deadlines" section. If you start your application outside a language exams registration period, you must return to the portal during one of the periods indicated above in order to register for an exam.

Information regarding the structure of the language proficiency exams, their duration, their

administration, and typical processing time for the publication of the results can be found on the following webpage: <https://www.unibz.it/en/services/language-centre/language-exams/>.

## Online application

Your application must be submitted online through the Application Portal. The deadlines are indicated in the “Deadlines” section.

- You need to create an account;
- Then fill in the form online and check if the required information is complete;
- Upload the required attachments for every selected study programme in the portal and submit the application by the deadline. Once the application has been sent, it cannot be modified. Filled-in forms which have not been sent correctly will not be taken into consideration.

**Please note:** Mendacious declarations will be criminally prosecuted and will result in the automatic exclusion from the ranking list.

You have to upload:

- a passport-size colour photo;
- a photocopy of a valid identity card or passport (front/back). Please note: if your document is invalid, incomplete or unreadable, you will be excluded from the admission procedure;
- the attachments listed under “Admission procedure”.

If you gained your qualification abroad, you must also upload:

- the diploma of your qualification: if you are not yet in possession of the diploma, you can upload it upon enrolment at the very latest - until you have not uploaded your diploma, you can only gain conditional admission;
- an official translation of the qualification into Italian (not necessary for qualifications in German or English);
- the Diploma supplement, where it must be indicated: that the student has achieved at least 180 credit points (ECTS) and that the study title gives access to a master programme.

In case of doubt, unibz reserves the right to request further documents (e.g. declaration of equivalent value).

- the declaration of equivalent value of your qualification: if you are not yet in possession of the declaration, you can upload it upon enrolment at the very latest (see next paragraph);
- the valid permit to stay for Italy (only for non-EU citizens legally resident in Italy) - see below chapter “EU-citizens and equivalent” point 2.

**The declaration of equivalent value (not necessary for qualifications gained in Austria or Germany, but unibz reserves the right to request it in case of doubt)**

If you have a foreign qualification, you must certify that your qualification would grant you admission to a similar study programme in the country where you gained this qualification. For this reason, you must:

- apply for the “dichiarazione di valore” (declaration of equivalent value) at an Italian

consulate or embassy abroad (please apply for the declaration as soon as possible since processing times might be long);

- upload the declaration upon enrolment at the very latest, together with the other relevant documents.

### EU-Citizens and equivalent

You might apply for more than one study programme. If you are excluded in the first session, you might apply again in the second one.

#### Considered as equivalent are:

1. Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, San Marino and the Vatican City State;
2. Non-EU citizens with a valid permit to stay in Italy (see article 39, paragraph 5 of decree no. 286 of 25.07.1998: "**permesso di soggiorno**" (residence permit) for work, family reasons, political or humanitarian asylum, religious reasons). In this case, you apply directly to the University as described above and must submit a copy of your valid permit to stay. A permit to stay for study reasons or a visa for tourism is **not** If the permit has expired, you must attach a renewal request. **Please note** that if you do not provide the permit, you will be automatically considered a non-EU citizen living abroad and therefore subject to the admission procedure through the Italian authorities in your country of origin.

### Non-EU-Citizens (living outside of Italy)

Only one application period is offered. After the deadline it is not possible to apply anymore. Application fee: € 30.

As a non-EU citizen living abroad, you will also have to **apply at the Italian authorities** (consulate or embassy) in your country. The deadlines set by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (<http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>) must be met. At the Italian authorities, you can apply for one study programme only. Should you not follow this procedure with the local Italian authorities, your direct online application to unibz will be declared null and void.

## Admission procedure

You will be assessed for admission based on your academic qualifications.

Admission is based on the following criteria:

- full academic background containing list of courses and obtained grades (max. 70 pt)
- final bachelor grade (max. 30 pt)

An additional test/interview is required only in case of parity of score for the last place in the ranking list (see Section "Deadlines"). The Faculty secretariat informs you in case of a interview.

If you still need to graduate and/or certificate any remaining exams, you are provisionally admitted in the ranking lists.

**In the application portal, you shall upload:**

## 1. Qualification:

- **if graduated in Italy:** diploma supplement or self-declaration (following the Italian D.P.R. no. 445/2000) of the degree awarded with the exams passed (if graduated) or with the exams passed (if not graduated yet);
- **if graduated abroad:** diploma supplement or final degree certificate with exams passed (if graduated) or transcript of records (if not graduated yet) in Italian, German or English.

**The above must contain the following information:** final grade, exams passed with grade and date of passing, credit points, scientific fields (the latter only for Italian titles).

**For qualifications obtained abroad, also:** scale of grades awarded by the university of provenance (with a minimum final grade to obtain the qualification and a maximum final grade achievable).

The Faculty reserves the right to request a description of the contents of the courses and/or teaching hours where necessary.

**2. Excel file:** If you have not graduated yet, you must confirm that you have acquired at least 150 ECTS credit points in your course of origin. Please use the excel file available in the application portal.

**3. Personal statement letter** (letter of motivation) in format DIN A4.

**Please note:** mendacious declarations will be sanctioned by criminal law and will result in your automatic exclusion.

## Ranking lists

The Admission Committee will only evaluate the documents uploaded in the portal by the application deadline. The ranking lists with the admitted students will be published here: and are only valid for the respective academic year.

## Securing your Admission and Enrolling

If you have been admitted to more than one study programme, you can only secure your admission in one of them. Doing so you refrain from the admission to other programmes.

**1. Choose the study programme and pay the fees (to secure your admission) in the application portal.**

The deadlines are indicated in the “Deadlines” section.

If you do not meet this deadline, you will automatically be excluded and the next applicant in the ranking list will be admitted.

For EU citizens and citizens given parity of treatment only: any remaining places of the early bird application, will be offered in the late application.

**Please note** that you do not gain full student status by only paying the tuition fees. This status will only be acquired upon enrolment. If you have secured your admission, there will be no refund of the tuition fees unless you do not pass your secondary school final exam or, in the event of non-EU applicants living abroad, you do not receive the documents necessary for enrolment from the Italian authorities in your country.

## 2. Enrol online in the application portal.

The deadlines are indicated in the “Deadlines” section.

Enrolment is recommended as early as possible, so you have the possibility to upload incomplete documents before the deadline.

If you do not meet the enrolment deadline, you will be excluded and the next applicant in the ranking list will be admitted.

### Admission with reservation:

If you do not have the required academic qualification, you will be given a conditional offer for a study place and you must submit your qualification upon enrolment. If you achieve your qualification after the enrolment deadline, you cannot enrol, and you will lose your place which will be offered to the subsequent applicant in the ranking list. **Advice:** If you achieve your qualification after the enrolment deadline, you should not pay the tuition fees to confirm the study place. You will be able to submit a late enrolment request and, only if there are study places still available, you can enrol by 18 December 2020.

### If you have gained your qualification abroad, you must upload (if not uploaded upon application):

- diploma of your qualification
- official translation of your diploma into Italian (translation is not necessary if it has been issued in German or English)
- the Diploma supplement, where it must be indicated: that you have achieved at least 180 credit points (ECTS) and that the study title gives access to a Master course. In case of doubt, unibz reserves the right to request further documents (e.g. declaration of equivalent value).
- the declaration of equivalent value of your qualification, in the case the Diploma supplement is missing.

At the beginning of the academic year you must submit **the originals** of the above-mentioned documents to the Student Secretariat.

**Please note** that if you do not possess a valid admission qualification, you could be excluded with Rector’s decree even after enrolment.

### If you are a non-EU citizen living abroad:

If you are eligible for admission (check the ranking lists), the Italian Authorities in your own country will issue you the entry visa for studies/university.

This will allow you to arrive in Italy to enrol for the study programme that you have applied for, after passing the admission procedure.

According to Italian law, within 8 working days of your arrival in Italy, you must have applied for the residence permit: as soon as you arrive, get in touch with the Advisory Service and you will be given the necessary information for starting the procedure.

Once you will obtain your residence permit (permesso di soggiorno), you have to hand it in at the Student Secretariat personally or via e-mail.

**Students intending to transfer from another Italian University to unibz** must submit to the Student Secretariat - at the beginning of the academic year - a copy of the transfer application presented at the university of provenance.

## Tuition Fees

Fees amount to **€ 1348.50**.

- **1st instalment (€ 748.50)\***: includes the provincial tax for the right to study of € 148.50 and a revenue stamp of € 16.
- **2nd instalment (€ 600)**: must be paid by 31 March 2021.

Delayed payment of the second instalment will result in a fine being levied. If you have not paid the tuition fees, you will be unable to take exams and will not be able to transfer to other universities or other study programmes.

If you drop out of a programme, interrupt your studies or are excluded from studies, you are not entitled to reimbursement of the fees.

Exemption from the tuition fees (and the provincial tax) is granted to:

- Students with a disability recognized under article 3, paragraph 1, of Law No 104/1992, or with a disability up to or exceeding 66%: the disability certificate, issued by the health authorities, must be handed in at the beginning of the academic year.
- Foreign students who have been granted a scholarship from the Italian government.

Students who benefit from a scholarship granted by the Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano are entitled to receive a refund of the tuition fees.

## Recognition of credit points from previous studies

Credit points from previous university studies can only be recognised after enrolment if the exams taken at the university of provenance are equivalent in content to those offered at unibz. You can fill out the application after enrolment at your Faculty Secretariat.

The Advisory Service provides support regarding your choice of study. In many cases a simple call or a short request is enough to get the relevant information (Tel. +39 0471 012100).



## **Advisory Service**

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## **Opening Hours**

Infopoint  
Tuesday and Thursday: 14:00 - 16:00  
Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 - 12:30

For appointments outside the  
opening hours:  
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