Facts and figures

Start: Winter semester
Duration: 4 semesters
Degree: Master of Science
Language: English
Admission restricted

Application and enrolment

Admission requirements
General admission requirements: www.uol.de/stud/614en

Language skills:
English level B2

Application
Application deadline: 15 July

German university degree:
Online application
www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

EU or international applicants:
www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Further information

Biology website
www.uol.de/en/biology/studies/master-of-science-biology

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg
www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies
www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad
www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

German Life Science Association
www.vbio.de

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Biology (M. Sc.)

The objective of the research-oriented Biology Master’s programme is the in-depth study of major areas of modern Biology and their application fields as well as training in its techniques and methods.

The degree programme is available to students with an initial university degree (Bachelor). Students acquire in-depth, interdisciplinary knowledge of mathematics relating to science as well as a general understanding of biological systems spanning the molecular and organism levels. The programme uses a methodological and practical approach to enable students to conduct independent research in accordance with scientific and ethical standards and to interpret and present research results appropriately.

The international nature of the scientific community demands well-developed communication skills, especially in English. Structured, hypothesis-driven thinking, communication skills and social competence form the basis of successful professional practice.

The course of studies enables students to create a clear specialisation profile in the areas of Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, Behavioural Biology and Molecular Cell Biology/Genetics. Therefore, the degree programme also forms the basis for the education of the next generation of academics in the Institute of Biology and Environmental Sciences.

Career opportunities

The Master’s degree prepares students for independent roles in industry, business, research and other private or public organisations:

- Academic career (PhD)
- Research institutes for natural and social sciences
- Test facilities in the agricultural industry
- Pharmaceutical companies, clinical laboratories
- Medical technology companies, biotechnology companies
- Environmental protection agencies
- Publishing and public media
- Public administrative bodies

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Specialisations

Modules beyond the Biology Master’s degree programme should have a useful connection to the degree programme and must be agreed with the examining board before the student takes part. Students select their own specialisation areas which arise from the university’s research groups, e.g.:

- Biodiversity and Evolution of Plants
- Biodiversity and Evolution of Animals
- Evolutionary Plant Genetics
- Functional Plant Ecology
- Marine Biodiversity
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Neurobiology
- Ecological Genomics
- Avian Ecology and Physiology
- Systematics and Evolutionary Biology
- Behavioural Biology

For an overview of the research groups in Biology and their respective specialisations, research associates and international partners as well as further information on the degree programme, go to the website of the Institute of Biology and Environmental Sciences.

Language skills

The language of the degree programme is English. Therefore, your application must include evidence of English language proficiency.