Step-by-step Application Guide

This document serves to guide you through the online application process for the M.Sc. Sustainable Systems Engineering/SSE. Our application process is carried out entirely online. To apply for the SSE master’s program correctly, all applicants must complete the online application in full and submit it electronically via the application portal. Applicants will be asked to provide electronic copies of their documents. Documents must be color scans of the originals (pdf-format, good quality/high-resolution). In the case of translations, the original is the certified translation and the guidelines for certification apply.

Required documents:

- Undergraduate transcript of records showing all courses taken, all credits and grades obtained and the final/current overall average grade.
- Undergraduate diploma (bachelor’s degree or equivalent), if already available.
- Certified translations of undergraduate transcript of records and, if applicable, undergraduate diploma, if these documents are not in German or English.
- Proof of English proficiency CEFR level B2
- A valid APS certificate (only for applicants who have studied in China, Mongolia and Vietnam)
- Information about the grading and credit system at the respective university

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

1) Register at the online application portal

- Register on HISinONE, the campus management website of the University of Freiburg: https://campus.uni-freiburg.de.
- Change the language preference of the website to English at the bottom right hand corner of the page.
- Click Application and Self Registration.

Note:

- Pay attention to the correct address format when entering the address. The address can be changed independently at any time afterwards.
- Your name cannot be changed. If it is not correct, you must withdraw the application and start again.

2) E-Mail verification

- After you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail with a verification link.
- Use the verification link to get to the homepage of the application portal. Use the user name stated in the verification e-mail and the password you have chosen during the registration.
Note:
- This e-mail might end up in your spam folder. Make sure to look there, too.
- The user name and password are only used for the application process. They are not used to access information once you have been assigned a Student ID after matriculation.

3) Fill in the online application form

- Click Start Application.
- Enable e-mail notifications if you wish to receive notifications via e-mail.
- Select Winter Semester 2022/23 and click on Start application.
- Click Add an application.
- Select as degree Master of Science and as field of study Sustainable Systems Engineering.
- The other fields on this page are then filled automatically.
- This step does not apply to international applicants. Please just click Next.
- If you are a German applicant and one of the three options applies to you, click on it and follow further instructions.

Previous university studies
- Please enter all details of your bachelor’s degree.
- If you have already completed (or started) another bachelor’s degree, master’s degree or changed the university, please click on Add Previous university studies to enter an additional stage of your university career.

Current state of university degree
- This section only refers to the bachelor’s program relevant for the M.Sc. SSE. Please enter all information again.
- Grade:
  If you did not obtain your degree from a German university enter 0 in the field Grade according to the German grading system. Do – in any case – enter your final grade in the grading system used at your (previous/current) university and indicate the used grading scale.
- Upload:
  Upload your final or current transcript of records and (if available) your diploma.

Case A: Previous studies have been finished, diploma has been issued
→ Upload your transcript of records and your diploma.
Case B: Previous studies have been finished, but the diploma has not been issued yet
→ Upload your transcript of record and an alternative document.

- Should not all completed courses with grades and credits as well as a current overall grade be shown on your transcript, please upload a separate document with this information.
- The separate document should be issued by the examination office or other official bodies of your university. Documents issued by individual professors are invalid.

Case C: Previous studies have not been finished yet
→ Upload your current transcript of record and an alternative document.

- The separate document should show the expected date of graduation and the current average grade. Should not all completed courses with grades and credits be shown on your transcript, please make sure to provide this information as well.
- The separate document should be issued by the examination office or other official bodies of your university. Documents issued by individual professors are invalid.

Note:

- We use the so-called Modified Bavarian Formula to convert grades earned in countries other than Germany. In order to do so we need specific information about how the grading system in each country works. For this, we need the maximum grade you can get at your university as well as the minimum in order to pass. We also need information about the credit system (work load and credits) at your university, respectively in your country, in order to transfer your credits into ECTS credits. Ideal would be a document of your university with an explanation of the grading and credit system. Probably you are not the first one who wants to convert grades given in your country into the German system. Therefore, you will surely find something at your university or at other official institutions. If not, try to explain it as well as possible and hand in your own explanation.

Please add this document to your transcript of records and upload it as one pdf document.

APS certificate

- If you have a Chinese, Mongolian or Vietnamese degree, you need to upload a valid APS certificate.
English language proficiency

- The required English proficiency level for the SSE master’s program is CEFR B2. Click [here](#) to check which CEFR level your test result corresponds to.
- If you are a native English speaker, select native speaker.
- If your scores have an expiration date please make sure that the scores are at least valid until the application deadline, May 15th.
- If you do not have your test scores yet, upload a document that says which test you have taken or intend to take.

**Note:**
- We do *not* accept your proof of English proficiency send from the test center directly to us via mail. Please upload the documents yourself.
- Even if you cannot present your proof of English proficiency by May 15th, you can still participate in the application process.
- If you cannot upload your proof of English proficiency by May 15th, keep the document with you and show it together with your other documents during the matriculation process. Do *not* send it to us or the university via mail or e-mail.
- Important: If you cannot show your original proof of English proficiency during the matriculation process, you will not be able to matriculate!

- Select once again which degree you use to apply for the program.

4) Confirmation of your data

- Important: Download the document Confirmation of the applicant, print it and sign it. Scan and upload the signed form. We will not process your application without the signed uploaded form!

5) Submit application

- Check the overview of your application.
- Scroll down and make sure all your data and documents are correct.
- Confirm that your application is correct by checking the box and clicking Submit application.
- If you found a mistake click Back and change it.
6) Print submitted application

- Congratulations! You have successfully completed your application.
- Print a copy of your application for your own records by clicking *Print data control sheet*.

Note:
- If you want to apply for another program, click *Add an application*.
- If you want to change your application after you have submitted it, click *Cancel and edit application*. This is only possible until May 15th.
- If you change your mind and you want to withdraw your application, click *Cancel application*.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Our application process has changed and will as of the winter semester 2020/21 be completed entirely online. Unfortunately, this aspect is not yet noted in our selection statute. However, all documents have to be provided electronically and we will not accept hard-copy versions of applications or any other documents send via regular mail.
- All applications (from EU and non-EU students) are due May 15th. After that date it will not be possible to upload or change anything.
- In case you will be selected by the SSE admission committee, your admission will be conditional! You will need to show the originals or certified copies of all submitted documents – and your high-school degree certificate (*Hochschulzugangsberechtigung*) – at the time of your matriculation at the University of Freiburg (around mid of October, details will follow together with the admission letter). Without these original documents you will not be matriculated, no exemptions!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact study@institute.unic-freiburg.de