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 in case 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, India, 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 top right corner of the page.
- Click Application and 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.
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 2024/25** and click on **Start application**.

- Click **Add an application**.

- Select as degree **Master of Science** and as field of study **Sustainable Systems Engineering**.

- Select 1. **Subject-related semester** when you wish to start the Master program from start. Please note that applying to higher subject-related semesters indicates that you are either transferring from another Master’s program or have already completed a different Master’s program and seek accreditation for the relevant courses.

- The other fields on this page are then filled in 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 universities during your studies, 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

**Case A:** Previous studies have been finished, diploma has been issued
  → Upload your diploma and (if required) officially certified translation.
Case B: Previous studies have been finished, but the diploma has not been issued yet
→ Upload your alternative document: confirmation from the university that the degree was completed, stating the grade.

- Should your transcript not show all completed courses with grades and credits as well as a current overall grade, 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 alternative documents.

- The separate document should show that you have passed, handed in or at least registered for your final thesis. It should also include the expected date of graduation and the current average grade. Should your transcript not show all completed courses with grades and credits, please make sure to provide this information as well.
- The separate document should be issued by the examination office or by other official bodies of your university. Documents issued by individual professors are invalid. If your program does not have the concept of a final thesis, please upload a confirmation of that fact instead.

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 highest grade you can get at your university as well as the lowest grade it takes to pass. We also need information about the credit system (work load and credits) at your university or in your country in order to transfer your credits into ECTS credits. A document from your university with an explanation of the grading and credit system would be ideal. You are probably not the first one in your country who wants to convert grades 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 best as possible and hand in your own explanation.

Please add this document to your transcript of records and upload it as one PDF file.
APS certificate

- If you have a Chinese, Indian, 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 and which certificates are accepted.
- 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.

Note:

- We do not accept your proof of English proficiency sent from the test center directly to us via mail. Please upload the documents yourself.

- Select once again with which degree you are applying 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 be carried out entirely online as of winter semester 2020/21. 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 are 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. There are no exemptions!

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