

Admission Process Major Environmental and Sustainability Studies

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In the Major Environmental and Sustainability Studies the following places are offered for the next integrated year abroad:

- - 3 study places at **UAB Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona / Spain**
- - 3 study places at **Universidad de Almería / Spain**
- - 5 places at **PUCP in Lima / Peru**
- - 5 places at **University of Sopron / Hungary**
- - 8 places at **Karlstads Universitet / Sweden**
- - 5 places at **Utrecht University / Netherlands**

Students in the 2nd semester of Major Umweltwissenschaften (UWI) and the Major Global Environmental and Sustainability Studies Major (GESS) are eligible to apply and then start a year abroad in the 5th and 6th semester.

Please apply for the places at the partner universities with the following documents:

- Application form
<https://www.leuphana.de/en/college/bachelor/bsc-global-environmental-and-sustainability-studies/integrated-year-abroad.html>
under the link "Application" or request at studiendekanat.nachhaltigkeit@leuphana.de
- Copy of your university entrance qualification certificate
- One-page letter of motivation in which you refer to the following topics with examples:
 - Your general motivation for the integrated exchange year major
 - Teaching and learning culture as well as content focus of the partner university of your first choice
 - Culture and language of the country
 - Your learning style as well as your personal suitability and motivation for the study year abroad.
 - Please state your name and matriculation number in the header of the motivation letter.
- Proof of Spanish language skills if applying for a place in Lima or Spain (see following page).

Please send your application by June 30 to:

studiendekanat.nachhaltigkeit@leuphana.de with the subject "Application_Envi_Your Name".

Please include the application form as an attachment. Please summarize all other documents in a second attachment (pdf with max. 3 MB).

Proof of language skills

If you apply for a year abroad at the Spanish partner universities as well as at PUCP/Lima, at least basic knowledge of the Spanish language at level A2 of the European Framework of Reference must be proven at the time of your application with the following documents:

- recognized language tests or language certificates (DELE) or
- a current placement test of the Language Center of Leuphana

<https://www.leuphana.de/en/institutions/language-center/slz/language-placement-tests.html>

The selection is made by a selection committee. There will be a waiting list of applicants. The confirmation of admission will be sent in writing within 2-3 weeks to the address given on the application letter. Please refer to the admission letter for the deadline for acceptance of the study place with the form enclosed with the admission.

The official transfer to the Major Environmental and Sustainability Studies with integrated exchange year takes place automatically with the start of the year abroad.

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