UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA
Institute of High Mountain Biology in Tatranská Javorina

MASTER´S DEGREE STUDY

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ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMME OFFERED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

MASTER´S DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMME	
FULL-TIME STUDY LENGTH OF STUDY 2 YEARS	**PART-TIME STUDY** LENGTH OF STUDY 2 YEARS
Alpine and Mountain Ecology	-

Detailed information about the study programme:

- curriculum,
- course information sheets

EXPECTED NUMBER OF ACCEPTED APPLICANTS TO THE FIRST YEAR

MASTER´S DEGREE STUDY		
STUDY PROGRAMME / FIELD OF STUDY	**PLANNED CAPACITY**	
	FULL-TIME	**PART-TIME**
Alpine and Mountain Ecology / Ecological and Environmental Sciences	20	-
TOTAL	20	-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

Basic condition of admission

The basic condition for admission to master´s (engineering) degree study (the second-degree study programme of higher education) is the full completion of the first degree of university study in accordance with Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Higher Education Act"). An applicant who has obtained a first-cycle higher education academic degree abroad shall submit, no later than upon enrolment in the study programme, a document recognizing the qualification in the Slovak Republic, or shall apply to the University of Žilina in Žilina for recognition of the educational document in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Other conditions of admission

As a condition for admission to the master's degree study programme Alpine and Mountain Ecology, the applicant must have obtained, as a minimum, 80 credits in successfully passed subjects focused on ecological and environmental sciences, especially ecology, biology, geology, limnology, and equivalent subjects. Applicants who meet this condition will undergo an oral interview. The interview shall include an assessment of the applicant's English language proficiency required for studying professional literature and preparing the final thesis. In the selection procedure, the study results achieved during the bachelor's degree study shall be taken into account, with the weighted grade point average serving as the decisive criterion.

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

Admission requirements are the same for both foreign applicants and applicants from Slovakia, unless stated otherwise by specific international agreements, deals, or scholarship programmes.
Students enrolled in study programmes delivered in a language other than the official language of the Slovak Republic shall pay tuition fees in accordance with the Higher Education Act and the internal regulations of the University of Žilina. The amount of tuition fees is determined by the University's internal regulations and published during the relevant academic year on the university website. Students enrolled in programmes delivered in Slovak shall pay tuition fees in accordance with the conditions stipulated by the Higher Education Act and the internal regulations of the University of Žilina. For foreign applicants admitted on the basis of an intergovernmental agreement, international agreement, or under scholarship programmes of the Government of the Slovak Republic, the conditions stipulated in the relevant agreements, legislation, and programme documents shall apply.
Applicants will not be admitted to the study if, within the previous five years, they have been expelled from study as a result of disciplinary proceedings, or have been repeatedly expelled from a study programme in the same field of study and at the same level for failing to meet the requirements as set out in the study programme and the university's study regulations (Section 69 par. 2 of the Higher Education Act).

APPLICATION FORM

The applicants submit the application for the second-cycle higher education studies in either paper or electronic format. The electronic application form may be submitted via the UNIZA website at: https://vzdelavanie.uniza.sk/prijimacky/index.php or on the Portal VS (University Portal): https:// prihlaskavs.sk/sk/.
Even in the case of the electronic application form, it is required to print it, sign it, enclose other required documents including the proof of payment of the fee and send it by post to the address of UNIZA **within the stipulated deadlines**.
Shall the applicant be interested in more than one study programme, they are required to submit a separate application for each of these programmes, and pay the required admission fees.

Attachments to the master´s degree application form:

1. curriculum vitae,
2. proof of payment of the admission fee,
3. copy of the diploma,
4. information on the results of the previous study regarding the successful compretion of a first-degree higher education study, a list of grades from individual subjects.

Admission fee:

Send **€ 30** to:	Žilinská univerzita v Žiline, Univerzitná 1, 010 26 Žilina	
	Bank:	Štátna pokladnica
	IBAN:	SK40 8180 0000 0070 0008 0700
	Const. symbol:	0308
	Variable symbol:	19032 – magisterské štúdium
Payment method:	payment can be made by bank transfer or postal order to the above account.	
Proof of payment:	proof of payment is to be sent to UNIZA address with the application form.	

Tuition fees – in accordance with the Higher Education Act and UNIZA internal regulation, information about the amount of tuition fee for the relevant academic year will be published on the website of the University of Žilina within the stipulated deadlines.

With payment of the admission fee from the EU member states, the EES countries, territories that are considered a part of the EU (Treaty of Rome, Section 299) and SEPA countries, it is necessary to use **BIC: SPSRSKBAXXX**, **IBAN: SK40 8180 0000 0070 0008 0700**.

USEFUL DATES

Open Day	Deadline for submitting the application form	Entrance examination
11 February 2026 from 11:00	1st round: until 31 March 2027 2nd round: until 10 August 2027	1st round: 7 June 2027 2nd round: 16 August 2027

If the applicant has not yet completed his/her bachelor´s degree study within the deadline for submission of applications, he/she will send a list of subjects/courses he/she has already completed as well as a list of subjects that he/she has enrolled for the last semester, together with the expected date of their completion. By the deadline for submitting supplementary documents, the applicant will send the final transcript (a list of completed subjects) and diploma. If he/she has not yet obtained the diploma, he/she must send a confirmation from his/her educational institution proving that he/she has obtained a degree. The Institute of High Mountain Biology will create a preliminary list of potential applicants. The final decision will be sent to the applicants upon successful completion of their studies and after obtaining a bachelor‘s degree.

ACCOMMODATION

All students are entitled to accommodation in accordance with the internal regulations of the University of Žilina. The accommodation facility of the University of Žilina provides accommodation according to the available capacity, taking into account the distance of the student's permanent residence from the university. Accommodation fee: **€66 to €134 per month**. During the study in Tatranská Javorina, it is possible to be accommodated on the IHMB premises or in private accommodation facilities in the surrounding villages. The IHMB can help find suitable accommodation for students.

CATERING

Students can use the services of the catering facility of the University of Žilina. During the study in Tatranská Javorina students can prepare meals on the premises of the IHMB by themselves or board individually. **Price for food: € 1.10 – € 4.70**. During the study in Tatranská Javorina students can prepare meals on the premises of the IHMB by themselves or board individually.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students in the master´s degree study programme can obtain motivational scholarships (for excellent results or exceptional achievements) in accordance with the stated criteria. Foreign stays within ERASMUS + programme are supported by financial grants in the amount determined for the given country. **Students of the study programme Alpine and Mountain Ecology can obtain motivational departmental scholarships in accordance with the stated criteria**. In the event of an unfavourable social situation, students can apply for a social scholarship during their study.

GRADUATE PROSPECTS

The students gain practical knowledge right in the high-mountain environment, they take part in solving current environmental problems, and they work using modern methods of ecological research.

Graduate of the study programme Alpine and High-Mountain Ecology acquires advanced knowledge on the functioning of ecosystems, their protection, and on the impacts of climate change on the natural environment. The graduate has a good command of modern methods of field research, environmental monitoring, and the processing and assessment of ecological data.

The graduates may find employment in science and research institutions, nature and landscape protection organizations, in state and local administration in the field of environmental protection, in national parks and protected areas, environmental nongovernmental organizations, in private sector focused on environmental protection and sustainable development, in the field of environmental monitoring, and in environmental impacts assessment.
At the same time, the study programme offers a high-quality foundation for continuation in subsequent doctoral studies in the field of ecological and environmental sciences and related fields.