



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for admission are alternatively:

- a completed relevant bachelor's degree (environmental engineering, electrical engineering, construction) from a university or college
- a completed technical diploma or master's degree from a university or technical college
- a completed magister, diploma or master's degree in natural sciences or economics from a university or college plus a minimum of three years hydropower-related experience
- a minimum of five years of relevant skilled work involving hydropower

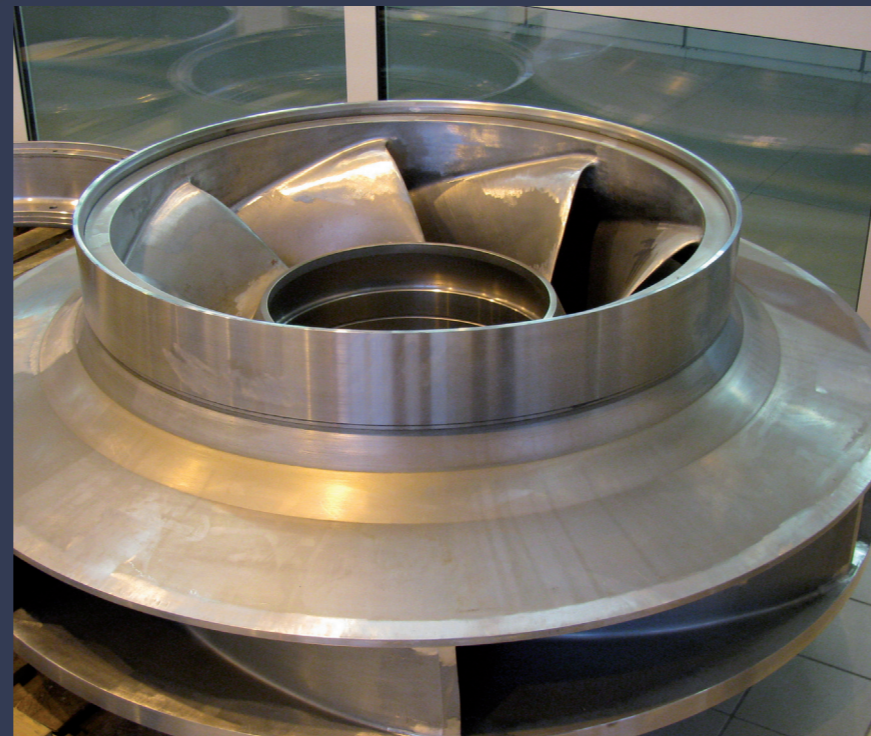
In addition:

- English language ability: minimum - matura level or CEFR Level B2
- students must be equipped with a powerful internet connection during their studies. In addition, a laptop with integrated camera or equivalent equipment is required.

APPLICATION

Interviews are organized by telephone via Skype. The application documents must be scanned and sent to Univ.-Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Bernhard Pelikan, pelikan@boku.ac.at. To apply, officially certified copies of all certificates/documents in the original language and, if necessary, appropriate and duly certified translations into German or English language are to be submitted with the application for admission.

>> Information: pelikan@boku.ac.at



BENEFITS AND COSTS

The tuition fee for the master's program is EUR 18,000 (excluding travel and subsistence costs in presence courses) and includes/covers:

- sending a student ID
- the correspondence courses totalling 120 ECTS
- the provision of study materials via an internet platform (Moodle) as a PPT or PDF or Word files. These documents are evaluated and approved by an international review committee
- supervision of students by teachers using tele-teaching communication channels (e.g. Moodle, Skype)
- start meeting via video conference to get to know the course management team and lecturers
- distance learning introduction course for targeted use of distance learning software
- holding of presence courses within a defined framework
- acceptance and assessment of examination performances
- supervision of the master's thesis
- final panel examination with defence of the master's thesis
- issue and award of graduate certificate and the master's degree

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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM



Electricity has undoubtedly become an indispensable part of our modern community. The options on how to provide electricity depend mainly on the national availability of the respective resources and have of course different impacts on the environment. Electricity from hydropower, focusing on small hydropower, is renewable and environmentally sound. Hydropower contributes 75 % of total global renewable electricity production and in several countries world-wide, hydropower is the backbone of the supply system. Two thirds of the global hydropower potential is still untapped and is waiting to be exploited by well-educated engineers.

PROFESSION AND CAREER

Through completing the training, participants have detailed knowledge of the field of small hydropower and in equally important neighboring fields.

The educational objective and skills to be achieved can be concretized as follows:

- a thorough knowledge of all the fundamentals of hydropower utilization
- specific knowledge of hydromechanics
- specific knowledge of hydrology and hydrography
- a thorough knowledge of all components and their function
- a thorough knowledge of environmental impacts and their compensation
- ability to assess existing power plants as well as power plant projects in terms of quality and efficiency
- ability to plan a power plant until concessioning

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Participants of the master's degree program "Small Hydropower for Sustainable Development" will not only gain deep knowledge of how to create, design, construct, operate and evaluate small hydropower plants of any kind, but also learn a lot about the context of the hydropower engineering process. Topics including the ecological and social environment and economic considerations are also covered. In several subjects the students will get trained by working on practical examples and applying theoretical content. Two design projects will be carried out under supervision including hydrological and hydraulic calculations, drawings and technical reports describing the project.



"The master's degree program is a unique opportunity to become an expert in small hydropower engineering. All lecturers are highly experienced in their respective field and work scientifically as well as practically. The course addresses any needs a hydropower engineer might be faced with."

PROF. BERNHARD PELIKAN
BOKU VIENNA AND CUAS (FH KÄRNTEN)

The master's degree program "Small Hydropower for Sustainable Development" will be a distance learning program with the lecturers providing the study material via an internet platform. The students will be able to download all the material and have the option to contact the lecturers by email or Skype to ask questions. All the lectures are structured within modules providing the contents in a logical order. In some subjects the latest software will be provided by the lecturers and then directly applied.

Modules

Module 1: Fluid Dynamics

Module 2: River Science

Module 3: Construction Works

Module 4: Electrical and Mechanical Equipment

Module 5: Engineering and Design

Module 6: Environmental and Aesthetic Aspects

Module 7: Economic and Social Aspects

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

LANGUAGE:
English

START
March 2016

DURATION:
4 Semesters + Master Thesis

ECTS-POINTS:
120

ORGANISATION:
Distance Learning Program



CURRICULUM

Modul	Subject	Semester				ECTS
		1.	2.	3.	4.	
Fluid dynamics	Fluid dynamics 1	2				4
	Fluid dynamics 2		1,5			3
	Hydraulic modelling			2		4
	Hydromechanic model testing			1		1,5
River science	Potamology	1,5				3
	Applied hydrology	1,5				3
	Basics of topography and bathymetry & land survey	1				1,5
	River engineering	1,5				2,3
Construction works	Timber construction	1				1,5
	Geotechnical aspects and foundation engineering		1			1,5
	Dam construction		1,5			2,3
	Tunnel construction			1,5		2,3
	Reinforced concrete constructions			2		4
	Construction operation			1		1,5
Electrical and mechanical equipment	Turbine technology	2				3
	Construction of pipes		1			1,5
	"Zero head" techn. and numerical modelling of turbines			1,5		2,3
	Operation and maintenance of small hydropower plants			1		1,5
	Gates, valves, trashracks and cranes				1	1,5
	Process measuring and control technology				1,5	2,3
	Construction and operation of power lines				1	1,5
Engineering and design (I + II)	Design tools		2			4
	Weirs, intakes and cleaning in low head power plants		1			1,5
	Weirs, intakes and cleaning in high head power plants		1			1,5
	Design 2				4	8
	Small hydropower (SHP) development in Africa				0,8	1,2
	Lessons learned from failures				1	1,5
	Study tour to power plants				1	1
Environmental and esthetical aspects	Ecological considerations	2				3
	Soil bioengineering measures	1				1,5
	Environmental and social assessment		1			1,5
	Monitoring ecological obligations				1	1,5
	Architecture and design in SHP constructions				1	1,5
Economic and social aspects	Energy economics	1				1,5
	Economic analysis and financing		1,5			3
	Project management		1			1,5
	Negotiation, participation and mediation		1,5			3
	Due diligence (technical, economical, legal)				1	1,5
	Master THESIS					25
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ECTS = European Credit Transfer System

