Master's Program Architecture (M.A.)
at the Technical University Munich

Information for your application for the winter term 2017/18

International candidates

A good knowledge of German is a mandatory prerequisite for successfully studying architecture at TUM. Proof of satisfactory German is obligatory. The following certificates are accepted for studying at TUM:

- A diploma from a German educational institution in Germany or abroad
- The German language diploma of the Permanent Conference of the Ministers for Education and Cultural Affairs – Second Level (= DSD II): It is sufficient to have reached Level B 2 in all four sections.
- Certificate of the German Language Test for the Admission of Foreign Student Applicants (DSH-2 or 3)
- Certificate of an aptitude test that proves the ability of foreign applicants to take up higher education studies in Germany (qualification assessment examination)
- Passed the Goethe Certificate C2 (Goethe)
- The "German Language Proficiency Test II" of the Munich Institute of Language and Interpreting
- Test of German as a foreign language for foreign students (TestDaF) with a result that demonstrates having reached level 4 in all sections.

Other certificates are not accepted. Please include a certified copy of the certificate.

You can find links to the different providers here:

You can find general information for international candidates here:

Application and aptitude assessment

To study the master’s program Architecture at the Technical University Munich (TUM), you will have to apply and pass our aptitude assessment as an integral part of the application process. The application process as a whole regulates the formal requirements, the aptitude assessment examines if the applicant has the necessary prerequisite knowledge for the master’s program.

Application for the summer term only for “lateral entrants”

Please be aware that an application for the summer term is only possible if you are already studying in a comparable course at another university. If you are not such a “lateral entrant” plan your application accordingly and apply for the winter term.

Details concerning the process

Step 1: Online application

A timely online application on the central TUM application system is the first step of your application. You can find detailed information here on our website:

The binding time frame for your online application is from 01.04.2017 to 31.05.2017.

Step 2: Sending and uploading your application documents

According to your previous education and origin/home country you will have to send in different documents by post to the Registrar’s office of the TUM. During the online application, you will be told which documents are necessary in your case.

An important part of your application documents is a digital portfolio of your works. It should include drawings, sketches, photographs or other contributions that show your achievements in your study of architecture up to
date.

Please upload a digital PDF file in the application platform. The portfolio can include up to 15 pages, DIN A4, no larger than 20 MB.

Another important part of your application documents is the letter of motivation (max. 500 words). Here you should clearly state in which direction you want to go in the master’s program and which interests you want to deepen. Please be as concrete as possible.

Make sure you add an appropriate keyword for your interests at the beginning of your letter of motivation.

The deadline for sending in documents is 31.05.2017 as well. If individual documents for admission are not available up to that date, you can hand them in until 15.08 for the winter semester.

**Step 3: Phase 1 of the aptitude assessment**

Phase 1 of the aptitude assessment is a pre-assessment of the candidates. Based on your documents, we decide if you can be admitted to the program directly, if you are invited to a personal interview, or if we deny your application. Criteria for the pre-assessment are the average grade of your degree, as well as the portfolio mentioned above.

For phase 1 of the aptitude assessment you do not have to be active. However, you have to make sure that all submitted documents have been accepted by the Registrar’s office. For this, please regularly check the status of your documents through your online application account. Phase 1 of the aptitude assessment can only be processed when all relevant submitted documents have been assigned the according status.

Should your account show problems with individual documents, please contact the Registrar’s office immediately! (studium@tum.de; please always include your application number according to your online account)

Some documents are not relevant for the aptitude assessment, and only become relevant for registration at the beginning of the semester. These include proof of health insurance, as well as the Bachelor’s degree certificate. Therefore, they do not impede the first phase of the assessment.

**Step 4: Phase 2 of the aptitude assessment**

In phase 2 you will be invited to a personal interview, should you not have received either a direct admission or a direct denial in phase 1.

The aptitude interview takes place on the Munich city campus of the TUM and lasts approximately 20 minutes. It is supposed to show if the candidate will be able to complete the degree program independently and responsibly. The focus of the interview can be on the candidate's portfolio, her motivation for applying, the intellectual understanding for abstract, logical and system-oriented questions, the necessary stamina and the ability to problem-solve in the context of complex issues posed during the master’s program, the spatial imagination necessary for the program, interest for technical problems, the candidates engagement in social, political or cultural areas as well as verbal skills. The other application documents can also be subject of the interview.

We will let you know the date of your interview by email as soon as possible after we have received your complete application, but at least one week in advance. Please regularly check your email (including the spam folder).

There is no entitlement to switch the date we set! We strongly advise to reserve the following dates:

- July 03 to 05, 2017
- July 19 and 20, 2017
- July 26 and 27, 2017
- September 12 to 14, 2017
- September 20 to 22, 2017

**Step 5: Accept the offer of admission**

When you have completed the application process successfully, you will receive an offer of admission. You will receive an official email, but you can also check the status of your application anytime in your online application account.

Your next step is accepting the offer of admission. Please use your online application account for this.
The last date to accept the offer of admission through the online account is September 30, 2017.

Should you get your offer of admission after this date, please contact studium@tum.de to accept it. Please also be aware that between your application and registration changes in the study plan might be possible (that means changes to the Academic and Examination Regulations/FPSO). For all newly registered students the newest version of the FPSO is binding. Normally, there are no significant changes, but you should always check if these changes might be relevant to you.

**Step 6: Registration**

Immatriculation is automatic as soon as you accept the offer of admission, have submitted all the documents correctly and payed the student union fee (including the fee for the semester ticket, € 118,50). Please note that your student account will only be activated when you have been registered. From this point on you can access the different functions of the account, e.g. register for individual courses.

**Further dates**

Lectures and seminars in the winter term 2017/18 start on October 16. On this day, there will also be a presentation of the design projects and elective courses. Places in the design projects will be assigned on this day.

**Regulations and questions**

Further instructions and details for the application process can be found here: http://www.tum.de/en/studies/application-and-acceptance/

If you have questions concerning your application, we are happy to help. You can contact us at bewerbung@ar.tum.de or +49 (0)89 289-25408

The regulations concerning the aptitude assessment for the master’s program Architecture (M.A.) can be found here: http://www.ar.tum.de/studiengaenge/master/ma-architektur/

**Please note!**

Please note that you can only apply twice for the master’s program Architecture at TUM.

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