

MASTER URBAN DESIGN

Application Information Winter Semester 2024/25

Selection process – What does that mean?

Faculty VI of TU Berlin carries out a selection procedure for the Master's degree programme in Urban Design. This procedure is regulated in the Application and Admission Regulations (AAR) for the consecutive Master's degree programme in Urban Design at the Technische Universität Berlin, dated December 13, 2017. You can find the admission regulations [here](#), on the last two pages.

The Selection in accordance with section 6 AAR is based on the overall grade of the previous degree programme and the result of a selection interview.

According to section 5 AAR, the number of applicants participating in the selection procedure can be limited. The limitation is based on the level of qualification, thus the overall grade of the previous degree programme.

Taking into account the overall grades of all applicants, the selection committee sets a grade as the selection threshold. Only applicants with the grade set as the selection threshold or better will be invited to a selection interview. This means that even if you fulfil the subject-related admission requirements, you will not necessarily be invited to a selection interview.

In the last application period, for the winter semester 2023/24, around 200 applications had been submitted for 30 study places. Due to the large number of applications, the number of participants was restricted by the level of qualification. The selection threshold was set to an overall grade of 1.9. Only participants with an overall grade of 1.9 or better were invited to the selection interview. Please note that according to the German grading system, the lower the grade, the better it is. For example, a grade of 1.3 is better than a grade of 1.9. Your individual grade will be transferred to the German grading system if necessary.

The selection interviews will take place via video conference in Zoom, during the calendar week 26, from June 24 until June 28, 2024. Each interview will be conducted by two professors. You will receive an e-mail on June 20, 2024, with details of the day, time, and access data for your interview. Make sure you keep the date free! We cannot offer you an alternative date.

Who can apply?

Condition for admission to Urban Design is a bachelor's degree or equivalent diploma in architecture, urban and regional planning, landscape architecture, or a closely related field of study. A program is closely related if at least 30 credits have been completed in one of the above-mentioned fields. Of these 30 credits, 12 credits can consist of work experience in the mentioned fields. Upon receipt of the application, the examination board shall decide on the professional suitability of the candidates.

How can you apply?

If you have obtained or will soon obtain your first degree at a German university, please apply directly to TU Berlin. If you have studied at a foreign university, please apply via Uni-Assist. Please find out more about these two application channels for the first semester [here](#), on the websites of the Office of Student Affairs.

If you would like to apply for a higher semester or wish to continue a degree program you started at TU Berlin and have not completed, you will find all the necessary information [here](#), on the websites of the Office of Student Affairs.

When can you apply?

The application period begins on April 1, 2024, and ends May 15, 2024. Information on the application period and other semester dates can be found [here](#).

What are the semester fees?

The fees are around 290€, including a public transportation ticket for the city area of Berlin. Detailed information about semester fees are available [here](#).

Which documents are necessary for the application?

The application forms and information on the application documents can be found on the websites of the Office of Student Affairs. Checklists are also available there.

According to section 3 (2) AAR, language proficiency at level B2 is required. The following certificates and levels will be accepted to prove the language requirements.

- [TOEFL iBT](#), 87
- [TOEFL ITP](#), 543
- [Cambridge Certificate First \(FCE\)](#), B2
- [IELTS Academic](#), 6,5
- [PTE Academic](#), 59
- [UNIcert](#), Level II
- [English Certificate of ZEMS](#), B2 (in all areas of competence)
- [ZEMS Englisch-LV](#), B2 (successfully completed with credit points)

Online version of TOEFL and IELTS (The *TOEFL iBT* Home Edition and IELTS Indicator) are accepted. All language certificates should not be older than 3 years.

If a CEFR level for English is indicated in your Abitur certificate, this will be recognized. If it's not indicated, C1 will be recognized if you can prove 11 of 15 points in the "Leistungskurs Englisch". Level B2 will be recognized through a regular English course that had been attended for 7 years resulting in at least 11 of 15 points.

Language proof documents are not needed for Citizens of countries with English as an official language, and Applicants with a graduate diploma with English as teaching language

Additional documents

Current CV (1-2 DIN A-4 pages) including school and higher education information, additional relevant activities and experience in connection with the studies.

Hand signed letter of motivation (approx. 1 DIN A-4 page). Please briefly explain why you wish to study at the TU Berlin. You can point out and describe special and professional qualifications related to TU Berlin focuses.

Work samples (Portfolio) from the first degree (6 to 8 DIN A-4 pages). You can choose up to three projects related to the fields of architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture or a closely related field. Please keep in mind the format requirements A4. A short text included in the 6-8 pages can be helpful.

Further documents certifying specialist qualifications and relevant credentials, internships, vocational training, stays abroad, prizes and distinctions.

URBAN DESIGN DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The four-semester program conducted at both universities (TU Berlin and Tongji University), combines intercultural exchange between students and prepares them for working in an international environment. Graduates are awarded a Master of Science in Urban Design by TU Berlin and a Master of Architecture by Tongji University.

If you want to apply for the Urban Design Dual Degree as well, you have to apply for the regular programme first. In addition, please send your CV, Letter of Motivation, and your Portfolio also directly to the [examination board](#) by May 15, 2024. The email should not extend 10 MB! Only applicants who get accepted for the Urban Design program can be considered for the Dual Degree!

For further information, please contact the [Student Advisory Service](#).

GOOD LUCK!