

MASTER ARCHITECTURE TYPOLOGY

Application Information Winter Semester 2025/26

Selection process – What does that mean?

Faculty VI of TU Berlin carries out a selection procedure for the Master's degree programme in Architecture Typology. This procedure is regulated in the Application and Admission Regulations (AAR) for the consecutive Master's degree programme in Architecture Typology at the Technische Universität Berlin, dated October 12, 2016. You can find the admission regulations [here](#), on the last two pages.

The Selection in accordance with section 5 AAR is based on the overall grade of the previous degree programme and the result of a selection interview, taking into account additional subject-specific qualifications acquired outside the university degree programme.

According to section 6 (1) 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 each year. Only applicants with the grade equal to or better than the selection threshold 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 2024/25, around 270 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 1.6. Only participants with an overall grade of 1.6 or better were invited to the selection interview. Please note that according to the German grading system, the lower the grade, the better the result is. For example, a grade of 1.3 is better than a grade of 1.7. 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 23 until June 27, 2025. Each interview will be conducted by two professors. You will receive an e-mail on June 19, 2025, 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?

The subject-related admission requirement is a Bachelor's degree in Architecture or at least an equivalent degree in the same subject or in a very closely related subject. The Examination Board will decide on subject-related suitability after receiving the application. The following do not count as closely related degree programmes: Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, Landscape Planning, and Interior Design.

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, 2025, and ends May 15, 2025. Information on the application period and other semester dates can be found [here](#).

What are the semester fees?

The fees are around 330 €, including a public transportation ticket for the city area of Berlin. Detailed information about semester fees is 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 C1 is required. The following certificates and levels will be accepted to prove the language requirements.

- [TOEFL iBT](#), 95
- [TOEFL ITP](#), 627
- [Cambridge English Advanced](#), C1
- [IELTS Academic](#), 7
- [PTE Academic](#), 76
- [UNiCert](#), Level III
- [English Certificate of ZEMS](#), C1 (in all areas of competence)
- [ZEMS English Course](#), C1 (successfully completed with credit points)
- [Oxford Test of English](#), C1 (minimum score of 141 in all areas of competence)

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 recognised. If it's not indicated you can prove 11 of 15 points in the "Leistungskurs Englisch"

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

Additional documents

Current CV 1-2 pages (DIN A4) including school and higher education information, additional relevant activities and experience in connection with the studies.

Hand signed letter of motivation, around 1 page (DIN A4). 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.

A portfolio with work samples from your undergraduate studies, around 8 pages of content (DIN A4, horizontal or vertical). You can also add an additional cover, index, and blank page(s). Please choose up to three design projects showing your creative and artistic design abilities in accordance with structural and technical. Short explanatory texts included can be helpful. Work samples of professional practice are not part of the portfolio.

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

Letters of recommendation will not be considered.

For further information, please contact the Student Advisory Service at:
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GOOD LUCK!