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

Information for your application for the winter term 2024/25

International candidates

All applicants for a master's degree who did not obtain their qualification for postgraduate studies (usually a bachelor's degree) in a country within the EU/EEA need to apply **via uni-assist**: https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application/application-info-portal/uni-assist

A good knowledge of German is a mandatory prerequisite for successfully studying architecture at TUM. Proof of satisfactory German is obligatory. Check here which certificates are accepted for studying at TUM: https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application/application-info-portal/admission-requirements/language-certificates

You can find general information for international candidates here: https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application

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.

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: http://www.tum.de/en/studies/application-and-acceptance/

The binding time frame for your online application is from 01.04.2024 to 31.05.2024.

Step 2: Uploading your application documents

All documents required for approval must be uploaded directly to the portal. During the online application, you will be told which documents are necessary in your case.

An important part of your application documents is a portfolio of your works. It should include drawings, sketches, photographs or other contributions that show your perceptions and ideas about architecture.
Please upload your portfolio (maximum 15 sheets, A4) in the applicant portal (PDF file, no larger than 20 MB). If you are invited to the interview, please bring a printout of the portfolio with you.

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.

All application documents must be uploaded by 31st May 2024. Please note that we can only consider your online application if all documents for admission have been uploaded before the application deadline.

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 application 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. Please bring a printout of the portfolio to the assessment interview.
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**). Due to the high number of applications, we cannot arrange individual appointments or take reservations for certain days. There is no right to postpone the specified interview date!

Interview dates for the winter term 2024/2025

1. July – 5. July 2024
8. July – 12. July 2024
15. July – 19. July 2024

29. July – 2. August 2024
9. September – 13. September 2024
16. September – 20. September 2024

Please keep yourself available for interview dates.

Step 5: Accept the offer of admission / Registration

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.

For the enrollment process we also need the signed application form and all remaining documents. In TUMonline you can see which documents you have to submit and in what form. Please note that you must always submit the signed application form for enrollment and all certified copies in paper form.

Please also pay the student union fee.
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.

The last date to accept the offer of admission through the online account is September 30, 2024.

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.

Further dates

Lectures and seminars in the winter term 2024/25 start on October 14th 2024. Please note that there will be a presentation of the design projects and elective courses in the week before. Places in the design projects will be assigned in this week, too.

Regulations and questions

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

If you have questions concerning your application, we are happy to help. You can contact us at bewerbung.ad@ed.tum.de

The regulations concerning the aptitude assessment for the master's program Architecture (M.A.) can be found here: https://wiki.tum.de/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=897090133

Please note!

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

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