

**Admissions Guidelines
for the Master's Degree Programme in Architecture**

The Rectorate hereby enacts the following admission guidelines for the Master's degree programme in Architecture:

1. General entry requirements

Pursuant to Article 25 of the "Hochschulgesetz vom 25. November 2004 (HSG)", graduates of a relevant Bachelor's programme or equivalent university programme can be admitted to a Master's degree programme.

All applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence that their English language competence levels satisfy the admission requirements.

Applicants are required to demonstrate language proficiency of at least level B2¹ according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages as published by the Council of Europe. Sufficient knowledge of English needs to be proven to the Academic Board by supplying one of the certificates listed in the appendix. The requirement to provide a certificate may be waived for candidates whose undergraduate programme was taught entirely in English, or for candidates who have lived and/or worked in English-speaking countries for at least two years. Language certificates shall not be older than five years.

2. Specific admission criteria

Art. 27 of the "Gesetz vom 25. November 2004 über die Universität Liechtenstein (LUG)" stipulates that the university may limit the number of places in the programme. By virtue of Art. 27(2) LUG, the University Council has enacted a regulation on admission ("*Reglement über die Zulassung*") and defined criteria to be applied if the number of formally qualified applicants exceeds the ceiling imposed on the number of places in the programme (capacity restriction).

For the Master's degree programme in Architecture, there is no capacity restriction for applicants on passports from the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. For applicants from other countries, the Rectorate imposes a ceiling on the number of places in the programme. The additional criteria to be applied when an exceedance of this capacity restriction is foreseeable are further specified by the Rectorate as follows:

Criterion established by the University Council ²	Explanation/specification for the Master's degree programme in Architecture
a) Relevant academic record	<p>The applicant must demonstrate that the programme has a clear connection to his/her previous education. Additional qualifications related to the intended programme, e.g., publications, projects, etc., may have a positive impact on the evaluation of the application.</p> <p>Academic skills A criterion for admission is therefore that applicants provide evidence of sufficient basic knowledge in the areas of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > academic writing and > research methods
b) Prior academic achievements	<p>Learning outcomes and competencies of the candidate's first degree must correspond in level and focus to the Bachelor's programme in Architecture at the University of Liechtenstein. A prior degree is deemed to be "relevant" if it comprises at least 60 ECTS credits in architectural modules. The individual academic potential demonstrated in prior studies will be taken into account when deciding upon admission.</p> <p>Additional qualifications Additional qualifications of up to 30 ECTS credits can be required prior to admission</p>

¹ http://www.coe.int/T/DG4/Linguistic/Source/Framework_EN.pdf

	(Student Regulations, Art. 20). The scope of additional qualifications required depends on possible shortcomings, the subjects already learned as well as the focus of the first degree (practical or academic orientation).
c) Prior work experience	Prior work experience may be taken into account when deciding upon admission.
d) Motivation for the intended programme	In a letter of motivation (approx. 1-2 pages), applicants must present their prior knowledge and personal experiences and explain how this degree programme is applicable to their planned areas of study, interests and job perspectives. In particular, the letter must explain the motivation for selecting the desired course of study. It should be clear why the University Liechtenstein has been selected. The application must be written in English.
e) Social skills	An applicant's social skills will be assessed both on the basis of his/her CV , in which developments, experiences, activities and services provided in both professional and private life should be listed, and through a personal interview with the Academic Board.
f) Artistic aptitude	<p>The artistic aptitude of applicants will be judged based on a portfolio of academic projects. The portfolio should include relevant academic design and art projects, the Bachelor or Diploma thesis, as well as professional projects with a description of the contributions made to these projects. It should exemplify the applicant's academic and professional work in relevant projects within the fields of architecture, construction, planning, and fine arts.</p> <p>The quality of the academic projects presented in the project portfolio must demonstrate the applicant's ability to design projects in various scales and complexities. Through the appraisal of the applicant's portfolio, his/her maturity to enter the Master degree programme is assessed, and it is the main criteria for admission. Due to the large number of applications from applicants with an international background and considering the various cultures of grading in different countries and universities, the quality of the academic projects is considered of higher importance than the overall grade achieved in prior studies.</p>

Appendix

English language skills required

For tests that are split up into parts to be taken separately, *all* parts must be passed at the required level (e.g., only “Listening and Reading” at level B2 is not sufficient).

Diploma / Certificate	Type, level or specification	Minimum points, level, designation required
IELTS ³ (British Council)		5.5
TOEFL ⁴	Internet-based	72
Cambridge ⁵ ESOL	First Certificate in English	FCE (B2)
	Business English Certificate (BEC)	Vantage
	Certificate in English Language Skills (CELS)	Vantage
TOEIC ⁶		750
UNICERT ⁷		UNIcert II
ALTE ⁸		Level 3
London Tests of English ⁹		Level 3
LCCI ¹⁰		3
DAAD ¹¹		B2
Certificate issued by a recognized university regarding the level of language modules passed by the applicant in prior studies	Module(s) comprising at least 5 ECTS	Level B2 (CEFR)

³ <http://www.ielts.org>

⁴ <http://www.de.toefl.eu>

⁵ <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english>

⁶ <https://www.ets.org/toeic>

⁷ <http://rcswww.urz.tu-dresden.de/~unicert>

⁸ <http://www.alte.org>

⁹ <http://www.pearsonpte.com/german/LTE/Pages/home.aspx>

¹⁰ <http://www.lccieb-germany.com>

¹¹ <http://www.daad.de>