

## **ADMISSION GUIDELINES**

### **MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME ARCHITECTURE**

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**This document has been translated into English. If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the German and the English versions, the German version shall prevail.**

The University Council authorizes the Rectorate to issue admission guidelines. Accordingly, the following admission guidelines for the Master's degree programme in Architecture are adopted:

## 1. General admission requirements

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

In addition to the statutory admission requirements, proof of sufficient language proficiency for the respective degree programme is required. For the Master's degree programme in Architecture, the language proficiency required are as follows:

### Language skills - English

All applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate that their English language proficiency levels are sufficient for admission (proficiency of at least **level B2** - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR). In degree programmes held in English, a higher level of proficiency may be specified as desired.

Language skills needs to be proven 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 and if the resulting presumption of adequate language skills is confirmed in an interview. Language certificates shall not be older than five years.

## 2. University places - Capacity restriction

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 programmes (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 can impose a ceiling on the number of places in the programme.

## 3. Specific admission criteria

In addition to the general admission requirements, the Rectorate stipulates the following criteria for the Master's degree programme in Architecture for assessing the qualification:

Criterion	Explanation/specification for the Master's degree programme in Architecture
a) Prior educational requirements for the intended degree programme	<p>The applicant must demonstrate that the programme has a clear connection to his/her previous education.</p> <p>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><b>Academic skills</b></p> <p>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"> <li>&gt; <b>academic writing and</b></li> <li>&gt; <b>research methods</b></li> </ul>

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><b>Additional qualifications</b>  Additional qualifications of up to 30 ECTS credits can be required prior to admission (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).</p>
c) Type and duration of relevant work experience	<p>Prior work experience may be taken into account when deciding upon admission.</p>
d) Motivation for the intended programme	<p>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.</p>
e) Social skills	<p>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. The decision to conduct an interview will be taken on the basis of the application documents submitted.</p>
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's 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

### Language skills required - English

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" is not sufficient).

<b>Diploma / Certificate</b>	<b>Type, level or specification</b>	<b>Minimum points, level, designation required</b>
<b>IELTS (British Council)</b>		5.5
<b>TOEFL iBT</b>	Internet-based	72
<b>Cambridge ESOL</b>	First Certificate in English	FCE (B2)
	Business English Certificate (BEC)	Vantage
<b>TOEIC</b>		1095
<b>UNICERT</b>		UNIcert II
<b>ALTE</b>		Level 3
<b>The Pearson Test of English General</b>	PTE General	Level 3
<b>LCCI</b>		3
<b>Certificate issued by a recognized university regarding the level of language modules passed by the applicant in prior studies</b>	Module(s) comprising at least 5 ECTS	Level B2 (CEFR)