

TU Berlin – Institute for Architecture (IfA) Application Information, Winter Semester 2021/22

MASTER URBAN DESIGN & URBAN DESIGN DUAL DEGREE

Selection process – What does that mean?

As a Master's program with a limited number of students, applicants are chosen through a selection process. The selection is based on the overall grade obtained in previous studies as well as on the results of a personal interview.

The number of participants to interviews is limited, which means that you might not be invited to an interview even though all other admission requirements are sufficient. The overall grade is the first criteria at which applicants get ranked first. Considering the ranking of all applicants grades, the selection committee decides which one will be the mark that limits the number of applicants getting invited to an interview.

The personal interviews will take place from August 9 till August 13, 2021. The interviews will be conducted via video conference. You will receive an e-mail confirming the exact day and time for your interview on July 21, 2021. These dates have to be adhered to without fail!

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 done in reference to the above mentioned fields. Of these 30 credits, 12 credits can be replaced with work experience in the mentioned fields. Upon receipt of the application, the examination board shall decide over the professional suitability of the candidates.

How can you apply?

The application procedures had to be changed due to an IT attack. The following now applies to applicants with a German university degree:

If you have obtained or will soon obtain your first university degree at a German university, then apply via uni-assist. **If you have already applied directly to the TU Berlin, you must apply again via uni-assist.**

If you have studied at a foreign university, please apply via uni-assist.

Please inform yourself about how to apply [here](#).

When can you apply?

The application period starts **April 2, 2021** and all applications are to be submitted by **June 15, 2021**. Information about the application period as well as lecture period can be found [here](#).

What are the semester fees?

The fees are regulated by the central administration of the TU Berlin. Information about the exact amount of the semester fees can be found only after registration to the program. However, it is around 307€ including public transportation ticket for the city area of Berlin. The information about semester fees can be found [here](#).

Which documents are necessary for the application?

1. Application form

The application forms can be found on the websites of respective platforms, depending on if you apply via Uni-Assist or TU Berlin.

2. Proof of professional first university degree

German or English copy (translated if needed) of a professional university degree (Bachelor, Diploma, Magister, State examination or equivalent), performance records (certificates, duration of study, final grade as well as individual transcript of records and achievement in the different exam modules) **or** copy of the overview of ECTS level, showing courses and grades with a summary of subjects and grades. [Click here](#) for more information. **And** a certificate of exmatriculation from the previous German University **or** current registration certificate of the present German University.

3. Evidence of language skills

Proof of English language knowledge (Minimum Certificates):

- [TOEFL iBT](#), 87
- [TOEFL ITP](#), 543
- [Cambridge Certificate First \(FCE\)](#), min. B
- [IELTS Academic, min. 6.5](#)
- [PTE Academic](#), min. 59
- [UNlcert](#), Level II
- [English Certificate of ZEMS](#), B2 (in all areas of competence)
- [ZEMS Englisch-LV](#), B2 (successfully completed with ECTS)

All certificates should not be older than 3 years.

Online version of TOEFL and IELTS (The *TOEFL iBT* Home Edition and IELTS Indicator) are accepted.

Abitur certificate: if a CEFR level for English is indicated, this will be recognised, if not:

- Abitur, Leistungskurs Englisch, at least 11/15 points
- Abitur, English at least 7 years attended, at least 11/15 points

Proof of documents are **not** needed for:

- Citizens of countries with English as official language
- Applicants with a graduate diploma with English as teaching language.

4. Previous Studies in a Master's Program

If you already are or were enrolled for an Architecture Master Degree program in an institution for higher education, and are applying for a higher semester, please inform yourself at the Student Services Master in the section [Application for a Higher Semester](#).

5. Additional documents

Copy of passport (pages with personal data) for international applicants **or**
Copy of Identity Card for German applicants

Current CV 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.

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

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.

Application for the URBAN DESIGN DUAL DEGREE program

The four-semester program conducted at both universities (TUB 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! During the second year of studies, which take place in Shanghai, students will receive a monthly scholarship of 1.075 € plus 35€ for insurance costs by the DAAD.

In case you are interested in the Dual Degree Program, after you have applied through Uni-Assist for the Urban Design Program, please send the following documents by email to the [examination board](#) until May 15 as well.

- CV
- Letter of Motivation
- English Certificate (simple copy)
- Portfolio (max. 6 – 8 pages)

Please note: The email should not extend 10mb! Only applicants who get accepted for the Urban Design studies will also be considered for the Dual Degree!

For further information, please contact the [team of the Urban Design](#).

GOOD LUCK!