

University of Konstanz Regulations on the Selection Process for Admission to the Master's Programme in Economics Index number

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§ 1 Applicability

- (1) Admission to the master's programme in Economics (Master of Science) takes place in accordance with these regulations. The number of students accepted to the study programme is limited. If more applicants meet the admission requirements as per § 3 than there are places, there will be a university-internal selection process as per § 6. Selection decisions are made based on who has the greatest potential to meet the demands of the study programme.
- (2) The master's programme in Economics offers three study tracks:
 - -Track A (orientation towards a doctorate): fast track doctoral studies.
 - -Track B (specialization): specialization in one of the following fields:
 - Econometrics and Applied Economics
 - International Financial Economics
 - Macroeconomics and International Economics
 - · Microeconomics and Decision Making
 - Public Economics.
 - -Track C (general orientation): General master's programme in Economics.

See annexes 1 to 3 of the study and examination regulations for the master's programme in Economics.

The study track will be selected after starting the master's programme.

§ 2 Deadlines

First-semester students can start in the winter semester only. The application for admission must have been received by the University of Konstanz by 15 April at the latest (cut-off date).

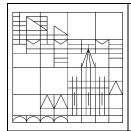
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§ 3 Admission requirements

- (1) Admission requirements for the master's programme in Economics are:
 - a) Above-average degree in a bachelor's programme in economics or mathematics/natural sciences with a standard period of study of at least three years, completed at an institution of higher education or a state/state-recognized *Berufsakademie* or equivalent institution in Germany or abroad.
 - b) Adequate English language skills (active and passive) documented by one of the following language tests (or equivalent): Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: minimum result: Grade C; IELTS (International English Language Testing System) minimum result: band 6.5; TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) minimum result: 92 points (internet-based), 237 points (computer-based) or 580 points (paper-based).
- (2) If applicants cannot present their examination certificate by the end of the application deadline, they have to proof that they will probably meet the admission requirements (as per para. 1) by documenting all performance assessments completed so far that are relevant for the final degree. The entire final examination of the study programme which is the prerequisite for admission to the master's programme must have been completed before the start of the lecture period of the semester that was applied for. The examination certificate has to be submitted no later than two months after the start of the semester that was applied for. Admission and enrolment can be granted with the provision that applicants prove their qualifying degree within the time limits specified.
- (3) When recognizing bachelor's degrees or equivalent degrees completed outside of Germany, the following have to be considered:
 - Recommendations of the Kultusministerkonferenz, Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, Central Office for Foreign Education)
 - Agreements on Equivalence of the Federal Republic of Germany
 - Agreements with partner universities.
- (4) The university may request that students present the original documents mentioned above when they enrol.
- (5) Admission must be denied if the application for admission, including the required documents (see §§ 2 and 4), is not submitted by the due date or is incomplete.



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§ 4 Form and components of application

- (1) The application for admission must be submitted in the form requested by the university.
- (2) Copies of the following documents have to be attached:
 - a) Documentation of an above-average degree in a bachelor's programme in economics or mathematics/natural sciences completed at an institution of higher education or state/state-recognized *Berufsakademie* or equivalent institution in Germany or abroad. If the bachelor's degree has not yet been completed, applicants have to attach documentation certifying all performance assessments relevant for the final degree that have been completed so far.
 - b) Documentation of knowledge in mathematics, statistics or economics, acquired in a bachelor's programme as per § 3, para. 1 a.
 - c) Curriculum vitae
 - d) Application letter in English (1 page) showing the candidate's aptitude and motivation for participating in the programme.
 - e) Two letters of recommendation written by academic teachers, stating the candidate's aptitude and motivation for participating in the programme.
 - f) Documentation of adequate English language skills (see § 3 para. 1 b).
 - g) Result of the GRE-test (Graduate Record Examination), if completed.

§ 5 Admissions committee

- (1) The Departmental Council appoints an admissions committee, which includes at least three members of the department.
- (2) The admissions committee may suggest to the Departmental Council further steps to develop the selection process.

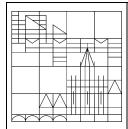
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§ 6 Selection process and criteria

- (1) Applicants will only be considered in the selection process if they meet the admission requirements as per § 3 and have applied in due form and in due time (see §§ 2 and 4) and do not participate in the admission process in a special quota category.
- (2) After paragraph 1 has been considered, the admissions committee creates a ranking list to fill the remaining places based on the following criteria and weighting:
 - Type and overall grade of the final examination that is the admission requirement as per § 3; if the degree has not been completed yet, the average grade (arithmetic mean) of the performance assessments relevant for the final grade completed so far (0 4 points)
 - 2. Knowledge in mathematics, statistics and economics as per § 4 (0-2 points)
 - 3. Result of the English language test that is an admission requirement as per § 3 (0-1 points)
 - 4. The application letter in English as per § 4 (0-1.5 points)
 - 5. The letter of recommendation by two academic teachers as per § 4 (0-1 points)
 - 6. Result of the GRE test as per § 4 (0-0.5 points)
- (3) A ranking list of all applicants is compiled based on the total of points each applicant has reached.
- (4) If two applicants achieve an equal position on the list, the selection will be based on the average grade of the university degree which is an admission requirement for this master's programme (see § 6 para. 4 sentence 4 Hochschulzulassungsgesetz HZG (state law on higher education admissions)). If the applicants still hold an equal position, lots are drawn as per § 33 para. 6 Hochschulzulassungsverordnung HZVO (provision on higher education admissions).
- (5) The rector decides on admissions based on the recommendations of the admissions committee.



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§ 7 Other regulations

In addition to this, the following apply: regulations of the Hochschulzulassungsgesetz HZG Baden-Württemberg (state law on higher education admissions), the Hochschulzulassungsverordnung Baden-Württemberg HZVO (provision on higher education admissions) as well as the Admission and Enrolment Regulations (ZImmO) of the University of Konstanz as amended.

§ 8 Coming into effect

The German legally binding version of these admission regulations comes into effect the day after its publication in the "Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz. It applies for the first time to the admission process for the winter semester 2022/2023.

At the same time, the previously valid version of the University of Konstanz Regulations on the Selection Procedure for Admission to the Master's Programme in Economics as of 15 March 2013 (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen 34/2013) becomes invalid.

Note:

The German legally binding version of these regulations was published in the "Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz No.17/2022 on 3 March 2022.