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On 25 April 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University Hannover Foundation, in accordance with § 18 para. 8 and 14 NHG and § 7 para. 2 NHZG in combination with § 62 para. 4 sentence 1 NHG the following regulations on access and admission for the consecutive master's degree programme in Architecture and Urban Design. The regulations shall enter into force the day after publication in the official bulletin of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University Hannover.

Eligibility and Admission Regulations for the Consecutive Master's Degree Programme in Architecture and Urban Design

The Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Sciences of Leibniz University Hannover resolved on 29.01.2025 the following regulations in accordance with Section 18 paragraph 8 Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) and Section 7 Lower Saxony University Admissions Act (NHZG):

§ 1 Scope

(1) These regulations specify eligibility to apply for and admission to the master's degree programme in Architecture and Urban Design.

(2) The requirements for eligibility to apply are specified in § 2.

(3) In the event that more applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, places shall be allocated according to a selection procedure determined by the university (§ 4). If fewer applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, no selection process shall be conducted.

§ 2 Requirements for eligibility to apply

(1) In order to be eligible to apply to the consecutive master's degree programme in Architecture and Urban Design, the applicant must have obtained

- a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree in a suitable previous degree programme at a German university or at a university in a Bologna signatory country or
- an equivalent degree in a suitable previous degree programme at a different university abroad; equivalence shall be determined in accordance with the suggested evaluations issued by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) at the secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) (<http://anabin.kmk.org>),

and has completed a pre-study internship in accordance with the requirements of the internship regulations for the Master's degree programme in Architecture and Urban Design (<https://www.uni-hannover.de/en/de/studium/im-studium/pruefungsinfos-fachberatung/architektur-und-staedtebau-msc/ordnungen>).

The decision whether the previous degree programme is suitable is made by the selection committee; the decision may include an ancillary provision requiring completion of missing modules within two semesters.

The selection committee will decide whether the pre-study internship meets the requirements of the applicable internship regulations. Any denial of recognition will be linked to an ancillary provision requiring completion of the pre-study internship within three semesters.

(2) In deviation to paragraph 1, applicants who have not yet completed their bachelor's or an equivalent degree at the time of application are provisionally eligible to apply if they have obtained at least 150 credit points in the case of a six-semester degree programme or at least 200 credit points in the case of an eight-semester degree programme and it is to be expected that they will complete the bachelor's or equivalent degree by the end of the first semester of the master's degree programme at the latest. The average mark of the assessments completed so far shall be determined; it shall be taken into account in the selection process as per § 4, irrespective of the final bachelor's degree mark.

(3) Applicants who cannot present evidence of either a German university entrance qualification or a bachelor's degree completed at a German university must additionally provide evidence of sufficient German language proficiency for the degree programme (level C1 CEFR). For details on the evidence to be presented, see: <https://www.llc.uni-hannover.de/en/language-examinations/accepted-language-certificates-at-the-luh>.

(4) As an alternative to paragraph 3, proof of English language proficiency at least at level B2 CEFR is also a prerequisite for admission to the Master's degree programme in Architecture and Urban Design. For details on the evidence to be presented, see: <https://www.llc.uni-hannover.de/en/language-examinations/accepted-language-certificates-at-the-luh>.

§ 3

Beginning of the Degree Programme and Application Deadline

(1) Students may begin the master's degree programme in Architecture and Urban Design in the winter semester. Applications, including the required documents specified in paragraph 2, must be received by the university by 31 May (applications from outside the EU) or 15 July (applications from Germany and EU-countries). Applicants must submit an online application via the university's online portal). Applications for admission outside of the process for allocating university places and outside of the determined number of candidates to be admitted must be received by the university by 1 April for the summer semester and by 1 October for the winter semester. Applications, including those as per sentence 3, shall be effective only for the allocation of places corresponding to the respective application deadline. The university is not required ex officio to verify the information provided by the applicant.

(2) Applications, including those as per paragraph 1 sentence 3, must be accompanied by the documents listed below. Certified copies are required for certificates and official confirmations; if these documents were not issued in German or English, certified German or English translations must be provided.

- a) the certificate of results (Zeugnis) for the bachelor's degree programme or – if this is not yet available – confirmation of completed coursework and assessments, credit points, as well as the average mark,
- b) curriculum vitae,
- c) evidence as per § 2 paragraph 3 or 4,
- d) evidence of a pre-study internship as per § 2 paragraph 1,
- e) a portfolio in accordance with § 4 paragraph 2.

(3) Applications that are incomplete or do not meet the requirements regarding form or deadline will be excluded from the application process. The university will retain the submitted documents.

§ 4

Admissions procedure

(1) Selection shall occur according to a ranking list which shall be established based on the final or average mark as per section 3 paragraph 2 letter a) and the valuation of the portfolio as per paragraph 2. The final or average mark is weighted at 51%, the grade of the portfolio at 49%. The procedural grade determined in this way is used

to rank the applicants in the selection process. In the event that multiple applicants hold an equal rank, their ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.

(2) The portfolio comprises at least 9 to a maximum of 12 pages of DIN A3 work samples (e.g. drawings, model photos, samples of written work and, if applicable, other work samples) from the previous study programme. The work samples should demonstrate the extent to which the applicant is capable of working in a design and planning as well as scientific and method-oriented manner, the extent to which he or she has a sound knowledge of the basic skills from previous studies and the professional quality of the work submitted. The portfolios are assessed by the selection committee with regard to the criteria as per sentence 2 and graded.

The grades have the following meaning:

- 1 = very good = a particularly outstanding performance,
- 2 = good = a performance well above average,
- 3 = satisfactory = an average performance in every respect,
- 4 = sufficient = a performance that fulfils the basic requirements despite shortcomings,
- 5 = insufficient = a performance that does not fulfil the requirements due to serious shortcomings.

The grade numbers can be increased or decreased by 0.3 for differentiated assessment.

(3) The selection committee (§ 5) shall decide upon admissions.

(4) In all other respects, the provisions of the university's enrolment regulations that generally apply shall remain unaffected. The enrolment of those applicants who must complete missing modules as specified in § 2 paragraph 1 sentence 2 shall expire if the evidence required for this is not provided within one year and the applicant is responsible for such neglect. The same shall apply if, as specified in § 2 paragraph 2, evidence of successful completion of the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification is not provided by 15 April and the applicant is responsible for such neglect.

(5) The enrolment of those applicants who must complete the pre-study internship as specified in § 2 paragraph 1 sentence 3 shall expire if the evidence required for this is not provided within re-enrolment for the 4th semester and the applicant is responsible for such neglect.

§ 5

Selection committee for the Master's Degree Programme in Architecture and Urban Design

(1) The Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Sciences shall establish a selection committee to prepare decisions regarding selection.

(2) The selection committee shall comprise at least three members entitled to vote, who must be a professor or junior professor or another member of academic staff, in addition to a student member acting in an advisory role. At least one member must belong to the group of professors and junior professors. Members are appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Sciences. The members are appointed for a term of two years, the student member is appointed for one year; reappointment is possible. The selection committee has a quorum provided that at least two members entitled to vote are present.

(3) The duties of the selection committee include:

- a) deciding whether the previous degree programme is suitable,
- b) valuation of the portfolios as per § 4 paragraph 2,
- c) checking whether the pre-study internship as specified in § 2 paragraph 1 complies with the requirements of the applicable internship regulations,
- d) deciding whether to admit or reject applicants.

§ 6

Notification, Allocation of Remaining Places ("Nachrückverfahren"), Completion of the Procedure

- (1) Successful candidates will receive written notification of admission from the university. A deadline will be specified in the notification within which the applicant must declare in writing or electronically whether they wish to accept the place or not. If this declaration is not received in correct form by the deadline, the notification of admission becomes invalid. This legal consequence must be indicated in the notification of admission.
- (2) Unsuccessful candidates shall receive a notification of rejection, in the case of applicants entitled to admission stating their rank and the rank of the last admitted applicant. The notification of rejection must include information on legal remedies.
- (3) Remaining places shall be allocated ("Nachrückverfahren") in the order of the ranking as per § 4 paragraph 1.
- (4) Admissions procedures shall be concluded at the latest two weeks after commencement of the lecture period. Thereafter, admission to any remaining places will be allocated by drawing lots. The application period for this shall begin two weeks before the beginning of the lecture period and shall end upon conclusion of the admissions procedure.

§ 7

Admission to Advanced Semesters

- (1) Available places in an advanced semester of a degree programme with restricted admission shall be allocated to applicants according to the order below:
 - a) applicants for whom, due to personal reasons, rejection of admission would mean undue hardship,
 - b) applicants who are or were enrolled in the same or a comparable degree programme
 - ba) at another German university or a university in another EU member state or another signatory state to the EEA Agreement, or
 - bb) at a foreign university and have German citizenship or are of equal legal status to German citizens with respect to admission regulations, or
 - c) who claim any other grounds.
- (2) Within each of the three groups in paragraph 1, admission shall be decided depending on the mark attained for the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification; in the case of identical results, admission shall be allocated according to social aspects that were decisive in the choice of location, especially familial or financial aspects; thereafter, places shall be allocated by drawing lots.

§ 8

Entry into Force

These regulations shall enter into force the day after publication in the university's official bulletin.