INFOSESSION

How to Apply for a Master's Degree Program at TUM

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Important Organizational Information

- After the presentation, we will try to answer your questions in the Q and A tool in Zoom

- Please wait until the presentation ends to send us your questions

- Please keep the questions as short as possible, no questions related to a specific application / no application numbers or other personal details

- This presentation will also be available to download

Where to find key info on the TUM homepage

https://www.tum.de/en/studies/degree-programs

- Application deadlines

- Language of instruction

- Binding regulations (FPSO/"Satzung"): contains admission criteria and credit requirements

- Application and admission (required documents, application period)

- Tution fees for international students

- Departmental Student Advisor

- Course Homepage

Am I Eligible to Study at TUM? What are the Requirements?

1. Do I qualify for graduate studies in Germany?

   • Find your university and degree in:

   https://anabin.de (official government database)

2. What are the requirements for my degree program?

   • Visit Course Homepage

   • Read Academic and Examination Regulations ("FPSO")

   • Contact Departmental Student Advisors

NO PRECHECK- SORRY ☺

Language Proficiency Requirements

German:
German language certificate
or
previous German language degree

English:
English language certificate
or
previous English language degree

Mandatory Bilingual:
Both German AND English certificates are required

Optionally Bilingual:
German OR English certificate is required
Applicants choose a language track

Some degree programs have their own specific requirements – check details in the degree program database:
https://www.tum.de/en/studies/degree-programs

Language Certificates

- Requirement for admission (no conditional admission possible)

- Upload in your online application before the application deadline

- Alternative proof of language proficiency may be possible (e.g. previous English/German degree,

  ECTS credits)

- Check the Academic and Examination Regulations (FPSO)/Course Homepage

- List of accepted language certificates (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS/Goethe, Test DaF) available online:

  https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application/university-admission/languagecertificates/

VPD Application Process at Uni-assist

- Required if you obtained the qualification for graduate studies **outside of Germany (new in 2025)**

- Preliminary Review Documentation ("Vorprüfungsdokumentation")

- Converts your credits and grades

- Applying for VPD from uni-assist is a separate step in the application process

- If you do not have your bachelor's certificate at the time of application, use your transcript of records.

For details please read our info page:https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application/uni-assist/

How to Apply for VPD at Uni-assist

Apply online on uni-assist website

Upload documents (no hard copies required)

Pay the application fee to uni-assist

Uni-assist needs 4-6 weeks to issue a VPD, please apply in time

You can apply before/during TUM application period (select any semester)

VPD is valid for 3 years and can be re-used to apply again at TUM (even for another master's degree program)

How to Submit a VPD in TUM Application

Upload your VPD in your TUM application

OR
Upload a form confirming that you have applied for a VPD

You get a new extended deadline from TUM

(status "incorrect")

Upload your final VPD **as soon as you get it** (max. 6 weeks after deadline)

TUMonline Application

Register in TUMonline portal

https://campus.tum.de/

(one account for each user)

Application only possible during the application period

Please check if TUM Test required (MSPE, MSNB, a few others)

Personalized list of required documents generated

Upload documents until the application deadline (one file only for each document)

Uploaded documents are checked automatically

If status is "incorrect", you can upload a new document until the deadline

Mistakes in your application will only be corrected after the admission office has checked your documents

TUMonline Application – Suggestions and Hints

Apply as early as possible (VPD and TUMonline)

- You will get a list of required documents and have time to prepare them. Earlier applications are generally processed faster.
- You will have more time to replace incorrect documents.

Upload all documents and check them carefully

- Incomplete applications will not be considered at all
- Already accepted documents cannot be replaced (essay etc.)
- You can still upload missing documents until the deadline

TUMonline instructions

- Please read the instructions and notes in the online application
- https://www.tum.de/en/studies/application/online-application/application-status/

If you have questions

TUM Student Information

Email: studium@tum.de

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Mo-Fr 09-12am (CET)

Aptitude Assessment

STAGE 1

Amount of points accumulated from:
- Bachelor's degree (GPA and credits)
- Required documents submitted in application
- (Essay, Curricular Analysis, Portfolio, etc.)
- TUM test (for MSPE, MSNB, some degree programs)

Direct admission/rejection
or invitation to stage 2 (interview or test)

STAGE 2

Stage 2 (interview/written test/essay)

Point Score

✓

Interview

✗
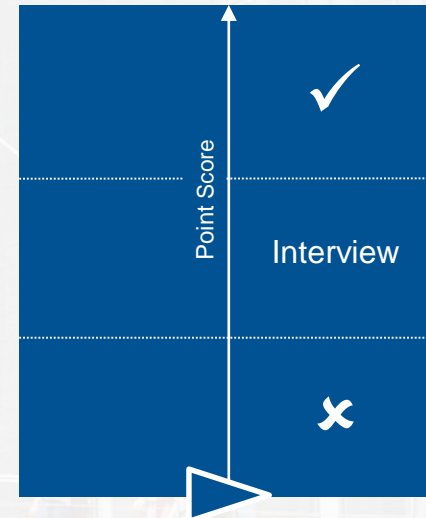
For details refer to the degree program database and the homepage of your department
https://www.tum.de/studium/bewerbung/infoportal-bewerbung/arten-der-zulassung

Approximate Processing Times – Formal Requirements

- **VPD processing time at uni-assist:** 3-6 weeks
  after complete document upload

- **Application processing time at TUM admissions office:** 3-4 weeks
  (Winter Semester-April) or 4-6 weeks (May) after complete document upload in
  TUMonline

- Your application will be complete only **after** all the required documents
  including the final VPD have been uploaded

Incomplete applications are not processed at all – they will not be considered
Please make sure to upload all mandatory documents

Approximate Processing Times – Aptitude Assessment

Aptitude assessment (stage 1) processing time:
6-12 weeks (depending on degree program and date of application)

Invitation to stage 2 (test/interview):
Invitation sent out by the School/department responsible
(about 2 weeks in advance)

Please note:
Processing times for late applications (last week of May) always take much longer. Please apply as early as possible!
Please avoid sending status request e-mails during the processing time

Tuition fees and waivers

TUM Tuition fees for non-EU master's students:

2 fee categories:
- 4000 Euro / semester
- 6000 Euro / semester

Exemptions are granted for:
- Students with a German school or bachelor's degree
- Students with disabilities
- EU/EEA double nationals
- Heilbronn campus degree programs

Please check the list for the tuition info of your degree program:
https://www.tum.de/en/studies/fees/tuition

Tuition fees and waivers

Tuition fee waivers and scholarships:

Can be applied for during the application for admission

Early deadlines – do not wait until after admission

Available waivers:

- Long term German residents („established domestic connection")
- Need based waivers (financial proof required)
- Merit based waiver scholarships (based on your percentage ranking in bachelor's degree)
- Other social waivers

Please check the deadlines and regulations here:

https://www.tum.de/en/studies/fees/tuition/scholarships-and-waivers

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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