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Selection Statutes for the Master's Program Mannheim Master in Finance, Accounting and Taxation (Master of Science)

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The present version is a non-official version including the aforementioned amendments. Only the version in the Bulletin of the President's Office is legally binding.

In the German language version of these Selection Statutes, this sentence deals with the subject of gender-neutral language. For the English language version, this is not relevant and therefore omitted.

Section 1 – Scope

(1) ¹If there are more applicants than study places for the abovementioned degree program, the University of Mannheim conducts its own selection process in accordance with the regulations of higher-ranking legislation. It is governed by these Statutes. ²The decision is made in consideration of the applicants' aptitude for the degree program and the typical subsequent profession.

(2) ¹Sections 2 to 4 of these Statutes apply to all applications regardless of whether or not there is a limited number of study places or a selection procedure takes place; section 37 subsection 1 of the act on the admission to higher education institutions in the Land of Baden-Württemberg (Hochschulzulassungsverordnung, HZVO) and section 6 subsection 3 sentence 4 of the regulations on admission and enrollment (Zulassungs- und Immatrikulationsordnung der Universität Mannheim, ZullmmaO) remain unaffected. ²An impediment to admission in accordance with section 4 subsection 2 number 2 clause 2 is also considered an impediment to enrollment. ³By way of derogation from section 4 subsection 3, all decisions must be made by the examination committee responsible for the master's program "Mannheim Master in Finance, Accounting and Taxation" (Master of Science) instead of the admissions committee if no selection process takes place.

(3) The regulations on admission and enrollment of the University of Mannheim (ZullmmaO) remain unaffected in its valid version unless determined otherwise in these Statutes.

Section 2 – Deadlines

- (1) Applications for admission for the fall semester must be submitted by 15 May of each year (definitive deadline).
- (2) Proof of sufficient English proficiency in accordance with section 4 subsection 1 number 2 may be submitted by 15 August in case of an application for the fall semester (definitive deadlines).

Section 3 – Form of the Application

(1) ¹The application for admission form must be submitted electronically in the form required by the University of Mannheim via the web portal; additionally, the documents listed in subsection 2 must be submitted electronically or in a file format approved by the university and by means of an accepted form of electronic transfer. ²Language test certificates that are submitted to the university directly by the test centers may be submitted in hard copy. ³If it is not possible to submit the application electronically due to hardship, the application may be submitted in writing or verbally on record upon request.

(2) The following additional documents are required according to section 1 subsection 1 sentence 1 clause 2:

1. documents of proof in accordance with section 7 subsection 1 numbers 4, 5, 8 to 10 ZullmmaO,
2. documents of proof that the admission requirements listed in section 4 are met,
3. documents of proof that the selection criteria listed in section 7 are met.

(3) The University of Mannheim may request that applicants submit originals or notarized copies of the documents listed in subsection 2; originals or notarized copies may be required in particular for application for admission forms.

Section 4 – Admission Requirements

(1) Applicants for the master's program "Mannheim Master in Finance, Accounting and Taxation" (Master of Science) have to meet the following admission requirements:

1. ¹Applicants are required to have a bachelor's degree from a German or foreign university or an officially recognized public university of cooperative education (Berufsakademie). ²The bachelor's degree must correspond to at least 180 ECTS credits or have a standard period of study of at least 6 semesters or 3 years. ³The

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bachelor's degree must contain at least 36 ECTS credits of relevant prior knowledge from study courses in general business administration.

2. ¹For admission very good English proficiency, at least C1, according to the CEFR is required. ²The successful completion of a program of study of which at least 40 percent of the language of instruction was English or a University Entrance Qualification (HZB) from a school based in a school system whose official language is English serve as proof. ³If an applicant has obtained neither of the above, the following test results can serve as proof of English proficiency:

a) Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT) with a score of at least 100 points;

b) The European Language Certificate (telc) - English University with Level C1 or better,

c) Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or Cambridge English Qualifikation C1 Advanced,

d) Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE),

e) International English Language Testing System Academic Test (IELTS) with a band score of 7.0 or better,

f) Certificate of the language test offered by the "Universität Mannheim Service and Marketing GmbH" with a minimum level of C1 in listening comprehension, written language, spoken language, and reading comprehension.

⁴Only test results obtained no more than two years prior to the deadline in accordance with section 2 subsection 1 will be recognized as proof.

(2) Applicants are eligible for admission to the master's program "Mannheim Master in Finance, Accounting and Taxation" (Master of Science) if they meet the following additional admission requirements:

1. ¹Submission of the application in due time and form. ²If the bachelor's degree in accordance with subsection 1 number 1 has not been completed by the end of the definitive deadline defined in section 2 due to the fact that individual examinations have not been completed and it is anticipated that the degree will be completed in due time before the beginning of the master's program "Mannheim Master in Finance, Accounting and Taxation" (Master of Science), admission may be requested provided the applicant is able to prove completion of at least 140 ECTS credits. ³In this case, a proof of the credits earned up to then must be submitted within the definitive deadline defined in section 2 subsection 1. ⁴In this case, admission is subject to the proven completion of the bachelor's degree in accordance with subsection 1 number 1 by the date defined in the official letter of admission or by the first registration for an exam at the latest. ⁵If proof is not provided in due time, admission to the master's program will be rescinded.

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2. There may not be any impediments to admission; a particular impediment exists if an applicant has lost their eligibility to take exams in the same program or a program in a similar field of study; section 7 subsection 1 number 5 ZullmmaO remains unaffected.

(3) ¹The admissions committee decides whether a degree or a qualification is considered equivalent or comparable and thus meets the admission requirements. ²The Business School guarantees a consistent procedure, in particular if more than one admissions committee was formed. ³For the recognition of foreign degrees, the recommendations of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs as well as cooperation agreements between universities must be taken into account. ⁴In cases of doubt, the Central Office for Foreign Education (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen - ZAB) is consulted.

Section 5 – Admissions Committee

(1) ¹The Business School appoints at least one admissions committee for the preparation of the selection process. ²An admissions committee is composed of at least two members. ³The members of an admissions committee must be staff members whose main employer is the university. At least one member must be a university teacher. ⁴The committee members' term of office is one year. ⁵They may be reappointed.

(2) Upon completion of the admissions process, the admissions committee reports its experiences to the school council of the Business School and makes suggestions for the further development of the selection process.

(3) The admissions committee may consult up to two additional people familiar with the relevant program of study; these people do not have a vote.

Section 6 – Selection Process

(1) ¹The admissions committee selects potential students based on the selection criteria of section 7 and prepares a ranking for each track of study. ²The President of the university decides which candidates will be admitted. This decision is based on the recommendations of the admissions committee.

(2) Admission is denied if the applicant is excluded from the admissions process due to higher-ranking law, especially if the documents as laid out in section 3 subsection 2 were not submitted in due time and form by the definitive deadline as stipulated in section 2 subsection 1 or if another impediment to admission exists.

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Section 7 – Selection Criteria and Preparing a Ranking

- (1) The admissions committee takes the following criteria into account when preparing the rankings in the selection process:
 1. the final grade or the current average grade of the bachelor's program according to section 4 subsection 2 number 1,
 2. relevant prior knowledge from studies in the fields of economics, mathematics, or statistics amounting to at least 30 ECTS credits, proving the special eligibility of the applicant for the chosen degree program and of which at least 12 ECTS credits are from studies in the field of economics. Only courses in the fields mentioned that impart mathematical or statistical methodological competences may be considered.
 3. a semester abroad at a foreign university during the program of study
 4. other previous experiences that are relevant to the desired program in accordance with section 6 subsection 2 sentence 2 number 3 HZG, in particular vocational training or working experience in a recognized vocation as well as special previous experiences and practical experiences proving the eligibility of the applicant for the chosen degree program and the typical subsequent profession and the result of the GMAT or GRE (total score).

- (2) Each applicant receives a score for each selection criterion according to the following regulations; the admissions committee evaluates the submitted documents:
 1. ¹For the final grade or the current average grade of the bachelor's program according to section 4 subsection 2 number 1 a maximum of 60 points may be given. ²The grade, including the first decimal, is translated into points. ³60 points may be given for the grade 1.0 and 0 points may be given for the grade 4.0. ⁴The points for the remaining grades in between are calculated linearly in steps of 0.1 and rounded. ⁵If the higher education institution at which the applicant is pursuing their bachelor's degree does not provide the current average grade, the average grade is calculated from all module grades or examination grades weighted in ECTS credits the applicant has achieved in the course of their bachelor's program up until the selection process. ⁶If the applicant does not provide any proof which may serve as a basis to calculate an average grade, they are assigned the grade "4.0" for the purpose of the selection process. ⁷If the final grade or average grade is indicated in a grading system which does not correspond to the grading system used for the bachelor's programs of the Business School of the University of Mannheim, the grade is converted according to the recommendations of the ZAB.

 2. For relevant prior knowledge from studies in the fields of economics, mathematics, or statistics amounting to at least 30 ECTS credits, 32 points may be given.

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3. For a semester abroad at a foreign university during the program of study 22 points may be given.
4. ¹For the result of the GMAT or the GRE a maximum of 60 points may be given.
²According to the proven GMAT Exam (Focus Edition) or GMAT Focus Total Score, the following points are given:

GMAT Exam (Focus Edition) or GMAT Focus Total Score	Points
at least 685	60
at least 675	55
at least 665	50
at least 655	40
at least 645	30
at least 635	25
at least 625	20
at least 615	15
at least 605	10
at least 595	5
at least 585	4
at least 575	3
at least 565	2
at least 555	1

³If a GMAT Exam (10th Edition) is proven, points will be given in accordance with section 5 by using the following table for converting the proven GMAT Total Score into ranking points:

GMAT Exam (10th Edition) Total Score	Points
at least 730	60
at least 720	55

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GMAT Exam (10th Edition) Total Score	Points
at least 710	50
at least 700	40
at least 690	30
at least 680	25
at least 670	20
at least 660	15
at least 650	10
at least 640	5
at least 630	4
at least 620	3
at least 610	2
at least 600	1

⁴The result of the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) is converted into GMAT points in accordance with sentence 3; the GRE results of the two sections Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning are placed in the following formula:

$$\text{Verbal Reasoning} * 6.38369593312407 + \text{Quantitative Reasoning} * 10.6230921641945 - 2080.74559330863;$$

the result will be rounded up or down to the nearest increment of ten disregarding the decimal place; proof can be submitted only in form of the "Official Score Report". The test center provides the university with online access to the "Official Score Report"; access must be requested explicitly at the test center by the applicant.

⁵Only test results obtained no more than five years prior to the deadline in accordance with section 2 will be recognized as proof.

5. ¹For other previous experiences that are relevant to the desired program as described in subsection 1 number 4 and are not covered by the provisions set out in number 4, a maximum of 6 points may be given. ²All experiences that prove the eligibility of the applicant for the chosen degree program will be considered. ³ A maximum of 6 points can be achieved for working experiences if they amount to a full-time employment of at least five working days with at least 39.5 hours per week for at least 30 days. ⁴For each working experience, a maximum of 2 points can be achieved. ⁵For a completed vocational training 4 points will be given.

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(3) ¹In accordance with subsection 2 numbers 1 to 5, the points are added up; the maximum score is 180 points. ²Based on the score the applicants are ranked in descending order on the individual list. ³In cases where applicants achieve the same score, selection is based on the average grade that was achieved in the degree that is required for admission to the master's program "Mannheim Master in Finance, Accounting and Taxation" (Master of Science); if applicants then have the same score, selection is decided by lot.

(4) In order to guarantee a consistent procedure, the school council of the Business School can pass additional regulations for the consideration of proofs for individual selection criteria, in particular for the conversion of grades and for previous experiences as described in subsection 2; the admissions committee is bound by these regulations.

Section 8 – Commencement; Final Provisions

(1) ¹These Statutes will come into effect on the day after their publication in the general section of the Bulletin of the President's Office (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen des Rektorats). ²During the admissions process for the fall semester 2026/2027 they are applied for the first time.

Section 2 of the amendment of 24 March 2026 stipulates:

This amendment comes into effect on the day of its publication in the Bulletin of the President's Office (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen des Rektorats). ²During the admissions process for the fall semester 2026/2027 it applies for the first time.

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