

**Order on the Regulation of the Selection Process for the international
Master's programme (MSc) Economics: Data Science and Policy (120 ECTS)**

Non-official reading version

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On the basis of §§ 77 paragraph 2 no. 8 and 67 paragraph 3 no. 10 of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt (HSG LSA) in the version notified on 14 December 2010 (Statute Book of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt, p. 600), most recently amended by Article 14 of the Law of 13 June 2018 (Statute Book of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt, page 72, 118), of § 7 of the Higher Education Admissions Act of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt in the version notified on 24 July 2012 (Statute Book of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt, p. 297), most recently amended by Article 2 of the Law of 23 October 2019 (Statute Book of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt, page 334) in combination with § 40 of the Regulation on Allocating Study Places in Saxony-Anhalt of 5 December 2019 (Statute Book of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt, page 957), the Application and Admission Order for Master's study at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Application and Admission Order) of 14 March 2012 (OJ 2012, no. 2, page 3) in combination with the applicable Study and Examination Regulations for the international Master's programme (MSc) Economics: Data Science and Policy (120 ECTS) in the applicable version, the Martin Luther University passed the following Order on the Regulation of the Selection Process for the international Master's programme (MSc) Economics: Data Science and Policy (120 ECTS).

§ 1 Scope

- (1) This Order in combination with the Application and Admission Order and the Study and Examination Regulations for the international Master's programme (MSc) Economics: Data Science and Policy (120 ECTS) regulates the selection process for the Master's programme mentioned.
- (2) This Order also regulates the criteria according to which foreign citizens or stateless students who are not equivalent to Germans according to § 1 paragraph 2 of the Regulation on Allocating Study Places in Saxony-Anhalt are admitted as part of the advance quota.

§ 2 Documents for the selection process

According to § 6 of the Study and Examination Regulations, the following documents must be included with the application for admission:

1. A Bachelor's degree certificate or equivalent, proof of education in the form of certified transcripts or certified German or English translations if the originals are not in German or English. If the degree certificate is not yet available, a certificate indicating the examinations already completed is to be submitted according to the Application and Admission Order.
2. Suitable evidence of the relevant previous knowledge obtained at a university according to § 4 paragraph 3 no. 2.

3. Suitable documents to provide evidence of English language skills according to § 4 paragraph 3 no. 3.
4. Suitable documents to provide evidence of relevant practical experience according to § 4 paragraph 3 no. 4.

§ 3 Selection Committee

- (1) The Selection Committee is appointed by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law and Economics. It consists of two university lecturers, a member of the group of employees and a representative of the student body. A university lecturer will be appointed Chair.
- (2) The Selection Committee makes decisions with a simple majority of votes cast. If the vote is tied, the Chair's is the deciding vote.

§ 4 Selection criteria, selection process Creation of a ranking list, assessments

- (1) The selection is made by the Selection Committee appointed based on selection criteria.
- (2) A total number of points is set for a decision to be made on selection according to paragraph 1. A maximum number of points of 100 can be reached and is generated from the assessment of the following selection criteria.
 1. The final grade in the Bachelor's programme or equivalent proof of education permitted in the Study and Examination Regulations (maximum of 45 points),
 2. Previous knowledge relevant to the programme proven by the areas of study or modules completed according to the Transcript of Records or as demonstrated by suitable evidence (maximum of 15 points),
 3. Knowledge of English proven by means of recognised certificates (maximum 30 points),
 4. Relevant practical experience proven by means of suitable documents (maximum 10 points)
- (3) The respective number of points from the selection criteria according to paragraph 2 numbers 1 to 2 are generated as follows:

1. Points for the final grade or average grade previously achieved in the programmes permitted by the Study and Examination Regulations are awarded as follows:

Final grade/average grade	Points
1.0	45
1.1	42
1.2	39
1.3	36
1.4	33
1.5	30
1.6	27
1.7	24
1.8	21
1.9	18
2.0	15
2.1	12
2.2	9
2.3	6
2.4	3
2.5	0

2. Points for previous knowledge relevant to the study on the basis of previous training are awarded as follows:

Relevant previous knowledge	Scope	Points
Basic knowledge of microeconomics	Yes	3
	No	0
Basic knowledge of macroeconomics	Yes	3
	No	0
Basic knowledge of econometrics/statistics	Yes	3
	No	0
Basic knowledge of economic policy	Yes	3
	No	0
Degree thesis	On an economic topic	3
	No economic topic	0

3. The points for English language knowledge are awarded as follows:

CEFR English	Recognised evidence				Points
	Cambridge	IELTS	TOEFL ibT	UNlcert	
C2	CEPro (A)	9.0	119		30
	CEPro (B, C)	8.5	116	UniCert IV	24
C1	CEAdv (A)	8.0	112		18
	CEAdv (B)	7.5	105	UniCert III	12
	CEAdv (C)	7.0	98		6
B2	FCE (A, B)	6.5	86	UniCert II	0
	FCE (C)	6.0	72		

Successful participation in the English B2 placement test at the MLU language centre, where this is offered, is deemed to be evidence of English language skills and is rated at 0 points.

Native speaker English skills are also deemed to be evidence of English skills. The Selection Committee will make a decision on a candidate's native speaker English skills during the selection process. This is rated at 24 points. Candidates are deemed to be native speakers if they have obtained their university admission qualifications or Bachelor's degree or equivalent evidence of education in one of the following countries where they have demonstrably completed at least the final two years of their schooling or university:

- Australia
- Ireland
- Canada (not including Quebec)
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- United Kingdom
- USA

Only the evidence listed here will be recognised. The evidence is all deemed to be valid for an unlimited period of time.

4. The points for relevant practical experience are awarded as follows:

Practical experience	Scope	Points
Work experience (apprenticeship, dual study, internship, working student or similar)	≥ 6 months full-time equivalent	5
	< 6 months full-time equivalent	3
	None	0
International experience (school, study, internship, work)	≥ 6 months	5
	< 6 months	3
	None	0

The points achieved from the selection criteria are added up to generate the total number of points for the ranking list. Candidates are ranked based on the number of points they were awarded.

- (4) The Selection Committee creates the ranking list and passes it on to the Enrolment Office. The Enrolment Office then carries out the process according to the provisions of the Higher Education Admissions Act of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt and the Regulation on Allocating Study Places in Saxony-Anhalt (§ 7 of the Application and Admission Order).
- (5) § 7 of the Application and Admission Order applies to the creation of the assessments.

§ 5 Entry into force

- (1) Order on the regulation of the selection process for the international Master's programme (MSc) Economics: Data Science and Policy (120 ECTS) was passed by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law and Economics on 22 April 2020. The Senate took note of this on 13 May 2020.
- (2) This Order enters into force on the day after it is published in the Official Journal of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg and will apply to the selection process for the 2020/21 winter semester for the first time. The subject-specific Order on the Selection Process for the Master's programmes (MSc) Accounting, Taxation and Finance (120), Empirical Economics and Political Consultancy (120) and Human Resources Management (120) at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg of 22 April 2015 (OJ 2015, no. 5, page 10) ceases to be in force on the same date.

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