

Appendix 1

To the Programme Regulations 2020 of the
Master's degree programme in Landscape Architecture
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Applies to students who commence or re-enter the degree programme in Autumn
Semester 2023.

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This Appendix sets out the academic and language prerequisites for and further details regarding admission to the Master's degree programme in Landscape Architecture. It supplements the stipulations of the ETH Zurich Admissions Ordinance² and the Directive on Admission to Master's degree programmes³.

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¹ Version according to the decision of the Departmental Conference of 05.10.2022 (changes regarding degree qualifications item 1.1 and teaching language item 1.4).

² SR 414.131.52

³ See: www.weisungen.ethz.ch

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1 Profile of requirements

Policy

For admission to the Master's degree programme in Landscape Architecture (subsequently «the degree programme») all of the following prerequisites must be satisfied.

1.1 Degree qualifications

¹ Admission to the degree programme presupposes a university Bachelor's degree comprising at least 180 ECTS credits, an equivalent university degree, or a Bachelor's degree from a Swiss university of applied sciences (FH)⁴ in a discipline according to paragraph 3 – also with regard to any additional academic requirements within the given framework – satisfies the pertaining academic and performance admission prerequisites.

² A Bachelor's degree qualifies its holder for admission to an ETH Master's degree programme only if it also qualifies said holder to enter, without additional requirements, the desired Master's degree programme within the university system where the Bachelor's degree was acquired. The Rector may also demand proof of this, determining whether such proof must come from the home university or from another university in the country where the Bachelor's degree was acquired.

³ Said disciplines are:

- Landscape Architecture
- Architecture

⁴ A Diploma from a Swiss university of applied sciences is considered equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in the same discipline. A Bachelor's degree from a German or Austrian university of applied sciences is considered equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from a Swiss university of applied sciences.

1.2 Academic prerequisites

¹ Attendance of the Master's degree programme in Landscape Architecture presupposes basic knowledge and skills in technical and natural sciences, humanities and subject-specific knowledge in Landscape Architecture and Architecture, in particular architectural design, which must in content, scope, quality and skill level be equivalent to those taught at ETH Zurich (discipline requirements profile).

² The **discipline requirements profile** detailed below comprises **108 ECTS credits** in total and is based on knowledge and skills covered in a Bachelor's degree programme in Landscape Architecture or in the ETH Bachelor's degree programme in Architecture. This includes training in the relevant methodological scientific thinking.

³ If a candidate does not completely satisfy the academic prerequisites, admission may be subject to the acquisition of the missing knowledge and skills in the form of additional requirements (admission with additional requirements). Completion of additional requirements is expressed in ECTS credits.

⁴ The discipline requirements profile is structured in the two parts set out below. Information on the content of the course units is published in the ETH Course Catalogue (www.vvz.ethz.ch).

Part 1: Basic knowledge and skills (24 ECTS credits)

- a. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture must master basic knowledge and skills in Spatial Design and in Landscape and Plant Ecology based on the corresponding course units of a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture:
 - Spatial Design and Architectural Design
 - Landscape and Plant Ecology
 - Cultural History
- b. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture must master basic knowledge and skills in Mathematics, Physics or Applied Physics and Technical Disciplines, based on the corresponding course units of the ETH Bachelor's degree programme in Architecture:
 - Technical Disciplines and Natural Sciences (12 ECTS credits)
 - Basic Knowledge of Humanities (12 ECTS credits)

Part 2: Subject-specific knowledge and skills (84 ECTS credits)

Part 2 comprises 84 ECTS credits and covers subject-specific knowledge and skills in areas of Technology, History, in Architectural Design and/or Landscape planning and -development and Horticulture and Landscaping, depending upon the Bachelor's degree of the candidates:

- a. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture must have a command of the following subject-specific knowledge and skills, based on the corresponding course units of a Bachelor's degree programme in Landscape Architecture:
 - Horticulture and Landscaping
 - Protection of Landscape and Nature
 - Basic Knowledge of Agriculture and Forestry
 - Renaturation
- b. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture must have a command of the following subject-specific knowledge and skills, based on the corresponding course units of an ETH Bachelor's degree programme in Architecture:
 - Design (Urban Design, Construction)
 - Structural Design
 - Building Physics
 - History and Theory of Architecture

Conditional skills in design are examined by a portfolio as part of the application to the programme.

1.3 Internship prerequisites

¹ For admission to the degree programme, proof of an internship in the field of Landscape Architecture or Architecture of at least six months must be provided.

² Proof of internship is given by a written confirmation by the specific company.

1.4 Language prerequisites

¹ The teaching language of the degree programme is English.

² For admission to the degree programme, proof of sufficient knowledge of English (level C1⁵) must be provided.

³ Applicants to the degree programme who hold a Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences must, according to the pertaining additional requirements, also supply proof of sufficient knowledge of German (level C1).

⁵ The required language level is measured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages scale (CEFR).

⁴ The required language certificate(s) must be submitted at the latest by the last day of the application deadline. A list of recognised language certificates is published on the ETH Zurich website.

1.5 Performance prerequisites

Admission to the degree programme presupposes a very good study performance record in the preceding course of studies.

2 Specific stipulations for persons holding a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture

2.1 Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from a university outside Switzerland

¹ Holders of a university Bachelor's degree or an equivalent university qualification in Landscape Architecture from a university outside Switzerland must satisfy all prerequisites set out in section 1.

² Admission may be subject to additional requirements.

³ Admission is not possible if:

- a. Language, performance or internship requirements are not satisfied; or
- b. the content, scope, quality and skill level of the degree are not equivalent to those at ETH Zurich; or
- c. the number of additional credits required to satisfy the academic prerequisites:
 1. exceeds 30 ECTS credits in total; or
 2. consists of additional requirements from Part 1 of the discipline requirements; or
 3. consists of more than 30 ECTS credits from Part 2 of the discipline requirements profile.

2.2 Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from a Swiss university of applied sciences

¹ Holders of a university Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from a Swiss university of applied sciences, must satisfy all prerequisites set out in this appendix.

² Admission is always subject to the acquisition of the missing academic and methodological knowledge and skills in the form of additional studies comprising at least 48 ECTS credits from Parts 1 and 2 of the academic prerequisites.

³ The additional requirements are divided in Part 1 and Part 2:

Part 1: 20 ECTS credits

In Part 1 of the additional requirements, 20 ECTS credits from the following course units are required. Information on the content of the course units is published in the ETH Course Catalogue (www.vvz.ethz.ch).

– Landschaftsarchitektur I und II	4 ECTS credits
– Energie- und Klimasysteme	4 ECTS credits
– Architekturgeschichte und -theorie III und IV	4 ECTS credits
– Geschichte des Städtebaus I und II	4 ECTS credits
– Computational Design I und II	4 ECTS credits

Teil 2: 28 ECTS credits

Part 2 of the additional requirements consists of 28 ECTS credits from the category «Entwurf V – IX».

– Entwurf V – IX	28 ECTS credits
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⁴ Admission is not possible if:

- a. Language, performance or internship requirements are not satisfied;
- b. the number of additional ECTS credits required to satisfy the academic prerequisites:
 1. exceeds 60 ECTS credits in total; or
 2. consists of additional requirements from Part 1 of the discipline requirements; or
 3. consists of more than 30 ECTS credits from Part 2 of the discipline requirements profile.

3 Specific stipulations for persons holding a Bachelor's degree in Architecture

3.1 Bachelor's degree in Architecture from ETH Zurich

Holders of a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from ETH Zurich or students enrolled in this ETH Zurich Bachelor's degree programme must satisfy all of the prerequisites set out in Section 1. Admission is free of conditions.

3.2 Bachelor's degree in Architecture from another Swiss university

¹ Holders of a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent in Architecture from a Swiss university must satisfy all of the academic, language, performance and internship prerequisites listed in this Appendix for admission to the degree programme.

² Admission may be subject to additional requirements.

³ Admission is not possible if:

- a. Language, performance or academic requirements are not satisfied;
- b. the number of additional credits required to satisfy the academic prerequisites:
 1. exceeds 30 ECTS credits in total; or
 2. consists of additional requirements from Part 1 of the discipline requirements; or
 3. consists of more than 30 ECTS credits from Part 2 of the discipline requirements profile.

3.3 Bachelor's degree in Architecture from a university outside Switzerland

¹ Holders of a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent in Architecture from a university outside Switzerland must satisfy all of the academic, language, performance and internship prerequisites listed in this Appendix for admission to the degree programme.

² Admission may be subject to additional requirements.

³ Admission is not possible if:

- a. Language, performance, or internship requirements are not satisfied; or
- b. the content, scope, quality, and skill level of the degree are not equivalent to those at ETH Zurich; or
- c. the number of additional ECTS credits required to satisfy the academic prerequisites:
 1. exceeds 30 ECTS credits in total; or
 2. consists of additional requirements from Part 1 of the discipline requirements; or
 3. consists of more than 30 ECTS credits from Part 2 of the discipline requirements profile.

3.4 Bachelor's degree in Architecture from a Swiss university of applied sciences

¹ Holders of a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from a Swiss university of applied sciences must satisfy all of the academic, language, performance and internship prerequisites listed in this Appendix for admission to the degree programme.

² Admission is always subject to the acquisition of the missing academic and methodological knowledge and skills in the form of additional studies comprising at least 48 credits from Parts 1 and 2 of the academic prerequisites.

³ The additional requirements are divided in Part 1 and Part 2:

Part 1: (20 ECTS credits)

In Part 1 of the additional requirements, 20 ECTS credits from the following course units are required. Information on the content of the course units is published in the ETH Course Catalogue (www.vvz.ethz.ch).

– Landschaftsarchitektur I und II	4 ECTS credits
– Energie- und Klimasysteme	4 ECTS credits
– Architekturgeschichte und -theorie III und IV	4 ECTS credits
– Geschichte des Städtebaus I und II	4 ECTS credits
– Computational Design I und II	4 ECTS credits

Part 2: (28 ECTS credits)

Part 2 consists of 28 ECTS credits from the category «Entwurf V – IX».

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- a. Language, performance, or internship requirements are not satisfied; or
- b. the number of additional credits required to satisfy the academic prerequisites:
 1. exceeds 60 ECTS credits in total; or
 2. consists of additional requirements from Part 1 of the discipline requirements; or
 3. consists of more than 30 credits from Part 2 of the discipline requirements profile.

4 Entering the Master's degree programme

4.1 Bachelor's degree from ETH Zurich

To students from an ETH Bachelor's degree programme who have been granted admission, the following applies:

- a. Said students can enroll in the Master's degree programme if:
 1. Maximum missing number of 8 ECTS credits for the Bachelor's degree, which may come from from the two categories «Science in Perspective» and «Seminar Weeks».
 2. In all other categories of the Bachelor programme all ECTS credits are acquired and the proof of an internship of at least 6 months is provided.
- b. The normal ETH Zurich enrolment dates and deadlines apply.
- c. Admission is provisional until the Bachelor's degree is issued. Admission will be revoked if the Bachelor's degree is not or cannot be issued.

4.2 Bachelor's degree from another university

Candidates with a positive admission decision can enter the programme if they have successfully completed the previous (Bachelor's) degree programme.

5 Application and admission procedure

¹ All candidates must submit an application for admission to the degree programme. The specifications for application, in particular the documents required and the dates and deadlines for submission, are published on the website of the ETH Zurich Admissions Office (www.admission.ethz.ch).

² Application may be made at a time when the required preceding degree has not yet been issued.

³ Applications will not be considered if:

- a. they are submitted late or not in the correct form; or
- b. the respective fees have not been paid.

⁴ The admissions committee of the degree programme determines how far the background of the candidate corresponds to the profile of requirements and submits an application for admission/rejection to the Director of Studies.

⁵ On the request of the Director of Studies the Rector makes the final decision regarding admission or rejection.

⁶ The candidate receives a written admissions decision which includes the relevant information concerning any additional admission requirements.

6 Fulfilling additional admission requirements

6.1 General regulations

¹ Candidates who are admitted subject to the fulfilment of additional requirements must acquire the required additional knowledge and skills before or during the Master's degree programme via independent study or by attending classes. The corresponding individual performance assessments must take place by set deadlines.

² If the candidate fails said performance assessments or does not respect the set deadlines they will be regarded as having failed the programme and will be excluded from it.

³ The deadlines and conditions for undergoing said performance assessments depend upon the background of the candidate.

6.2 Persons with a university Bachelor's degree

¹ Candidates holding a university Bachelor's degree must undertake all of the performance assessments pertaining to the additional admission requirements by the end of the first year of the Master's degree programme at the latest. All additional requirements, including any repetitions of performance assessments, must be fulfilled within 18 months of the start of the Master's degree programme at the latest.

² A pass grade in each individual performance assessment is required.

³ A failed performance assessment may only be repeated once.

6.3 Persons with a Bachelor's degree from a Swiss university of applied sciences

¹ Candidates holding a Bachelor's degree from a Swiss university of applied sciences must undertake all of the performance assessments pertaining to the additional admission requirements by the end of the first year of the Master's degree programme at the latest. All additional requirements, including any repetitions of performance assessments, must be fulfilled within two years of the start of the Master's degree programme at the latest.

² Performance assessments may be combined in examination blocks. A pass grade in the examination block is achieved if the average of the individual grades is at least a 4.

³ A failed performance assessment or a failed examination block may be repeated only once. The repetition of an examination block entails repeating all the examinations belonging to it.