

Master of Science in Electrical and Microsystems Engineering

FAQs for application and admission

The programme

Where can I find detailed information about the contents of the programme?

For details about the programme, study objectives and prospects, module overview and programme regulations please visit our [programme page](#) and our [page](#) for international students

Where can I find detailed information about the admission requirements?

Please check the [admission requirements](#).

Is the Master's programme in Electrical and Microsystems Engineering accredited?

The Master's programme in Electrical and Microsystems Engineering is accredited.

Do I have to know German?

You can study the entire programme in English if you wish. No German language proficiency is required for application or enrolment. However, a basic knowledge of German is necessary before graduating. For this, we will offer German language classes on site.

Will there be a German language course offered for international students?

Yes, a German language course will be part of your study programme. You will receive all further information about this after enrolment.

Where can I find information about the programme and modules?

Please find more information on our [programme page](#).

Can I complete a double degree?

Yes, OTH offers double degrees with two universities in Malaysia.

Is there a curricular internship requirement for this programme?

The curriculum does not include a mandatory internship.

Studying in Regensburg

What is the semester fee for the Master's in Electrical and Microsystems Engineering?

A semester fee of 181 Euros (subject to change) must be paid before the start of each semester and includes the student union fee and the semester ticket for regional public transport. In addition, candidates from non-EU countries will be asked to pay a service fee of 500 Euros for each semester. Please check our [website](#) for details about the fees.

Where can I find more information about studying and living in Regensburg?

We recommend the websites of the [student union](#), the OTH [International Office](#) or the [DAAD](#).

Will OTH Regensburg help me with visa?

Obtaining a visa for Germany is your own responsibility. Please check the requirements of the German Embassy of the country you are applying from and get on the waiting list early. In some countries the waiting time for a visa can be up to 16 months long. The admission is however only valid for one semester, so please apply only if you can make sure that you will get a visa on time. We will not issue any late arrival letters or extension letters and the programme cannot be studied online. We will not be making any individual exceptions.

Will OTH Regensburg help me find housing in Regensburg?

Before you apply, please be aware that it will be difficult and probably expensive to find a place to stay in Regensburg. OTH Regensburg will not assist you with finding accommodation. Finding a place to stay is your own responsibility! We do not have any dormitories where we could offer a placement and we are not involved in the allocation process of dormitory rooms. You need to apply directly and online at the [student union](#). You also can search on the market for private apartments, [shared](#) apartments, Facebook groups, or through the student union [housing list](#). We recommend searching in the wider area of Regensburg. For more sources, you can also check the website of the [International Office](#) but please remember that they are also not responsible for finding your accommodation!

The admission requirements

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Please check the [admission requirements](#).

Is there a restriction on admission?

Admission to the Master's programme in Electrical and Microsystems Engineering is restricted to students who fulfil all the admission requirements and pass the aptitude test.

How do I prove that I completed a Bachelor's degree course in a related subject?

We will evaluate the relevance of your Bachelor's degree based on your degree documents (certificate, grade sheet / transcript). Please merge both documents in one PDF (max. 5 MB).

How do I prove that I am meeting the admission grade requirement?

If you completed your Bachelor's degree in Germany, you simply submit the preliminary or final degree documents in the OTH application portal. If you completed your Bachelor's degree outside of Germany, you must first submit your degree documents for evaluation to Uni-Assist and obtain a VPD report with the equivalent German grade. You must then submit the VPD with your application in the OTH portal before the deadline. Admission will be decided based on the German grade listed in your VPD. Any grade average below 2.5 will not be considered for admission unless you can prove you were under the best 51% of your cohort. To do this, you must provide a ranking certificate issued by the controller of examinations of your Bachelor's degree university. The ranking certificate must be uploaded in the portal (attached to the VPD or the degree documents PDF). If your grade is lower than 2,5 and you have not uploaded any ranking certificate, your application will be rejected. An insufficient grade cannot be compensated by any other achievements.

What is Uni-Assist?

Uni-Assist is a non-profit association supported by approx. 170 German universities, which helps evaluate international study certificates and determines their equivalence to German educational standards. OTH works with Uni-Assist to assess degrees from abroad.

What is a VPD from Uni-Assist?

If you completed your Bachelor's degree outside of Germany, you must submit it for evaluation to Uni-Assist and obtain a VPD evaluation report. This report must be uploaded with the other application documents in the OTH Regensburg application portal before the deadline. The VPD contains information about your Bachelor's degree, whether it qualifies you for studying in Germany, as well as the equivalent German grade.

How do I obtain a VPD from Uni-Assist and how long does it take?

You must apply for it directly at Uni-Assist: <https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/>. Processing your VPD application can take 4-6 weeks or even longer, so make sure to apply early. If you have any questions about the status of your application for VPD, please contact Uni-Assist directly. The VPD process is separate from the application process at OTH Regensburg.

Can I re-use a VPD I submitted for another application?

The VPD is normally only valid for one year, however you can use older VPD as well. If you have a VPD that was issued for another university, you can submit it in the application portal, and we will check if it meets our requirements.

Who do I contact for problems or delays with VPD?

Please contact Uni-Assist directly. We will not accept any delayed VPDs and we cannot contact Uni-Assist on your behalf to speed up the evaluation process.

Can I apply for the programme directly through Uni-Assist?

OTH Regensburg does not allow applications directly through Uni-Assist. We only accept applications that have been submitted in the application portal of OTH Regensburg.

I am from India and have already obtained an APS certificate. Can it replace the VPD?

The APS India certificate cannot replace the VPD from Uni-Assist.

I am from India and have not received my APS certificate yet. Can I apply for admission?

In order to submit a valid application for the summer semester 2025, you are required to upload a valid APS certificate before the application deadline on December 15, 2024. Only applications with an APS certificate will be considered for admission.

Do I have to submit an English and German language certificate?

You need to provide proof of language proficiency with the certificates mentioned in the [admission requirements](#). Other certificates will not be accepted. You only need to provide ONE certificate: an English certificate, if you want to study in English or a German certificate, if you want to study in German.

What level of English / German is required?

The required levels and types of certificates are listed in the [admission requirements](#).

Do you also accept medium of instruction certificates?

We do not accept medium of instruction certificates.

Do I still need to hand in a language certificate even though I am a native speaker?

If English is your native language, you do not need a language proficiency certificate.

Do I need proof of practical experience?

With your application, you need to provide proof of either work experience in a related field or an at least 18 weeks long internship during your studies. If you do not provide sufficient proof of practical experience, you do not qualify for admission.

Is there any requirement for the certificate of practical experience / internship?

The internship should be at least 18 weeks full-time and without any interruptions. The scope of activity should be relevant to your degree. The certificate should bear the official letterhead of the company and include your tasks and responsibilities, as well as information about daily/weekly working hours.

Do I need a motivational letter or a letter of recommendation?

Letters of motivation or recommendation are not required and will not be considered.

Do I need to complete an aptitude test to qualify for admission?

Yes. Please read the [admission requirements](#) for details about the aptitude test.

The application process

Where do I apply?

Please use the [online application portal](#) to submit your application during the application period. Applications submitted by post or e-mail will not be considered!

What is the timeline of the application process for a summer semester?

Application period: 15 November – 15 December (final application deadline)

Aptitude test: 19 December

Receipt of admission or rejection letter: approx. 2 weeks after the date of the aptitude test

Enrolment: end of February (exact deadline is mentioned in the admission letter)

Start of the semester: 15 March

Please note that we will not be answering any requests during the winter holidays (20 December – 10 January)!

What is the timeline of the application process for a winter semester?

Application period: 1 May – 31 May (final application deadline)

Aptitude test: 5 June (subject to change, exact date will be announced on the website)

Receipt of admission or rejection letter: approx. 2 weeks after aptitude test

Enrolment: end of August (exact deadline is mentioned in the admission letter)

Start of the semester: 1 October

What if I don't meet the application deadline?

If you don't submit all the required documents before the application deadline, the application will not be considered. There will be no exceptions or deadline extensions.

What are the required documents?

Please check the [admission requirements](#).

How do I submit my documents?

First, you need to create a new user account in our online application portal. Then you select the programme you wish to apply for, fill in the required information, upload the required documents and then submit the application. Do not forget to submit the application before the application deadline expires! You will not be able to submit any more applications or documents after the portal closes. If for some reason you need to withdraw and edit your application, do not forget to re-submit it before the deadline.

How will I know if my application was submitted successfully?

Within a few days after submitting your application, the Admissions Office will check your application documents for formal compliance. If the documents are in order, your application status will switch to "Valid". If your application is incomplete, it will be "Temporarily excluded" until you submit all the relevant documents. Any missing documents will be shown in the portal. If your application status is "In Preparation", then you have not submitted the application yet.

How do I upload missing documents?

If your application is missing any documents, you will be shown in the application portal what you need to upload. Please upload missing documents by using the "Document upload" section on the "home" page of the application portal (after logging in).

Do I need to send any original documents by post?

No hard copies are required to apply, so please do not send anything by post. If we need to see any original documents to verify their authenticity, we will let you know.

Can I send my documents via e-mail?

Please upload all required documents in the online portal. Documents sent by e-mail will not be considered.

If I already applied in the past, can I re-use my old ID and password?

You cannot re-use any old access data or refer to previously uploaded documents. If you wish to apply, you need to create a new account and upload all the documents again.

Do I have to pay an application fee?

There is no application fee.

Did my documents get registered? What is the status of my application?

Please check the [online application portal](#) regularly for any status updates, information about missing documents or requests from the Admissions Office.

Can you pre-check my documents before I submit my application?

We are not able to pre-check any documents sent via e-mail and pre-evaluate any applications. All application documents must be uploaded in the application portal and will be reviewed by the Examination Board after the application deadline.

Who do I contact if the portal is not working or if I have questions about applying?

For these questions you can contact zulassung@oth-regensburg.de.

The aptitude test**What is the purpose of the aptitude test?**

For details about the aptitude test, please read the [admission requirements](#)

I have received an invitation to the aptitude test. Does this mean that I have fulfilled all the other admission requirements?

The invitation to the aptitude test only means that you have submitted a complete application before the deadline. However, it does not mean that you fulfil the other admission requirements. The Examination Board may still determine that your degree is not relevant, your grade is not sufficient or that you have not submitted enough proof of practical experience (even if you pass the aptitude test).

I have graduated among the top 10% of my class. Do I need to take the aptitude test?

If you graduated with the German equivalent grade 1,1 or 1,2 (excellent) or among the top 10% of your class, you may be allowed to skip the aptitude test. To apply for an exemption, you need to submit a request for exemption and supporting documents in the application portal before the application deadline. If you are applying based on your grade, you just need to submit the VPD from Uni-Assist with your request.

Am I automatically exempt if I submit a document that I graduated in the top 10%?

You are not automatically exempt. Your request will be reviewed by the Examination Board and can be rejected if it is not complete or not plausible. The ranking certificate cannot be a simple recommendation from a professor, but must be issued by the Controller of Examinations of your university, confirming that you graduated from your programme among the top 10% of your cohort. If necessary, we will contact your university to check for authenticity.

I have not applied for exemption because I was not aware of this option. But I graduated in the top 10% of my year. Can I be exempt after the deadline?

If you do not apply for exemption before the application deadline, you cannot be exempt from taking the aptitude test.

I am sure that I passed the test but my application was still rejected. Why?

There are several admission requirements that must be fulfilled. Passing the aptitude test is only one of them. If you do not fulfil all the admission requirements, you may still be rejected despite passing the aptitude test.

Admission and enrolment

When will I know if I can receive admission?

You will receive an admission or rejection notice after the Examination Board has reviewed your aptitude test and your application documents and decided who will receive admission. Please note that during the winter holidays (20 December to 10 January) we will not be issuing admission letters or answering any requests.

How will I receive my admission letter?

You will receive the admission letter via e-mail. Please check your e-mail account and spam folder regularly after submitting a "valid" application.

Is it possible to postpone admission?

It is not possible to postpone or defer admission to a later semester. If you are not able to join the programme and wish to start in a later semester, you must re-apply.

Does OTH offer support with visa formalities?

We are not able to assist you with visa formalities. In some countries, it can take up to a year or longer to receive a visa appointment, so you should start preparations ahead of time. Candidates from India also need to obtain an [APS](#) certificate to get a visa.

Does OTH offer support with financing, insurance, or accommodation?

Degree-seeking students do not receive any special support from OTH and must arrange their housing, financing, and insurance formalities themselves. You are welcome to check the page of the [International Office](#) or [DAAD](#) for some initial information.

Do I have to enrol in person?

You do not have to enrol in person. If you receive admission, your admission letter will contain all the relevant documents you need to upload in the portal for enrolment. If we need to see any original documents, we will let you know.