

University of Hohenheim Admission Regulations for the Master's Program in Economics with Data Science

From 3 April 2025

The University of Hohenheim Senate passed the following Regulations on 5 February 2025 based on § 63(2), § 60(2), § 59(1), and § 19(1) sentence 2, item 10 of the State Higher Education Act (Landeshochschulgesetz, LHG) from 1 January 2005 (Law Gazette (GBl.) p. 1) as amended in Article 1 of the Third Higher Education Amendment Act (3rd HRÄG) from 1 April 2014, as amended by Art. 24 of the Budget Supplement Act 2025/2026 from 17 December 2024 (GBl. p. 114), § 6(4), § 6a, §9(2) and (3) as well as § 11 of the Higher Education Admissions Act (Hochschulzulassungsgesetz, HZG) from 15 September 2005 (GBl. p. 629), last amended by Article 9 of the Fourth Higher Education Amendment Act (4th HRÄG) from 17 December 2020 (GBl. pp. 1204, 1229) as well as § 19 et seqq. and § 33 of the Higher Education Admissions Ordinance (Hochschulzulassungsverordnung, HZVO) from 2 December 2019 (GBl. 489), last amended by Art. 2 of the Amendment Ordinance to the Higher Education Admissions Ordinance for Professionals and HZVO (GBl. p. 52) from 2 July 2024.

§ 1 Scope of Application

- (1) The places available in the Master's degree program in Economics with Data Science are allocated in accordance with the following provisions.
- (2) Admission to the first subject-related semester is only to be granted for the respective winter semester each year.

§ 2 Selection Quotas

- (1) The university places available under § 1(1) shall be allocated as follows:
 1. four-fifths (80%) to
 - applicants holding German citizenship
 2. one fifth (20%) to applicants who do not have German citizenship and stateless persons.
- (2) A separate ranking is established for each of these two quotas. University places that remain open in one quota are added to the other quota.

§ 3 Deadline and Form

- (1) The application for admission (application) must be submitted electronically by 15 May of the year at the latest (deadline) via the University of Hohenheim website using the application form provided for this purpose (online application). To avoid undue hardship, the University of Hohenheim's Examinations Office can forgo an electronic application and permit a written application. The application documents and forms to be submitted (form for recording the relevant previous knowledge) must also be received electronically by the University of Hohenheim by 15 May of the year at the latest. The application forms to be

submitted must be completed in full.

(2) The application must include the following documents:

1. Documentation of the existence of the requirements specified in §§ 4 and 5,
2. If applicable, proof of whether the applicant has lost the right to be examined in a Master's degree program in Business Administration and Economics or has lost an equivalent entitlement to be examined.

§ 4 Admission Requirements

(1) Admission requirements are:

1. proof of an above-average university grade of at least good (2.50) either
 - a) in a Business Administration and Economics, Information Systems, Business Mathematics Bachelor's program with a standard period of study of at least three years, or
 - b) a university degree successfully completed in Germany with a standard period of study of at least three years in the area of Business Administration and Economics, or
 - c) in a Bachelor's degree program in Economics or a closely related degree program from a foreign university with a standard period of study of at least three years, or
 - d) in a program related to Economics, or
 - e) an equivalent degree, and
2. proof of sufficient English language skills, usually verified by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with at least 90 points in the Internet Based TOEFL (officially certified copy); can be alternatively rendered by one of the language tests listed in annex 1; the admission committee decides on recognizing equivalent proof. No. 2 does not apply to applicants whose native language is English and applicants who have completed an English-only degree program.

(2) If the university degree pursuant to (1) no. 1 was obtained at a higher education institution outside of the Member States of the European Union or another contracting state of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, proof also needs to be rendered of the result of the subject-specific Graduate Management Admission (GMAT) aptitude test or alternatively the result of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The minimum points figures required are laid down in annex 2.

(3) If the final degree certificate from the first degree is not provided by the end of the application period (15 May), the applicant participates in the selection procedure with an average grade based on examination grades to date. Final degree certificates must be submitted by 15 December of the admission year at the latest. In this case, admission is to be granted subject to the proviso that the first university degree in accordance with § 4(1) no. 1 a) to e) is proven by 15 December of the year of admission. If this proof is not provided in due time, admission is revoked.

- (4) The admission committee decides on the equivalence of the previous education and the comparability of the degrees. When recognizing foreign degrees, the recommendations of the Conference of the Ministers of Education and the agreements within the framework of university partnerships must be observed. In cases of doubt, the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) will be consulted.

§ 5 Admission Requirements

- (1) If the number of qualified applicants according to § 4 of the Admission Regulations exceeds the number of available university places, a selection is made.
- (2) The overall grade of the university degree rounded to one decimal place or the average grade of the examination grades to date is used for the assessment of the criterion in paragraph 1. A ranking list is drawn up separately according to the selection quotas stipulated in § 2.
- (3) If the necessary proof is not in German or English, a certified translation into German is required. Only those achievements that are explicitly stated and proven as prior knowledge in the application forms will be taken into account.

§ 6 Admission Procedures

- (1) The President's Office at the University of Hohenheim takes a decision upon recommendation of the admission committee.
- (2) The application is to be rejected if
 1. the application forms are not completed in full and / or
 2. the requirements set out in §§ 3 to 5 are not met and / or
 3. if the applicant has lost the right to take examinations in a Master's degree program in Business Administration / Economics or a related degree program.
- (3) In addition, the general provisions of the University of Hohenheim's Admission and Enrollment Regulations apply to the admission procedure.

§ 7 Admission Committee, Evaluation Group

- (1) The admission committee consists of the degree program director by virtue of office (chair of the committee) and the academic advisor, at least two other members who belong to the academic staff of the University of Hohenheim, at least one of whom is a member of the professors' status group, and one additional student member with an advisory vote.
- (2) The chairperson and the other members of the admission committee are appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences. The term of office is one year. Reappointment is permitted.
- (3) The admission committee shall have a quorum when at least three voting members are present with at least one of such being a professorial member. The admission committee decides by a simple majority of the members present; in the event of a tie, the chairperson has the casting vote.
- (4) For evaluating the application documents in accordance with the requirements of these Admission Regulations, the responsible admission committee can appoint an evaluation

group consisting of members of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences. One person can be a member of the admissions committee and the evaluation group at the same time. The admission committee coordinates the selection process and the work of the evaluation group and ensures that the requirements of these Admission Regulations are adhered to and that the evaluation standard is applied uniformly. To ensure uniform application of the evaluation standard, the admission committee may issue an explanatory guideline, which each member of the evaluation group must observe when evaluating the application documents.

§ 8 Entry into Force

- (1) These Admission Regulations enter into force on the day after they have been published in the University of Hohenheim's Official Communications.
- (2) At the same time, the University of Hohenheim's Admission Regulations for the Master's degree program in Economics from 8 November 2023 (published in the Official Notices of the University of Hohenheim from 23 November 2023, no. 1485) will no longer apply.
- (3) These Admission Regulations shall apply for the first time to the admission procedure for the winter semester 2025/2026.

Stuttgart, dated 3 April 2025

Dr. Katrin Scheffer
Chancellor of the University of Hohenheim (deputizing for the President)

Annex 1

Language tests and cut-off grades / minimum scores / other measures recognized as envisaged by § 4(1) no. 2:

Tests cut-off grade / minimum score / other requirements

Tests	Cut-off grade / minimum score
1. IELTS	6.0
2. Language examination UNIcert level	II (at least "good")
3. Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC)	CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)
4. German university entrance qualification (HZB)	In the higher level (Oberstufe) at least four semesters of English were taken / average grade (excluding a separate Abitur examination) at least eight points.

The admission committee may decide to accept language tests other than those listed.

Annex 2

Minimum scores and other requirements of the subject-specific aptitude tests according to § 4(2):

Tests / minimum score / other requirements

Tests	Minimum score
1. GMAT Exam / GMAT Focus Edition	555
1a. GMAT Exam / GMAT Focus Edition – field of Quantitative Reasoning	78
2. GMAT Exam (10 th Edition)	600
2a. GMAT Exam (10 th Edition) – field of Quantitative Reasoning	44
3. GRE	300
3a. GRE – field of Quantitative Reasoning	150