

**Specific Admission Regulations
to the Master’s Degree Programme in Resource Efficiency in Architecture
and Planning (REAP) at HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU) (BZO-MSc-
REAP-20)
from 19 February 2020**

Based on Section 10(1) of the Higher Education Admissions Act [*Hochschulzulassungsgesetz, HZG*] of 28 December 2004 (HmbGVBl. 2004, p. 515) in the version of 18 May 2018 (Hamburg Government Gazette [*Hamburgisches Gesetz- und Verordnungsblatt, HmbGVBl.*] 2018, p. 188), Sections 39(1) and 37(2) in conjunction with Section 85(1) no. 1 of the Hamburg Higher Education Act [*Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG*] of 18 July 2001 (HmbGVBl. 2001, p. 171) in the version of 12 December 2019 (HmbGVBl. 2019, p. 479), the University Senate of HCU on 19 February 2020 adopted the following Specific Admission Regulations (*Besondere Zulassungsordnung, BZO*) to the Master’s Degree Programme in Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning (REAP) at HafenCity University Hamburg (BZO-MSc-REAP-20). At its meeting on 24 February 2020, the Governing Authority approved them in accordance with Section 108(1) sentence 3 HmbHG.

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**Section 1
Scope**

These regulations define the admission requirements and selection criteria in accordance with Section 18(1) of the General Admission Regulations (AZO) (HCU Gazette 02/2020, p. 11) for the allocation of study places for the Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning (REAP) (Master of Science) degree programme.

Section 2 Requirements for Admission

- (1) Admission to the Master of Science in Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning (REAP) degree programme requires a successfully completed qualifying university degree in Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning (REAP) in one of the following degree programmes in accordance with Section 18(1) AZO:
1. Architecture
 2. Civil Engineering
 3. Geomatics
 4. Urban Planning
 5. Geography
 6. Landscape Planning
 7. Law
 8. Political Science
 9. Administrative Science
 10. Economics
 11. Social Science, or
 12. Related degree programmes

The Admissions Committee decides on classification as a related degree programme.

- (2) If the result of the first qualifying university degree pursuant to Section 18(1) AZO is not available, Section 18(2) to (4) AZO applies.
- (3) Furthermore, admission to the degree programme requires verification of sufficient knowledge of English as the language of instruction. Sufficient language skills are verified by submitting one of the following certificates:
1. A certificate confirming that the applicant has passed an internationally recognised language test:
 - a. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as an internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) with a score of at least 88, as TOEFL ITP test with a score of at least 570
 - b. Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) with at least Level B
 - c. Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) with at least level C
 - d. International English Language Testing System - Academic Test (IELTS) with at least band 7 or
 - e. TELC with at least level C1
 2. A certificate attesting to a professional stay abroad in an English-speaking country of at least one year.
 3. A certificate attesting to at least 4 semesters of the first degree programme in English.
 4. At least five years of attendance at a general education school where English is the language of instruction.

- (4) In addition, admission to the programme requires proof of special prior education in REAP-relevant subject areas, such as technologies in environmental and resource protection, environmental economics, environmental planning or legal instruments or similar, by way of:

1. Identification of REAP-relevant subject areas in the curriculum of the qualifying university degree programme. Verification provided by means of a summary of the relevant modules and courses of the qualifying university degree programme prepared independently by the applicant

and

2. Subject-specific periods of professional practice during or after the qualifying university degree, equivalent to at least six months of full-time employment (35 hours per week).

The Admissions Committee decides on the classification of prior education as REAP-relevant criteria.

Section 3 Selection Procedure

- (1) A selection procedure is conducted in accordance with Part 3 AZO if the number of applicants for admission to a degree programme in accordance with Section 2 AZO exceeds the number of places available. The ranking list in accordance with Section 19(1) no. 3 a) AZO is derived by awarding points in accordance with the following provisions.
- (2) In accordance with Section 22(3) AZO, the ECTS grading is not taken into account. In deviation from Section 22 (2) sentence 2 AZO, up to 50 points are awarded for the absolute grade of the first qualifying university degree according to the following key:
1.0 (50); 1.1 (47.5); 1.2 (45); 1.3 (42.5); 1.4 (40); 1.5 (37.5); 1.6 (35); 1.7 (32.5); 1.8 (30); 1.9 (27.5); 2.0 (25); 2.1 (22.5); 2.2 (20); 2.3 (17.5); 2.4 (15); 2.5 (12.5); 2.6 (10); 2.7 (7.5); 2.8 (5); 2.9 (2.5); ≥ 3.0 (0)
- (3) Assessment of the specific prior education according to Section 2(4) no. 1 (maximum score: 10):
1. Degree or specialisation applies to REAP subject areas in an outstanding manner (10)
 2. Degree or specialisation applies to REAP subject areas in a particularly good way (5)
 3. Degree or specialisation applies to REAP subject areas (0)
- (4) Assessment of the specific prior education according to Section 2(4)(2) (maximum score: 30):
1. Subject-specific professional practice over a period of at least 24 months (30)
 2. Subject-specific professional practice over a period of at least 12 months and up to 24 months (15 points)
 3. Subject-specific periods of professional practice during or after the qualifying university degree, equivalent to at least six months of full-time employment (35 hours per week) (0)

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- (5) Assessment of the applicant's subject-specific motivation on the basis of a one-page letter (maximum score: 10):
1. Details of specific objectives or research interests (10)
 2. General information on objectives (5)
 3. Letter of intent not available or no information and objectives discernible (0)

Section 4 Final Provisions

These regulations come into force upon publication in the HCU Gazette and apply for the first time to the application and admissions process for winter semester 2020/2021. At the same time, the Specific Admission Regulations for the Master's Degree Programme Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning (REAP) at HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU) (BZO-MSc-REAP-15) of 24 April 2015 (HCU Gazette 02/2015, p. 40) as amended on 14 February 2018 (HCU Gazette 02/2019, p. 38) shall cease to be in force.

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