
Information on the Portfolio Review

The Portfolio Review is a Requirement for Admission to the Master's Program M.Sc. Architecture at TU Darmstadt

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Dear prospective students,

We are pleased that you are interested in the Master's program in Architecture (M.Sc.) at Technische Universität Darmstadt.

This information sheet aims to provide you with a clear overview of the portfolio review and the formal requirements as part of the application process.

Please read the instructions carefully – a complete application, sent on time is the basis for a fair and smooth review of your documents.

Purpose of the Portfolio Examination

The portfolio review is designed to show us that you are capable of successfully completing the Master's program in Architecture at TU Darmstadt. We will assess your submitted work from your Bachelor's studies against the competences acquired during the B.Sc. program at TU Darmstadt, which are assumed for all Master's students.

Important: Grades of your submitted coursework are explicitly not the subject of this review; rather, the focus is on the individual qualification profile that emerges from the submitted portfolio.

The TU Darmstadt Department of Architecture's evaluation of your portfolio doesn't aim to validate or invalidate your qualification for Master's studies at other universities—it only assesses your potential for success in this specific Master's program.

Requirements for the Portfolio

Format:

- DIN A4, bound or stapled (e.g. ring binding or similar)
- digital formats or digital attachments as well as loose sheets are not allowed

Scope: Maximum 20 pages (double-sided printing is allowed)

Information on the Cover Sheet

Please include the following information:

- First and last name
- Address and email address
- Type of degree and standard period of study (e.g., Bachelor of Architecture, 6 semesters)
- Degree status: completed / not completed (the date of receipt of the portfolio is decisive)
- University, location, and country

Note: Please do not include your final grade on the cover page, as it is not part of the portfolio review process.

Content:

- Selection of design projects and creative works (e.g., freehand drawings, sculpture or model photos, etc.)
- Works from the fields of building design and urban planning, including excerpts from the Bachelor's thesis
- Thematically arranged and clearly labelled in each case
- Only your academic work or independently created samples; no work that involved third parties or was created in architectural offices
- For group works, your individual contribution must be clearly indicated

Deadlines and Submission

If you are not enrolled at TU Darmstadt, please send your portfolio along with the application for admission and all other documents to:

Technische Universität Darmstadt
Studierendensekretariat
Karolinenplatz 5
64289 Darmstadt

The address is already pre-printed on the application form.

The documents must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- **January 15** for the summer semester
- **July 15** for the winter semester

[Online Application – TU Darmstadt](#)

Important: If your portfolio is not submitted on time, your application cannot be processed and will be automatically rejected.

Examination Procedure

Three professors from the department assess the portfolio independently and decide individually whether to admit the applicant.

Evaluation Criteria

- Conceptual independence and thematic coherence
- Clearly recognisable focus in architectural and/or urban design
- All ranges of scales covered from urban planning to 1:1 detail
- Constructive and planning quality – not just visual presentation
- Careful, comprehensible presentation and design of the portfolio as a whole

Feedback and Return

- Your portfolio will not be returned; it remains with the department for documentation purposes.
- Feedback will be provided in any case – as soon as possible.
- Please refrain from inquiries before you receive notification of our decision. Admission notifications are sent first.

Validity and Repeat option

- A passed portfolio examination remains valid – even with later enrollment
 - A failed examination can be repeated in the following semester with a revised portfolio
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Important Note on the Application

Your application for the Master's program in Architecture at TU Darmstadt must be submitted centrally to TU Darmstadt. The Registrar's Office (Studierendensekretariat) will then carry out a so-called 'formal check' to determine whether your prior qualifications are legally sufficient for you to be accepted into the Master's program. The Department of Architecture's role in the assessment is to conduct a review of your portfolio.

A Bachelor's degree in Architecture from any German University of Applied Sciences generally qualifies you for application – regardless of whether it is a B.Sc. or B.A. For foreign degrees, the equivalency is automatically assessed by Department VIII. This assessment runs parallel to the portfolio examination. Further information can be found here:

[International Applicants – TU Darmstadt](#)
