Information on Admission
- on the Master’s Program East Asian Economy and Society -

On May 7th 2013, the Rectorate of the University of Vienna decided upon introducing admission requirements for the master study program East Asian Economy and Society starting with the academic year 2013/14. This decision is to be found in the “162. Rectorate’s Act on the number of admissions and admission processes to the master study program East Asian Economy and Society”. This information sheet summarizes the most important details of the Act. Please note that this document is an unofficial summary.

According to §54.6 of the Universities Act, the Rectorate can determine the number of students and admission procedures for master study programs that are exclusively offered in a foreign language (Non-German). The Rectorate will install a selection panel upon recommendations of the respective Director of Studies and the Faculty Dean. This selection panel will conduct the selection process after receiving all applications (§4 of the Act).

Only 25 students per year will be admitted to the study programme (§2). Students who pass the selection process are entitled to enroll for the study programme in either winter semester or the following summer semester (§3.2). Applications need to be submitted to the Vienna University Admission Office and need to include the following documents.

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1. Proof of Qualification (§3.1.1)
The admission to the Master’s program requires a Bachelor degree or an equivalent university or college degree in an eligible major acquired at an authorized Austrian or foreign post-secondary educational institution. Among eligible majors are Bachelor programs in Japanese Studies, Korean Studies, Chinese Studies, Business Administration (Ger. Betriebswirtschaftslehre), International Business Administration (Ger. Internationale Betriebswirtschaftslehre), Economics (Ger. Volkswirtschaftslehre) and Political Studies (Ger. Politikwissenschaft), as offered by the University of Vienna. Given the completed major is equivalent to a Bachelor’s degree or if only a few additions are missing in order to attain complete equivalence, additional courses and examinations totaling to 30 ECTS credits may be required (please see §3.3 of the curriculum²).

2. Proof of Command of English (§3.1.2)
Applicants need to show proof of a sufficient command of English. This can be attained by showing proof of either
   a) Completion of an English-language study program (BA-equivalent). In this case, English must be stated as the only language of instruction in the respective diploma supplement.
   b) Certificates of successfully completed examinations that prove knowledge of the English language (with a level of at least C1 of the Common European Framework of References for Languages) attained at an approved educational institution (according to §51.2.1 University Law). Certificates must not be older than 3 years.
   c) Language Certificate (TOEFL, IELTS Academic or Cambridge Certificate in Advanced Language) with a level of at least C1 of the Common European Framework of References for Languages (TOEFL: at least 110 points internet-based [IBT], 637 points paper-based [PBT] and 270 points computer-based; IELTS academic: minimum score 7.5; Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English [CAE]: at least grade B). Certificates must not be older than 3 years.

3. Letter of Motivation and Curriculum Vitae (§3.1.3)
Applicants are asked to submit a letter of motivation based on a fixed set of standardized questions which are published on the Department’s website. Moreover, applicants need to attach a current Curriculum Vitae. Both documents are to be submitted in English.

We strongly recommend to carefully read the notice Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) on Admission for the MA Program East Asian Economy and Society in the Academic Year 2014/15 for further information on admission in the winter semester 2014/15 and summer semester 2015.

² The Curriculum of the study program East Asian Economy and Society can be found online: http://ecos.univie.ac.at/fileadmin/user_upload/lehrstuhl_wirtschaft_ostasien/Dokumente/Mitteilungsblatt_08-05-2008.pdf