



**Regulation governing the special admission procedure for the
Master's degree programme in
Management, Economics, and Data Science
at the University of Klagenfurt (MEDS-REG)**

Pursuant to Section 63a Para. 8 of the Universities Act (Federal Law Gazette I 120/2002 in its current and valid version, hereinafter: UA) the Rectorate hereby orders the following, after consultation with the Senate:

Section 1 Scope of application

- (1) This regulation applies to all applicants for the Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science, regardless of their nationality.
- (2) The following groups are exempt from this regulation:
 1. Applicants who have previously been admitted on to the Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science at the University of Klagenfurt and whose admission has lapsed for one of the reasons specified in Section 68 Para.1 Clause 1 or 2 of the UA;
 2. applicants seeking temporary admission, in accordance with Section 63 Para. 5 Clause 1 of the UA, as part of a transnational EU, state or university mobility programme;
 3. applicants who have successfully completed the Bachelor's degree programme in International Business and Economics at the University of Klagenfurt and who are seeking admission to the Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science. Section 10 shall apply.

Section 2 Number of new students

- (1) The number of new students for the Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science, offered exclusively in English, is set at 50 per academic year.
- (2) A slightly higher intake above the fixed number of new students is permissible.

Section 3 General information and competent authorities

- (1) The admission to the Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science shall take place in accordance with the special admission procedure set out below.

- (2) The admission procedure takes place once per academic year, allowing for students to take up their studies in the following academic year.
- (3) The deadlines for the admission procedure for the respective degree programme shall be published on the website of the University of Klagenfurt (<https://www.aau.at/en/study/studying-at-aau/applying/entrance-examination/>).
- (4) The procedure laid down in Section 5 shall be conducted in several phased tranches. The deadlines for the individual tranches and the number of places to be allocated in each tranche shall be published on the website of the University of Klagenfurt. The number of university places to be allocated in each tranche shall be determined in such a way that, in total, the number of places determined in accordance with Section 2 can be reached.
- (5) The Programme Director responsible appoints an admissions committee comprised of at least three appropriately qualified persons to assess the applications. A contact person from the Admissions and Examinations Office shall participate in the meetings of the admissions committee.

Section 4 Conditions of participation and fee

- (1) Participation in the special admission procedure is subject to proof of having achieved the general university entrance qualification according to Section 64 Para. 3 UA, the timely registration for the special admission procedure enclosing the required documents, and the payment of a fee.
- (2) Applicants shall contribute to the costs incurred in the course of the general admission procedure by means of a fee to be determined annually by the Rectorate. The fee may not exceed three times the student fee pursuant to Section 38 Para. 2 of the Student Union Act (Federal Law Gazette I No. 45/2014 as amended).
- (3) The level of the fee for participation in the special admission procedure as well as the payment deadline will be published on the website of the University of Klagenfurt. The payment period is a set period and shall not be extended or reprieved.
- (4) The full amount must be paid within the specified period using the ePayment service provided by the University of Klagenfurt. The information required for this purpose will be provided within the application portal during registration.
- (5) If the fee payment is not deposited in the account within the specified period of time or if it cannot be attributed to the applicant, the applicant shall be eliminated from the special admission procedure.
- (6) Without exception, fees cannot be refunded once paid. Fee payments that cannot be attributed and duplicate payments will not be refunded.

Section 5 The stages of the special admission procedure

- (1) The Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science starts each winter semester. It is not possible to commence studies in the summer semester. The application documents must be uploaded to the registration portal of the University of Klagenfurt by the deadlines announced in accordance with Section 3 Para. 3.
- (2) The application documents are checked by members of the admissions committee and by the Admissions and Examinations Office for completeness, as well as for fulfilment of the formal criteria (Section 7) and personal requirements (Section 8).
- (3) Based on the assessment of the submitted documents, the admissions committee compiles a list in which applicants are ranked according to their qualifications. This list is passed on to the Rectorate.
- (4) In consultation with the Programme Director and the Rectorate, the Admissions and Examinations Office informs applicants of the outcome of the special admission procedure.

Section 6 Detailed regulations concerning the individual steps of the procedure

- (1) **Submission of application documents:** These must be uploaded to the registration portal of the University of Klagenfurt before the specified deadlines. As proof of the formal criteria (Section 7) and personal requirements (Section 8), the following documents must always be attached:
 1. Depending on the Programme Director's specifications, a letter of motivation in English, in which the applicant describes why they would like to be admitted to Master's degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science.
 2. An up-to-date CV in English which must include details of education, first language(s) and foreign language skills.
 3. A degree certificate from a related or equivalent programme of study in accordance with Section 64 Para. 3 of the UA (hereinafter referred to as 'undergraduate degree programme'). If an applicant has not yet completed their undergraduate degree programme at the time of application, they must submit proof of their academic achievements in the form of a transcript of records and the corresponding curriculum in German or English.
 4. A list of the grades achieved in the examinations taken as part of their undergraduate degree programme (transcript of records).
 5. A certificate or proof of the applicant's English language skills according to Section 7 Para. 2.
 6. Proof of the applicant's identity and nationality.
 7. An ETS Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test score issued less than three years prior to the date of application. If no score on the ETS Graduate Record

Examination General Test is provided, a score on the GMAC Graduate Management Admission Tests (GMAT) that is less than three years old at the time of application or exceptional academic performance, proven in particular by a transcript of records, can be submitted instead.

8. If there are doubts about the authenticity of documents or the identity of the applicant, further evidence can be requested or an assessment interview can be held as well.
- (2) The documents listed in Para. 1 Clauses 3, 4 and 8 must be uploaded in compliance with the applicable legalisation requirements. If the documents listed in Para. 1 were not issued in German or English, there is an additional requirement to submit them in the form of a translation by a court-sworn interpreter. These are also subject to the legalisation rules applicable to the issuing state.
- (3) The **assessment of the application documents** includes the examination of the formal criteria according to Section 7 and the personal requirements according to Section 8 to be carried out by the admissions committee appointed by the Programme Director and by the Admissions and Examinations Office.
- (4) Based on the assessment of the submitted documents, the admissions committee compiles the list of rankings in accordance with Section 5 Para. 5. The ranked individuals are proposed to the Rectorate by the Admissions and Examinations Office for admission to the degree programme, up to the number of university places available.
- (5) Applicants are notified about the outcome of the special admission procedure by the Admissions and Examinations Office. A provisional offer of a place is made to ranked individuals up to the number of places available, which the applicants must accept in accordance with Section 9 Para. 1. Once all the university places have been allocated in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 9 Paras. 1 and 2, the remaining applicants will be informed that their applications have been rejected.

Section 7 Formal criteria for admission to the degree programme

- (1) The formal criteria for admission are the following:
 1. The completion of a Bachelor's degree programme specified in the curriculum or another relevant degree programme of at least the same level of higher education at a recognised domestic or foreign post-secondary educational institution. Furthermore, applicants must furnish proof of compliance with the qualitative admission requirements stipulated in the curriculum. In order to compensate for any significant subject-related differences, supplementary examinations may be prescribed, which must be successfully completed by the end of the second semester of the Master's degree programme;
 2. Proof of English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR);

3. Proof of the identity and nationality of the applicant.
- (2) The English language skills required must be supported by one of the items of proof listed below. The certificates mentioned under Clause 2 must not be older than two years at the time of the application for admission:
1. Certificates and qualifications:
 - a) Evidence of having passed the subject English as part of the Austrian school leaving examination (provided in the form of an Austrian certificate for the final school year);
 - b) School leaving certificate from a school with English as the language of instruction and examination;
 - c) Evidence of having passed the subject English as part of a school leaving examination (to be evidenced by providing an Austrian school leaving certificate or a school leaving certificate issued in an EU member state demonstrating level B2 (CEFR));
 - d) Certificate testifying the right to study, including a pass in English at level B2;
 - e) Qualification from a programme of study conducted in English and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution.
 2. Certificates:
 - a) TOEFL iBT (minimum score: 80);
 - b) IELTS (minimum overall band score: 6 & at least 5.5 per individual scoring area);
 - c) Cambridge English: First Certificate in English (FCE) or B2 First (minimum scale score: 169) or higher;
 - d) PEARSON PTE (“Academic” only; minimum academic score: 59);
 - e) LanguageCert (International ESOL Communicator only, B2; minimum: pass; written and spoken)
 3. A document issued by an official authority confirming that the applicant’s first language is English.

Section 8 Personal requirements for university admission

Personal requirements relate to the applicant’s motivation for seeking admission to the Master’s degree programme in Management, Economics, and Data Science. The admissions committee shall assess the applicant’s motivation by looking at the motivation document, where the applicant must set out their ambition, objectives and perspectives in relation to the Master’s degree programme to which they are seeking admission and must explain why they have chosen the University of Klagenfurt as an educational institution. Interpersonal and intercultural skills are also taken into consideration when it comes to ranking the applicants. In addition,

performance potential is assessed on the basis of previous academic performance during the undergraduate degree programme and, if available, on the basis of the score achieved in the ETS Graduate Record Examination General Test or the GMAC Graduate Management Admission Test.

Section 9 Confirmation of a university place

- (1) The applicant has 7 days, from the day on which they are sent the offer of a provisional place, to confirm that they accept their university place via the online application portal (acceptance of the offer of a place).
- (2) If no response is received within this time, the place will be offered to the next applicant on the list. They are informed by email and will also have 7 days in which to confirm that they accept their university place.

Section 10 Admission to the Master's degree programme

- (1) The admission of the applicant takes place during the admission periods (in accordance with Section 61 of the UA) for the winter semester following the special admission procedure.
- (2) The original version of the documents listed in Section 6 Para. 1 Clauses 3 to 6 and 8 must be presented during enrolment. With regard to the documents listed in Section 6 Para. 1 Clauses 3 to 5 and 8, Section 6 Para. 2 also applies.

Section 11 Repeated participation in the special admission procedure

There is no limit to the number of times the special admission procedure can be repeated. Applications from prospective students that are not considered in an earlier tranche, can remain open for consideration in subsequent tranches of the same special admission procedure.

Section 12 Entry into force and expiry of regulations

The regulation enters into force on the day following its publication in the university bulletin of the University of Klagenfurt and applies to the special admission procedure from the academic year 2024/25 onwards.