



Admissions Regulations for the Master of Science Resilient Cities and Communities (ZuIR MSc RCC)¹

The University Board of Bern University of Applied Sciences,

pursuant to Article 25 paragraph 1a and b and Article 33 paragraph 1 letter n of the Act concerning Bern University of Applied Sciences (FaG)² of 19 June 2003 and to Article 52 of the Ordinance concerning Bern University of Applied Sciences (FaV) of 5 May 2004³,

has adopted the following provisions:

Subject and scope	Art. 1 The following regulations govern admission to the Master of Science Resilient Cities and Communities programme at Bern University of Applied Sciences BFH.
Admission requirements	Art. 2 ¹ Admission to the study programme is granted to applicants who <i>a</i> hold a bachelor's degree from a Swiss university of applied sciences in one of the following SERI fields of study: • Architecture, construction and planning • Engineering and IT • Agriculture and Forestry • Business, Management and Services • Design • Music, Theatre and Other Arts • Social Work • Health <i>b</i> and who, during said degree, have undertaken in-depth study of a subject with a specialist focus on social, spatial, environmental or economic urban and regional development (e.g. seminar assignment, bachelor's thesis or completion of a relevant module). ² Provided the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 letter b are met, admission to the programme is also granted to individuals who <i>a</i> hold a degree from a foreign higher education institution or a Swiss university that is equivalent to that referred to in paragraph 1 letter a, and <i>b</i> can demonstrate a minimum of three months' work experience in a field specified in paragraph 1 letter a. ³ Applicants who do not meet the work experience requirements outlined in paragraph 2 letter b are required to undertake a work placement recognised by BFH prior to the start of the degree programme. Provided they have completed at least half of the work placement, they

¹ This document is a translation and is not legally binding; the original German version prevails.

² BSG 435.411.

³ BSG 436.811.



may be admitted to the programme on condition that they complete the placement by the end of the first year of study.

⁴ Failure to fulfil these conditions will result in exclusion from the programme.

Application

Art. 3 ¹ Applicants must submit their applications by the specified deadline.

² A complete application dossier must be submitted. It must include the following documents, in addition to the duly completed application form:

- a* a copy of an ID card or passport (front and back),
- b* a passport photo meeting international standards,
- c* an educational certificate authorising the applicant to study at a university (certificate allowing admission),
- d* a CV,
- e* copies of required diplomas, certificates and confirmations,
- f* a copy of the confirmation of termination of matriculation if the applicant was already matriculated at another university,
- g* a certified translation of all documents issued in a language other than German, French, Italian or English,
- h* further documents as specified by the degree programme. These are published in a timely manner and in full in an online call for applications.

³ Incomplete applications will be returned for completion, with a short extension granted. If the application is not resubmitted within the new deadline, it will be deemed withdrawn.

Power of decision

Art. 4 Admission to the programme is granted by the President of BFH.

Legal recourse

Art. 5 The appeals procedure is governed by cantonal law.

Entry into force

Art. 6 These regulations come into force on 1 September 2026.

Bern, 1 July 2026

Bern, 5 August 2026

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