Studying at the ISM
Admission Process Guide

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ISM Admission Process

The ISM selection process aims to select among those who are most likely suitable for studying at ISM - in terms of their abilities, personality structure and motivation.

Admitted to the admission procedure are those applicants who already have or will get their German so called Abitur, Fachhochschulreife or an equivalent qualification, which leads to the university entrance qualification at ISM. In addition, the applicant must have applied in timely manner, submitting all necessary documents for the selection process.

It is possible to register for the Admission Day up to one year before the start of studies is planned. You can choose to take the admission test on one of our campuses in Germany or online (if you are abroad).

The entrance exam at ISM is divided into two parts:

· Performance assessments in Mathematics and English.
· Personal interview.

After successfully registering for the entrance exam, the applicant will receive two links. The first link provides access to a user-friendly online entrance exam (Mathematics and English) that can be comfortably completed from home, while the second allows the convenient upload of application documents. Once the applicant has successfully completed both tests and submitted the necessary documents, they will be invited to a personal interview. This interview can take place either on campus or online, according to the applicant's preference. If the entrance exam is not passed successfully, it can be reattempted once after a waiting period of 6 months.

If the candidate applies for an English-language course of study, the test will be conducted in English. If, however, the candidate applies for a German-language course of study, the test must be taken in German.

If the admission test was not passed successfully, it can be repeated once after 6 months.

Online Proficiency Tests in mathematics and language(s)

Math test

In the digital math test, the contents of the middle and upper grades are covered. The test covers the fundamentals required for advanced economic mathematics as well as tasks that require logical-analytical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The mathematical test deals with the simplification of terms, the solving of equations and the derivation of functions. Among others, the fractional, power and root calculations, mathematical laws, e.g. to master the binomial formulas, but also methods for solving equations and systems of equations. Furthermore, competences of the rule of three, percentage and interest calculation as well as elementary probability calculation are examined.

Exemplary tasks of maths test

The following tasks give clues for possibly raised tasks. It is intended to convey an idea of what tasks might be expected and how the tasks could be formulated.

Simplify this expression and take the root, if possible:

$$\left(4 \cdot \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}\right)^2$$

Write the following expression without the fraction bar and simplify it as far as possible:

$$\frac{x^{3n+1} \cdot y^{3n} \cdot z^n}{x^n \cdot y^{n+1} \cdot z^n}$$

Solve the following for the unknown x:

$$\frac{x}{5} + 2x = \frac{6}{5}x + 10$$

Solve the following for the unknown x:

$$8^{7x+9} = 2^{3x+6}$$

Compute the first derivative f '(x): f (x) $= \left(\sqrt{x+2}\right) \cdot x$

English Test

Studying at the International School of Management with one or two integrated semesters abroad demands extensive language skills.

That is why you have integrated Business English as a compulsory subject for all study programs. In English we expect knowledge in the scope of at least six years of school language teaching.

The test is divided into **grammar** as well as **reading,** and **text comprehension**.

Exemplary tasks of language tests (grammar)

I wrote to the company _____ them for a catalogue.
A) demanding B) asking C) enquiring D) applying

_____ Patrick, he can't possibly go alone – he's far too young.
A) As for B) As if C) As D) As far as

Why did you stay at a hotel when you went to New York? You _____ with Barbara.
A) can stay B) could stay C) could have stayed

I decided to stay at home last night. I would have gone out if I _____ so tired.
A) wasn't B) weren't C) wouldn't have been D) hadn't been

Complete this sentence with a phrasal verb that includes the word "up".
He _____ up tennis in order to get fit.

Personal interview

The objective of the personal interview is to check the basic personality traits and motivation of the candidate. The review will be carried out in the form of a classic job interview. Essential contents of the conversation are among others the personal career, professional and personal goals as well as the motivation to study.

Allocation of study places

The ISM determines the number of places which can be awarded early on. The number of study places can vary from semester to semester and from campus to campus. According to the results of the selection process, after each test date, the available places will first be offered to those applicants who have achieved the highest ratings in the tests. Up to a fixed date after receipt of the study admission (usually, maximum two weeks) must be a definitive feedback from the applicant, otherwise the right to the offered study place expires.

Admission is valid for the semester for which the selection process has been completed and for the following semester. So you can take the admission test very comfortable before a long stay abroad or an internship, in order to secure a place of study at ISM. The above-mentioned confirmation deadline is nevertheless to be kept.