Master admission criteria at EPL
Academic year 2020–2021

1. Masters in engineering

The evaluation criteria for admission to a master degree in engineering at EPL rest on the relevance of the previous degrees obtained by the applicant and on his or her academic level (including in English). These criteria are evaluated based on official documents and on a possible selection interview.

Relevance of prior degrees

The reference curriculum is the program of bachelor in engineering at EPL (https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-fsalba-formation_generale).

The courses of this core curriculum are complemented by the courses of the bachelor specialization track corresponding to the desired master. For instance, for an admission to a master in mechanical engineering, the reference profile is that of a student who has followed the core program of the bachelor in engineering and, at least, the bachelor specialization track in mechanics. The contents of bachelor specialization tracks are available at the address mentioned above.

The matching between the content of prior degrees and this reference curriculum does not need to be perfect but the acquired skills must be similar. The obtained prior degree must be at least corresponding to a bachelor degree delivered in a country of the European Union (i.e., 180 ECTS credits and a minimum of three years of study after a high school degree).

For non-EU diplomas, given the variety of training programs and course contents, studies of at least four years after the secondary school diploma are required. The holders of a professional license degree, a DUT or a DEUA are not eligible because these studies deviate excessively from the aforementioned reference curriculum.

Academic level of the applicant, including in English

No general rule can be stated owing to the large variety of programs and institutions of origin. Nevertheless, a typical case of refusal is prior studies being significantly longer than standard practice. Moreover, poor academic results in courses important for engineering studies will lead to refusal, even if the student grades are, on average, acceptable.

The holders of a non-Belgian degree must provide a certificate of their English level corresponding to a minimum score of 80 for TOEFL iBT or a minimum score of 6.5 for the IELTS academic. Holders of a degree delivered in English are exempted of such proof.

Selection interview

A selection interview may be organized to check that the applicant is knowledgeable about the basic concepts required for entering the master. The interview also serves checking the applicant’s proper command of English. The need to organise such a selection interview is solely decided by EPL. When the selection interview is organized, the applicant will be contacted at the e-mail address mentioned in the application form. Failure to answer this e-mail within 14 days will result in the rejection of the admission request.

2. Master in computer science, and master in data science

The very same principles apply. The reference curriculum is the program of bachelor in computer science at EPL (https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-sinfba). For the master in data science only, the reference curriculum may also be the bachelor in engineering at EPL. For this master in data science only, the holders of a bachelor degree in mathematical, physical or economic and management sciences may have a personalized access through an adapted program and a maximum of 30 credits of additional training.

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3. Master in data science

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