

Application for the English language Master Program Information and Communication Systems (ICS)

Information and Communication Systems (ICS) is a specialization of the diversified Systems Engineering Master Program. International applications are very welcome. This master program can be studied entirely in English language, complementary German language courses are optionally available. You can either start to study in April (**summer term**) or in October (**winter term**).

HOW DOES THE APPLICATION WORK?

The enrollment deadline is September 30 for the winter term and March 31 for the summer term. These deadlines must be met for the application.

Your application for the ICS master program has to be made via the [Online Application System](#) (OAS). Here the equivalence of your previous degree to our Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering at Saarland University will be checked. Therefore, you will be asked to fill in the online application form and you also need to upload your application files, see below.

PLEASE NOTE:

Before completing the application form, please read the following information carefully. It is meant to help you to submit a complete application. **Any incomplete application will not be taken into consideration. Only documents in electronic form are needed for the application!**

The completed application form must be accompanied by the following documents in German, English or French; translations must be submitted with documents in other languages. **When your application (including the recommendation letters sent by the referees) is complete, you will get a confirmation email.**

Documents for application

These documents have to be submitted in pdf-format via the upload interface:

- A curriculum vitae highlighting relevant course work, major academic achievements, and prior research experience, including published or communicated research results
- A letter of intent that represents a personal statement explaining your motivation and the reasons for pursuing our ICS masters program. Please avoid superficial statements.
- A copy of your TOEFL or IELTS score (www.toefl.org ; www.cambridge-efl.org; www.ielts.org). Exceptions are only made for native speakers and those who hold a degree of a University in a country, where English is the mother tongue. A degree from India or Pakistan will not be considered as valid English proficiency proof. **It is not sufficient to state that English is the language of instruction at your current university!**

For German students, it is sufficient if they can prove high school knowledge of English (Grund- oder Leistungskurs in der Oberstufe). If not, they have to provide a TOEFL or IELTS score.

As a guideline, the following scores are required:
TOEFL (internet based): at least 94 out of 120
IELTS (academic test): at least 6.5 out of 9.

- Two letters of recommendations of professors or employers. They have to be sent to us directly by the referees, as prompted by the OAS. **Please note that only official affiliation e-mail addresses and recommendation letters with letterhead and signature will be considered valid.** Alternatively, you can send us the recommendations in sealed envelopes; under no circumstances the confidential recommendation letters can be uploaded or sent to us by the applicant. **It is the applicant's responsibility to inform their referees of their application and make sure that the letters reach us on time.**
- Scanned original academic certificates accompanied by an explanation of the grading system. Copies of certificates must be officially authenticated. The accuracy of the translation must be confirmed.
 - school-leaving certificate giving the right of entry to higher education in the applicant's home country with individual grades,
 - all university end-of-year exam certificates (with individual grades),
 - university degree certificate or diploma indicating the final grade(s) / GPA. **Please do not apply if the CGPA of your Bachelor degree is under 75%!**
 - For applicants from the Peoples's Republic of China and from Mongolia: We will not accept your application without the official certificate of the APS (Akademische Prüfstelle) in China/Mongolia.

AFTER reception of your confirmation email (upon completed application):

Completed applications will be reviewed in detail. **We will inform you as soon as the decision has been made!** In case of your admission you will also receive an admission letter with detailed information on the enrolment process and the enrolment date and the enrolment date.

Please take care to have your original documents available. You will need those for final enrolment in case your application has been successful. Of course, the original documents will be compared to the scanned copies of the application.

Complementary information

For complementary information and all questions concerning the application procedure, please contact ics-info@uni-saarland.de. Emails to individual members of the Systems Engineering department or personal email addresses will not be answered!

Please use only this email address for questions concerning the application or enrolment procedure:

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