

## **Subject-Specific Admission Regulations for the Master's Segment of the Master's/Doctoral Program in *International Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL)* at the University of Potsdam**

**Dated April 13, 2016**

### **in the Version of the Third Statute Amending the Subject-Specific Admission Regulations for the Master's Segment of the Master's/ Doctoral Program in *International Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL)* at the University of Potsdam**

**- non-official consolidated version -**

**Dated January 10, 2024<sup>1</sup>**

The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University of Potsdam has approved the following regulations on April 13, 2016, in accordance with Section 9 subsection 5 sentence 2, in conjunction with Section 72 subsection 2 no. 1 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG) of April 28, 2014 (Law and Ordinance Gazette (GVBl.) I/14, [no. 18]), amended by Article 2 of the Law of July 1, 2015 (GVBl. I/15, [no. 18]), in conjunction with Section 5 subsection 4, Section 7 subsection 2, Section 8 subsection 2 and Section 16 subsection 2 of the Brandenburg University Admissions Act (BbgHZG) of July 1, 2015 (GVBl. I/15, [no. 18]), last amended by the Act of December 17, 2015 (GVBl. I/15, [no. 38]), in conjunction with Section 2 subsections 1-3, 5, Section 19 subsection 1 and Section 20 of the University Admissions Act (HZV) of February 23, 2016 (GVBl. I/16, [no. 6]) and under Section 21 subsection 2 no. 1 of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam of December 17, 2009 (Bulletin UP no. 4/2010 p. 60) as amended in the Third Statute to Amend the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of April 22, 2015 (Bulletin UP no. 6/2015 p. 235) as well as the General Rules and Regulations on Access and Admission to Non-Teaching-Oriented Master's Degree Programs at the University of Potsdam (Zulassungsordnung - Zulo) of February 24, 2016 (Bulletin UP no. 3/2016, p. 76):<sup>2</sup>

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#### **Section 1 Applicability**

These admission regulations, combined with the General Admission Regulations for Master's Degree Programs at the University of Potsdam Not Related to Teacher Education (Zulassungsordnung - Zulo), govern the admission requirements and the university selection process for the master's segment of the International master's/doctoral program in Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL) at the University of Potsdam. In all other respects, the Admission Regulations (Zulo) apply.

#### **Section 2 Assignment of Tasks in the Procedure**

To conduct the admission and selection procedure, the Examining Board can assign specific tasks of a purely administrative nature to qualified employees of the program who are not members of the Examining Board.

#### **Section 3 Admission Requirements**

The following special admission requirements apply to the master's segment of the master's/PhD program in International Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL):

- a) a higher education degree in a subject or course that is relevant to the program in cognitive sciences with an experimental and empirical focus or in academic speech therapy or in a similar subject or course with an experimental and empirical focus with a scope of at least 180 credit points (CPs).” The experimental and empirical skills and competencies are to be proven as follows:
  - aa) Statistics and quantitative research methods with a total scope of 6 CPs. The statistics share must amount to at least 3 CPs.
  - bb) Knowledge in the area of experimental cognitive sciences (e.g. psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, cognitive psychology, neuropsychology, developmental psychology, biopsychology) with a total scope of 12 CPs and
  - cc) Knowledge in the area of theoretical and experimental linguistics (e.g. syntax, phonology, semantics, language processing, first language acquisition) with a scope of 6 CPs.

<sup>1</sup> Approved by the President of the University of Potsdam on February 26, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Approved by the President of the University of Potsdam on January 16, 2017.

- b) proof of English language skills that correspond at least to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The required English-language proficiency is to be proven by one of the certificates listed in Section 4 subsection 2 of the ZulO.

#### **Section 4 Application Deadlines and Documents**

(1) Applications for the first semester of study in the master's segment of the international master's/doctoral program in Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL) can only be submitted for the winter semester. It is possible to apply for a more advanced semester of study in the master's segment for the winter or summer semester.

(2) The ZulO specifies application deadlines as long as the degree program does not have restricted admissions. If the degree program does have restricted admissions, then, in accordance with Section 6 subsection 3 of the ZulO, the latest application deadline for the winter semester is June 1 and for the summer semester December 1.

(3) In addition to the application documents specified under Section 5 subsection 3 letters a) through d) and f) of the ZulO, the following documents need to be handed in:

- Proof of sufficient language skills in accordance with Section 3 letter b).

(4) If the degree program has restricted admissions, the following documents must be submitted in addition to the documents listed in Section 5 subsection 4 of the ZulO:

- a statement of purpose in accordance with Section 6 subsection 2 letter b).

#### **Section 5 Quota of International Applicants**

In deviation from the quota specified under Section 19 subsection 1 no. 1 of the University Admissions Act (HZV), there is a preliminary quota of 50% for international and stateless applicants insofar as they are not considered legally equivalent to German nationals.

#### **Section 6 University Selection Process**

(1) If the degree program is subject to admission restrictions, a university selection process is implemented in accordance with Section 9 of the ZulO as part of the allocation procedure detailed in Section 8 of the ZulO. Its objective is to rank the applicants according to the following guidelines.

(2) To establish the ranking, a total point value is calculated in accordance with Section 9 of the ZulO. To calculate the total point value in accordance with Section 9 of the ZulO, the following criteria are weighted as described:

- a) Average grade or current average grade of the higher education degree qualifying the applicant for admission to the program (see Section 3 letter a): 70%,
- b) Statement of purpose in English: 30%. The statement of purpose should not exceed 4,500 characters (including spaces) in length and should provide information about the applicant's academic background, including any other additional qualifications, the applicant's reason for selecting this degree program, and the applicant's professional plans after obtaining the degree. The statement of purpose criterion receives a grade (on a scale from 1.0 to 5.0) that is included when calculating the total point value.

The grade for the statement of purpose is determined as follows:

- highly persuasive: 1.0
- good: 2.0
- average: 3.0
- weak: 4.0
- not persuasive: 5.0

If documentary evidence of this selection criterion is not submitted within the application deadline according to Section 4 subsection 2, the criterion receives a 5.0 grade for the calculation of the total point value.

#### **Section 7 Entry into Force**

(1) These regulations take effect on the day after their publication in the Official Announcements of the University of Potsdam.

(2) These regulations first apply to all admission procedures for the master's segment of the international master's/doctoral program in Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL) carried out for the winter semester 2017/2018.