

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

from April 13, 2016

**in the version of the Second Rules and
Regulations on Amending the Subject-
specific Admission Regulations for the
Master's Segment of the Master's/PhD
Program in International Experimental and
Clinical Linguistics (IECL) at the University
of Potsdam**

- abridged version -

dated February 12, 2020¹

The Faculty Committee of the Human Sciences Faculty of the University of Potsdam has decided pursuant to Section 9 subsection 5 no. 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 (Law and Ordinance Gazette (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, (Law and Ordinance Gazette (GVBl.) I/15, [no. 18]), last amended by the Law 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 Article 21 subsection 2 no. 1 of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of December 17, 2009 (Official Announcements UP no. 4/2010 p. 60) in the version of the Third Statutes on the Amendment of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of April 22, 2015 (Official Announcements UP No. 6/2015 p. 235) and the General Admission Regulations for Master's Degree Programs at the University of Potsdam Not Related to Teacher Education (Zulassungsordnung - ZulO) of February 24, 2016 (Official Announcements UP no. 3/2016 p. 76) of April 13, 2016 the following ordinance²:

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§ 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/PhD program in Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL) at the University of Potsdam. Otherwise, the Admission Regulations (ZulO) apply.

§ 2 Assignment of Tasks in the Procedure

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

§ 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 university degree in a subject/degree program relevant to the degree program in experimental, empirical cognitive sciences or academic speech therapy, or in an experimental degree program closely related to one of these fields/degree programs, with at least 180 CP of coursework. The experimental and empirical skills and competencies are to be proven as follows:
 - (aa) Statistics and/or quantitative research methods with a total of 6 CP, and
 - (bb) Knowledge in the area of experimental cognitive sciences (psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, cognitive psychology, neuropsychology, developmental

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psychology, biopsychology) totaling 12 CP.

If the applicant demonstrates up to 3 CP fewer than the credit points respectively required in subsection (aa) and/or (bb), the Examination Board will assess on a case-by-case basis whether the applicant nevertheless fulfills the necessary prerequisites for the academic program despite lacking credit points.

- b) Proof of English language skills that correspond at least to the C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The required English-language skills are to be evidenced by one of the documents listed in Section 4 subsection 2 of the Admission Regulations (ZuO).

§ 4 Application Periods and Documents

1) Applications for the first semester of the master's segment of the International Master's/PhD program in Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL) can only be submitted in the winter semester. The application for the master's segment, when enrolling as of a later semester, can apply to begin in either the winter or summer semester.

2) The ZuO specifies admission deadlines if 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 ZuO, the latest application deadline for the winter semester is June 1, and for the summer semester December 1.

3) In addition to the application materials listed in Section 5 subsection 3 letters a) through d) and f) of the ZuO, the following application materials must be submitted:

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

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

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

§ 5 Quota of International Applicants

At variance with the quota specified under Section 19 subsection 1 no. 1 of the University Admissions Act (HZV), a quota of 50% is reserved for international applicants and for stateless applicants who are not accorded rights equal to Germans.

§ 6 University Selection Process

1) If the degree program has restricted admissions, the admissions selection process is carried out under Section 9 of the ZuO with the objective of ranking the applicants as part of the admission allocation procedure under Section 8 of the ZuO based on the guidelines below.

2) To establish the ranking, a total point score is calculated under Section 9 of the ZuO. To calculate the total point score under Section 9 of the ZuO, the following criteria are weighted as follows:

Grade point average or current grade point average of the university degree that qualifies the applicant for this degree program (see Section 3

- letter a) with 70%,
- A statement of purpose, written in English, with 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 program of study, and the applicant's professional plans after obtaining the degree. The statement of purpose criterion is graded (on a scale from 1.0 to 5.0) and contributes to the total point score.

The score for the statement of purpose is given as follows:

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

If no documentation regarding this criterion is submitted within the application period under Section 4 subsection 2, then the total point score is entered with a grade of 5.0.

§ 7 Entry into Force

1) These regulations go into effect the day after they are published in the Official Announcements of the University of Potsdam.

2) These regulations first apply to all admissions processes for the master's segment of the International Master's/PhD program in Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL) conducted in the summer semester 2017/2018.