

**Discipline-Specific Admission Regulations
for the Master's Degree Program in
Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods
at the University of Potsdam¹**

Dated February 26, 2020

**In the Version of the Second Statute to
Amend the Discipline-Specific Admission
Regulations for the Master's Degree
Program in Economic Policy and
Quantitative Methods at the University of
Potsdam**

- Non-official consolidated version -

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The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam has approved on February 26, 2020, the following regulations on the basis of 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]), last amended by Section 2 of the Act of June 5, 2019 (GVBl. I/19, [no. 20], p. 3) 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 Section 3 of the Act of June 19, 2019 (GVBl. I/19, [no. 35], p. 10) 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. II/16, [no. 6]), last amended by Section 7 of the Act of September 20, 2018 (GVBl. I/18, [no. 21], p. 6), and according to Section 21 subsection 2 no. 1 of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of December 17, 2009 (Bulletin UP no. 4/2010 p. 60) in the Fifth Amended Version of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of February 21, 2018 (Bulletin UP no. 11/2018 p. 634) as well as the General Admission Regulations for Master's Degree Programs at the University of Potsdam Not Related to Teacher Education (ZulO) of February 24, 2016 (Bulletin UP no. 3/2016, p. 76), last amended on May 15, 2019 (Bulletin UP no. 16/2019, p. 1250).³

¹ This translation is for informational purposes only. In the event of inconsistency or discrepancy between the German and English versions of these regulations, the German-language version shall prevail.

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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 non-teaching-oriented master's degree program in Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods at the University of Potsdam. In all other respects, the Admission Regulations (ZulO) shall apply.

Section 2 Assignment of Tasks in the Procedure

While conducting 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 degree program in Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods:

- a) a bachelor's degree or an equivalent first professional qualification from an institution of higher education, or an equivalent institution in the Federal Republic of Germany, in an economic sciences degree program or a thematically adjacent degree program, if this degree program
 - has a standard period of study of at least six semesters,
 - has a scope of at least 180 credit points (CPs), and
 - if, as part of the degree program, at least 60 CPs were completed in economics, of which 18 CPs were obtained in statistics, econometrics, and mathematics. If the transcript comes from a

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system that does not use credit points, then the Examining Board will make a decision about the equivalence of academic performance;

- if the applicant documents up to 3 CPs less than the required 60 CPs in economics and up to 1 CP less in statistics, econometrics, and mathematics, the Examining Board shall perform a case-by-case evaluation as to whether the applicant meets the requirements despite insufficient credit points.

b) a degree from a foreign university insofar as there is no essential difference between the qualifications awarded abroad and the qualifications mentioned under a).

c) English language skills that correspond at least to level B 2 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 General Admission Regulations (ZulO).

Section 4 Application Deadlines and Documents

(1) Applications for the first semester of study in the master's degree program in Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods can only be submitted for the winter semester. It is possible to apply for a more advanced semester of study in the master's degree program in Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods for the winter or summer semester.

(2) The General Admission Regulations (ZulO) specify application deadlines.

(3) In addition to the application documents specified under Section 5 subsection 3 and 4 of the ZulO, the following documents need to be handed in:

- evidence of the required skills according to Section 3 letter c) hereof.

Section 5 University Selection Process

(1) If the degree program is subject to admission restrictions, a university selection procedure 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: 60%,

- b) average grade in modules on quantitative methods (statistics, econometrics, and mathematics): 40%.

(3) In the selection procedure, criterion b) is an average grade made up of module grades (average module grade) that accounts for 40%. When calculating this average module grade, all modules in which only "statistics", "econometrics", or "mathematics" were taught will be considered. The average module grade is the median value weighted by the respective credit points. The value is truncated after the first decimal place after the decimal point without prior rounding.

Section 6 Entry into Force, Expiration

(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 degree program in Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods carried out for the winter semester 2020/21.