

Discipline-Specific Admission Regulations for the Master's Degree Program in *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition* at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Joint Faculty of the University of Potsdam, the Brandenburg Medical School Theodor Fontane, and the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg

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The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Health Sciences, joint faculty of the University of Potsdam, the Brandenburg Medical School Theodor Fontane, and the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, has approved the following statutes on December 19, 2023, 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]), last amended by the Act of September 23, 2020 (GVBl. I/20, [no. 26]), 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 Article 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 17, 2016 (GVBl. II/16, [no. 6]), last amended by the Ordinance of July 11, 2023 (GVBl.II/23, [no. 46]) 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 Seventh Statute to Amend the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of December 14, 2022 (Bulletin UP no. 8/2023 p. 318) 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), last amended on May 12, 2021 (Bulletin UP no. 12/2021, p. 444):¹

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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 *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition* at the Faculty of Health Sciences, joint faculty of the University of Potsdam, the Brandenburg Medical School Theodor Fontane, and the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg. In all other respects, the ZulO shall apply.

Section 2 Assignment of Tasks in the Procedure

In the case of a transfer of responsibility in accordance with Section 2 subsection 2 ZulO, the Examining Board can assign specific tasks of a purely administrative nature to qualified employees of the degree program who are not members of the Examining Board in order to conduct the admission and selection procedure.

Section 3 Admission Requirements

The following special admission requirements apply to the master's degree program in *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition*:

1) A first higher education degree qualifying for a profession with a scope of at least 180 credit points in a subject/program that is relevant to the master's program in *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition* in the fields of health, exercise or nutrition science, medicine, or teacher certification for a combination of at least two of the subjects physical education, biology, nutrition, and food sciences. Higher education degrees in related subjects can be recognized if they are equivalent or comparable.

2) Proof of the following knowledge and skills acquired as part of the first higher education degree qualifying for a profession:

a) Knowledge in the field of health sciences or medicine with a total scope of at least 36 credit points from the areas of public health, epidemiology, health psychology, and health sociology as well as at least 6 credit points in the areas mentioned under b) and c) or

b) knowledge in the field of exercise science with a total scope of at least 36 credit points from the areas of sports sociology, sports psychology, training sciences, and sports medicine, as well as at least 6 CP from the areas listed under a) or c) or

c) knowledge in the field of nutrition science with a scope of at least 36 credit points from the

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areas of mathematics, physiology, biochemistry and/or cell biology, general and inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, and/or food chemistry and at least 6 CP from the areas listed under a) or b).

d) Knowledge in statistics and scientific research methods with a scope of 6 credit points.

If the applicant documents up to 3 credit points less than the required 36 credit points in Section 3 subsection 2 letters a) to c) hereof in the areas of health sciences, exercise sciences, and nutrition sciences and up to 1 CP less than the required additional competences in Section 3 subsection 2 letter d) hereof, then the Examining Board shall perform a case-by-case evaluation as to whether the applicant meets the requirements despite insufficient credit points.

3) 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. The Examining Board decides on equivalents to the certificates listed in Section 4 subsection 2 ZulO on a case-by-case basis.

In a deviation from Section 4 subsection 4 of the ZulO, German language skills are not required.

Section 4 Application Deadlines and Documents

(1) Applications for the first semester of study in the master's degree program in *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition* can only be submitted for admission in the winter semester. Applications for a more advanced semester of study in the master's degree program in *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition* are possible for admission in the winter and summer semester.

(2) Section 6 of the ZulO governs application deadlines.

(3) Section 5 subsections 3 and 4 of the ZulO govern application documents to be submitted.

(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) Proof of vocational training or a professional activity related to the master's degree program,

b) qualifications acquired outside the higher education system with subject-specific relevance to the master's degree program,

c) evidence of special subject-specific achievements that are relevant to the intended degree program.

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 25% for foreign 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: 51%,

b) vocational training or professional activity related to the master's degree program: 12 %,

c) qualifications acquired outside the higher education system related to the master's degree program: 12 %,

d) special subject-specific achievements that are relevant to the intended degree program (e.g. relevant licenses, publications, scientific prizes and awards, collaboration in scientific projects): 25 %.

(3) The criteria b) to d) may be specified as: "existent/fulfilled" and "non-existent/not fulfilled".

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 degree program in *Public Health, Exercise, and Nutrition* carried out for the winter semester 2024/25.