

**Discipline-Specific Admission
Regulations for the Master's Degree
Program in Geosciences at the
University of Potsdam**

Dated January 12, 2022

**in the second amended version of the
Discipline-Specific Admission Regula-
tions for the Master's Degree Program
in Geosciences at the
University of Potsdam**

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- non-official consolidated version -

On January 12, 2022 the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science at the University of Potsdam has approved, the following regulations on the basis of Section 9 subsection 5 sentence 2 in conjunction with Section 12 subsection 2 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 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 the University Admissions Ordinance (HZV) (GVBl. II/16, [no. 6]), last amended by the ordinance of May 21, 2021 ([GVBl. II/21, \[no. 55\]](#)), 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 Rules and Regulations on Access and Admission to Non-Teaching-Oriented Master's Degree Programs at the University of Potsdam (Zulassungssordnung - ZulO) of February 24, 2016 (Bulletin UP no. 3/2016, p. 76), last amended on May 12, 2021 (Bulletin UP no. 12/2021, p. 441):²

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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 (Zulassungssordnung – ZulO), govern the admission requirements and the university selection process for the non-teaching-oriented master's degree program in Geosciences at the University of Potsdam. In all other respects, the ZulO shall apply.

§ 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 to conduct the admission and selection procedure.

§ 3 Admission Requirements

(1) The following special admission requirements apply to the master's degree program in Geosciences:

- a) a first higher education degree qualifying for a profession in a geoscientific subject/degree program amounting to 180 credit points with a standard period of study of at least three years and a proportion of at least 36 credit points (CP) overall in the subjects Geosciences, Earth Sciences, Mineralogy, Geology, or Geophysics as well as a total of 24 CP from courses in the fields of Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics with at least 6 CP for each of the latter three fields;
- b) Higher education degrees in related subjects can be recognized if they are equivalent or comparable. The Examining Board in charge will decide on the recognition and on the equivalence of academic achievements completed for the subject if the documentation provided comes from a system that does not use credit points.

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² Approved by the President of the University of Potsdam on March 22, 2022.

(2) English language skills must correspond at least to level B2 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 1 of the ZulO.

§ 4 Application Deadlines and Documents

(1) Applications for the first semester of study in the master's degree program in Geosciences are possible for admission in the winter and summer semester. Applications for a more advanced semester of study in the master's degree program in Geosciences are possible for admission in the winter and summer semester.

(2) Section 6 subsections 2 and 3 of the ZulO govern application deadlines.

(3) Section 5 subsections 3 of the ZulO governs the application documents to be submitted. If the degree program has restricted admissions, in addition to the documents specified in Section 5 (4) of the Admission Regulations, evidence of the criteria set out in Section 6 (2) b) and c) must also be submitted.

§ 5 Quota and Selection Procedures of International Applicants

(1) 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 equivalent to German nationals from a legal perspective.

(2) For the selection within the quota for foreign and stateless applicants in accordance with Section 19 subsection 1 no. 1 HZV, a university selection procedure shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of section 6.

§ 6 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 with the objective to rank the applicants in accordance with 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) Qualifications acquired outside the higher education sector that provide information on professional aptitude: 20%
- c) Qualifications acquired outside the higher education sector that provide information on professional aptitude, at 20%

§ 7 Entry into Force

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

(2) These regulations first apply to all admission procedures for the master's degree program in Geosciences carried out for the winter semester 2022/2023.

