

Subject-Specific Entrance and Admission Regulations for the English-language Erasmus Mundus European Master's of Science Degree Program in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL+) at the University of Potsdam

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The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Human Sciences of the University of Potsdam has approved the following regulations in accordance with Section 9 subsection 5 sentence 2 in combination 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 Law of December 17, 2015 (GVBl. I/15, [no. 38]), in combination with Section 2 subsections 1-3, 5, Section 19 subsection 1, and Section 20 of the Regulation on Higher Education Admissions (HZV) of February 23, 2016 (GVBl. II/16, [no. 6]), and under Section 21 subsection 2 no. 1 of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of December 17, 2009 (Official Notices of the University of Potsdam no. 4/2010 p. 60), as amended in the Fourth Statute to Amend the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of November 15, 2017 (Official Notices of the University of Potsdam no. 19/2017 pp. 1039-1040), as well as the General Admission Regulations for non-teacher-training-related Master's Degree Programs at the University of Potsdam (Zulassungsordnung – ZulO) of February 24, 2016 (Official Notices of the University of Potsdam no. 3/2016 p. 76), on March 2, 2018:¹

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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 English-language Erasmus Mundus European Master's Degree Program in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL+) at the University of Potsdam. The ZulO applies only if no differing provisions are stipulated in the following.

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

(1) The following special entrance requirements apply for the English-language Erasmus Mundus European Master's Degree Program in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL+):

a) A university degree in a subject/degree program relevant to the degree program in academic speech therapy or experimental cognitive sciences (linguistics, psychology, biomedicine, special needs education), or in an experimental degree program closely related to one of these fields/degree programs, with at least 180 CP of coursework.

(b) Proof of proficiency in English at the C1 level. In a deviation from Section 4 subsection 2 of the Admission Regulations (ZulO), the required language skills are to be evidenced by one of the following documents with the following point scores:

- TOEFL Internet-Based Test: at least 100 points,
- TOEFL Paper-Based Test: at least 600 points,
- TOEFL Computer-Based Test: at least 250 points,
- IELTS: at least 7 points or equivalent,
- Certificate of a degree from an English-language degree program at an accredited institution of higher education.

The Examination Board issues decisions regarding equivalences on a case-by-case basis.

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

¹ Approved by the President of the University of Potsdam on XX.XX.201X.

Section 4 Application Periods and Documents

(1) Candidates who wish to pursue the master's degree program in the English-language Erasmus Mundus "European Master's Degree Program in Clinical Linguistics" (EMCL+) from the first academic semester of the program may apply to begin only in the winter semester. Candidates who wish to pursue the master's degree program in the English-language Erasmus Mundus "European Master's Degree Program in Clinical Linguistics" (EMCL+), when matriculating as of a later semester, may apply to begin in either the winter or summer semester.

(2) In a deviation from the application deadlines stipulated in the ZulO, the latest application deadline for the winter semester is February 1 and for the summer semester August 1.

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

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

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

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

- evidence of previous vocational training or professional activity in accordance with Section 6 subsection 2 letter c)

- evidence of qualifications earned outside of higher education, in accordance with Section 6 subsection 2 letter (d)

- evidence of special professional achievements that are related to the degree program under Section 6 subsection 2 (e),

- a copy of the applicant's valid identification card or passport.

Section 5 Quota of International Applicants

In a deviation from the quota specified under Section 19 subsection 1 no. 1 of the HZV, a quota of 50% is reserved for international applicants and for stateless applicants who are not accorded rights equal to Germans.

Section 6 University Selection Process

(1) If the degree program has restricted admissions, an admissions selection process is carried out under Section 9 of the ZulO with the objective of ranking the applicants as part of the admission allocation procedure under Section 8 of the ZulO.

(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 ZulO, the following criteria are weighted as described:

- a) Grade point average or current grade point average of the university degree that qualifies the applicant for this degree program: 70%.
- b) C) A statement of purpose, written in English: 15%. 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.
- c) Evidence of previous vocational training or professional activity, 5%.
- d) Evidence of qualifications earned outside of higher education, 5%
- e) Evidence of special professional achievements that are related to the degree program, 5%.

(3) The criterion named under Section 2 b) is graded (on a scale from 1.0 to 5.0, with 1.0 being the best) and contributes to the total point score.

The score 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 materials to prove this selection criterion are missing at the application deadline listed in Section 4 subsection 2, the criterion is included towards the total point value at a grade of 5.0.

(4) The criteria named in Section 2 c) through e) can be used here: "existent/fulfilled" or "non-existent/not fulfilled." If materials to prove this selection criterion in accordance with Section 4 subsection 5 are missing, the criterion is included towards the total point value as "non-existent."

Section 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 the admissions process for students seeking to matriculate in the Master's degree program in summer semester 2019.