

Subject-Specific Admission Regulations for the Master's Segment of the International Master's/PhD Program in *Clinical Exercise Science* (CES) at the University of Potsdam

dated December 14, 2016

The Senate of the University of Potsdam has approved, in accordance with Section 9 subsections 5 and 2, in combination with Section 72 and Section 64 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 combination 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 University Admissions Act (HZV) of February 23, 2016 (GVBl. II/16, [no. 6]) and under Section 14 subsection 1 no. 2 of the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam of December 17, 2009 (Official Notices of the University of Potsdam no. 4/2010 p. 60) as amended in the Third Statute to Amend the Basic Constitution of the University of Potsdam (GrundO) of April 22, 2015 (Official Notices of the University of Potsdam no. 6/2015 p. 235), on December 14, 2016, the following ordinance: ¹

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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 non-teaching-oriented master's/PhD program in *Clinical Exercise Science* (CES) at the University of Potsdam. Otherwise, the admission regulations (Zulo) apply.

§ 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.

§ 3 Admission Requirements

(1) The following special admissions requirements apply to the master's segment of the International Master's/PhD program in *Clinical Exercise Science* (CES):

- (a) A university degree in a subject essential for the master's degree program, such as prevention and rehabilitation in sports and medicine, sports sciences, health sciences (e.g., BA in sports therapy and prevention, BA/BSc in sports and health in prevention and therapy; BA/BSc in clinical health science; BA/BSc in physiotherapy) with at least 180 credit points of coursework, at least half of which demonstrably dealt with scientific methodology and clinical exercise science. University degrees in related subjects can be recognized if they are equivalent or comparable.

- (b) Applicants who are not native speakers of English must provide evidence 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 (Zulo). The Examining Board issues decisions regarding equivalents for the certificates listed in Section 4 subsection 2 of the Zulo on a case by case basis.

(2) In a deviation from Section 4 subsection 4 of Zulo, German language skills need not be demonstrated.

§ 4 Application Periods and Documents

¹ Approved by the President of the University of Potsdam on February 20, 2017.

(1) It is only possible to apply to the first semester of the master's segment of the International Master's/PhD program in *Clinical Exercise Science* (CES) for the winter semester. The application for the master's segment of the International Master's/PhD program, when matriculating into a later semester, can be submitted for either the winter or summer semester.

(2) The ZulO specifies admission deadlines, as long as the degree program does not have restricted admissions. If the course of study does have restricted admissions, then, in accordance with Section 6 subsection 3 of the ZulO, the application deadline for the winter semester is July 15 and for the summer semester January 15.

(3) In addition to the application materials listed in Section 5 subsection 3 letters a) through d) and f) of the ZulO, the following application materials regarding English language skills shall be submitted in accordance with Section 3 subsection 1 letter b) in combination with Section 4 subsection 2 of the ZulO.

(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) Evidence of professional training or employment that is relevant to the master's/PhD program under Section 6 subsection 2 (c), if applicable.
- (b) Evidence of qualifications earned outside of higher education, in accordance with Section 6 subsection 2 (d), if applicable.
- (c) Evidence of special professional achievements that are related to the course of study under Section 6 subsection 2 (e), if applicable.

§ 5 Quota of International Applicants

At variance with the quota specified under Section 19 subsection 1 of the HZV, a quota of 33% is reserved for international applicants and for stateless applicants who are not accorded rights equal to Germans.

§ 6 University Selection Process

(1) If the master's segment of the International Master's/PhD program in *Clinical Exercise Science* 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 under Section 9 of the ZulO. In calculating the total point value under Section 9 of the ZulO, the following criteria are weighted as follows:

- (a) Average grade or current average grade: 51%
- (b) Relative grade: 13%
- (c) Professional training or employment that is relevant to the master's/PhD program: 12%
- (d) Qualifications gained outside of higher education (e.g., trainer licenses): 12%
- (e) Special professional achievements relevant to the degree program for which you are applying (e.g., evidence of (co-)authorship in peer-reviewed journals, evidence of work on scientific projects, awards and prizes that indicate promise in research and teaching): 12%

(3) The criterion named under Section 6 subsection 2 c 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:

- highly persuasive: 1.0
- good: 2.0
- average: 3.0
- weak: 4.0
- missing or not persuasive: 5.0.

(4) The criteria named in Section 6 subsection 2 letters d) and e) can be used here: "existent / fulfilled" or "non-existent / not fulfilled." If materials to prove this selection criterion are missing at the application deadline listed in Section 4 subsection 4, the criterion is included towards the total point value as "non-existent."

§ 7 Taking Effect

(1) The regulations take effect on the day of their publication in the Official Public Notices of the University of Potsdam.

(2) These regulations first apply to all admissions processes for the master's degree in the International Master's / PhD program in *Clinical Exercise Science* conducted in the winter semester 2017/2018.