



# **OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF Satzung über besondere Zugangsvorausset- zungen für die Studiengänge der Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften**

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## **Bylaws Regarding the Special Conditions of Admission for Degree Programs in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences**

**dated 5 March 2025**

On 24 March 2025 in accordance with Section 108 subsection 1 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz—HmbHG) dated 18 July 2001 (HmbGVBl p. 171), last amended on 19 February 2025 (HmbGVBl. p. 241), the University's Executive University Board ratified the Bylaws Regarding the Special Conditions of Admission for Degree Programs in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences adopted by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences on 5 March 2025 pursuant to Section 91 subsection 2 number 1 HmbHG.

**Section 1**  
**Special conditions of admission**

**1. Master of Arts in International Criminology**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Arts in International Criminology:

- a) Undergraduate degree (e. g., bachelor's degree, degree from a university of applied sciences, *Diplom*, *Magister*, or *Staatsexamen* [state examination]) in the social sciences (e. g., sociology or political science), law, or another subject which provides a meaningful basis for the Master's degree program;
- b) Confirmation of sufficient English proficiency to actively participate in classes held in English, understand specialist literature in English, and present academic findings verbally and in writing (including examinations).

**2. Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication:

- a) A relevant first higher education degree
  - aa) In journalism, mass communication, or publishing or with a focus on mass communication. At least 40 ECTS credits must have been earned in journalism and/or mass communication courses. Media studies courses with a verified focus on social sciences or mass communication may be credited toward the requisite 40 ECTS credits,  
or
  - bb) a degree with a focus on journalism and/or mass communication completed as part of a social science degree. At least 45 ECTS credits must have been earned in social sciences courses and at least 18 ECTS credits in journalism and/or mass communication courses.
- b) Knowledge of empirical social research methods totaling at least 9 ECTS credits.
- c) Preprogram internships lasting at least eight weeks in the field of journalism, public relations, or media research, of which at least four weeks in the field of journalism. Applicants who are only able to verify a four-week internship may nevertheless be considered for admission provided that a letter of acceptance for an additional preprogram internship of at least four weeks is submitted with the application.
- d) Confirmation of sufficient English proficiency to actively participate in classes held in English, understand specialist literature in English, and present academic findings verbally and in writing (including examinations).

**3. Master of Arts in Political Science**

The following special admission requirements apply to the Master of Arts in Political Science with a focus on comparative and regional studies and international political theory:

- a) Undergraduate degree in political science or with a focus on political science or social sciences. This means that at least 45 ECTS credits must have been earned in political science or social sciences courses.
- b) Confirmation of sufficient English proficiency to actively participate in classes held in English, understand specialist literature in English, and present academic findings verbally and in writing (including examinations).
- c) Evidence of knowledge in the following areas:
  - aa) Methods of empirical social research totaling at least 12 ECTS credits.
  - bb) Political theory and international relations totaling at least 15 ECTS credits.

#### **4. Master of Arts in Sociology**

The following special admission requirements apply to the Master of Arts in Sociology:

- a) Undergraduate degree in sociology or with a focus on sociology or social sciences.
- b) Confirmation of sufficient English proficiency to actively participate in classes held in English, understand specialist literature in English, and present academic findings verbally and in writing (including examinations).

#### **5. Master of Science in Economics**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Science in Economics:

- a) Undergraduate degree providing relevant knowledge obtained in one of three ways:
  - aa) Bachelor's degree program in economics at the University of Hamburg or a comparable degree program at another higher education institution.
  - bb) Bachelor's degree program whose content goes beyond the basic fundamentals of economics. This requires proof of knowledge, usually in the form of a transcript of records or similar documentation, for the following:
    - 1) two courses in basic economics (e. g., microeconomics and macroeconomics);
    - 2) Three courses in mathematics, statistics, and econometrics, of which at least one course must be in mathematics and one course in statistics or econometrics;
    - 3) three advanced classes in theoretical and applied economics with at least one class in theoretical economics and one class in applied economics.

For this, each course must be equivalent in content and scope to a lecture of 2 credit hours per week at the University of Hamburg. Performance in the aforementioned mathematical courses may alternatively be substituted with a GRE revised General Test with at least 155 points in the quantitative section, or at least 700 points on a GRE Mathematics Subject Test.

- cc) A mathematically oriented degree (e. g., mathematics, business mathematics, or statistics). Proof of courses must be provided for the areas of linear algebra, analysis, and either statistics or econometrics. Performance in the aforementioned courses may alternatively be substituted with a GRE revised General Test with at least 155 points on the quantitative section or at least 700 points on a GRE Mathematics Subject Test.
- b) In addition, applicants must have adequate English-language skills. Adequate language proficiency may be demonstrated by any of the following:
  - aa) An internet-based TOEFL test (test date scores): 92 points with at least 22 points per skill (listening, writing, speaking, reading).
  - bb) International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—Academic: overall band score at least 6.5 (good competent user) with at least 6.0 per skill.
  - cc) Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE).
  - dd) Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE).
  - ee) Cambridge Higher Business English Certificate (BEC).
  - ff) University degree taught solely in the English language. Proof is provided in the form of a written confirmation from the university.

The test must have been taken within the last two years. If the required proof of English language proficiency cannot be provided by the end of the application deadline, the applicant will still continue to be considered for admission provided that proof of registration for one of the aforementioned tests has been enclosed with the application. Subsequent proof of English language proficiency must be submitted without undue delay and no later than 31 May.

- c) In individual cases, applicants may be considered whose qualifications are comparable to those listed in 5.a) above.

#### **6. Master of Science in Politics, Economics and Philosophy (PEP)**

The following special admission requirements apply to the Master of Science in Politics, Economics and Philosophy (PEP):

- a) University degree in economics from the University of Hamburg or in a comparable course of study at another university with a focus on economics or business studies, or a professionally qualifying university degree in political science from the University of Hamburg or in a comparable course of study at another university with a focus on political science, or a professionally qualifying university degree in philosophy from the University of Hamburg or in a comparable course of study at another university with a focus on philosophy.
- b) In addition, proof of knowledge, usually in the form of a transcript of records or similar documentation:
  - aa) For applicants with a degree in economics from the University of Hamburg, a comparable degree from another university, or a comparable degree with a relevant economics focus:
    - 1) Courses in mathematics, statistics, and econometrics of at least 15 ECTS credits;
    - 2) Advanced classes in economics of at least 24 ECTS credits.
  - bb) For applicants with a university degree in political science from the University of Hamburg or in a comparable degree program at another university with a focus on political science: courses in methods of empirical social research totaling at least 12 ECTS credits.
  - cc) For applicants with university degree in philosophy from the University of Hamburg or in a comparable degree program at another university with a focus on philosophy: Courses in formal methods (e. g., logic and argumentation theory, decision theory, mathematics) totaling at least 8 ECTS credits.
- c) In addition, applicants must have adequate English-language skills. Adequate language proficiency may be demonstrated by any of the following:
  - aa) An internet-based TOEFL test (test date scores): 92 points with at least 22 points per skill (listening, writing, speaking, reading).
  - bb) International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—Academic: overall band score at least 6.5 (good competent user) with at least 6.0 per skill.
  - cc) Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE).
  - dd) Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
  - ee) Cambridge Higher Business English Certificate (BEC).
  - ff) University degree taught solely in the English language. Proof is provided in the form of a written confirmation from the university.

The test must have been taken within the last two years. If the required proof of English language proficiency cannot be provided by the end of the application deadline, the applicant will still continue to be considered for admission provided that proof of registration for one of the aforementioned tests has been enclosed with the application. Subsequent proof of English language proficiency must be submitted without undue delay and no later than 31 May.

### **7. Master of Arts in Innovation, and Sustainability (MIBAS)**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Arts in International Business and Sustainability (MIBAS):

- a) A Bachelor of Arts in Socioeconomics from University of Hamburg OR a comparable interdisciplinary degree in socioeconomics OR a degree in business administration, economics, law, political science, social science, or sociology. In exceptional cases, graduates of other academic degree programs may be admitted to the extent that the degree can serve as a meaningful basis for the MIBAS degree program.
- b) Proof of completion of one of the following aptitude tests:
  - aa) Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) Focus Edition with a score of at least 545 points  
or
  - bb) Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) 10th Edition with a score of at least 570 points  
or
  - cc) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test with a score of at least 151 points in the verbal reasoning section and 156 points in the quantitative reasoning section  
or
  - dd) Graduate Test for Economics, Business and Social Sciences (GTEBS, previously the TM-WISO (Test for master's degree programs in economics and social sciences)) with a score of at least 95 points. The test must be taken in English. Tests taken in German will not be accepted as an alternative.

The test (GMAT, GRE or GTEBS (formerly known as: TM-WISO)) must have been taken within the last two years.

### **8. Master of Arts in Human Resource Management**

The following special admission requirements apply to the Master of Arts in Human Resource Management:

- a) Undergraduate degree in socioeconomics or an equivalent social sciences, economics, or law degree from a higher education institution. In exceptional cases, graduates of other academic degree programs may be admitted. Applicants must also have relevant vocational training or work experience (or completed a relevant internship) of at least three months.
- b) In addition, fundamental interdisciplinary knowledge must be substantiated through the successful completion of courses totaling at least 30 ECTS credits in the following areas:
  - aa) Employment and labor law (at least 10 ECTS credits).
  - bb) Methods of empirical social research and statistics (at least 10 ECTS credits).

The ECTS credits for the bachelor's thesis will also be taken into consideration, provided that the thesis dealt with a human resources topic.

### **9. Master of Arts in Labor, Economics and Society (Economic and Sociological Studies)**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Arts in Labor, Economics and Society (Economic and Sociological Studies):

- a) Undergraduate degree in socioeconomics or an equivalent social sciences or economics degree from a higher education institution. Graduates of other degree programs may be admitted provided it may meaningfully serve as the basis for the master of science.
- b) Written confirmation that the applicant has sufficient knowledge of English to follow social sciences and economics classes, read specialist literature, and complete oral and written examinations in English.

#### **10. Master of Science in Health Economics and Health Care Management**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Science in Health Economics and Health Care Management.

- a) Undergraduate degree in socioeconomics with a focus on business administration or economics or a degree in business administration, economics, health economics, industrial engineering and management, or a comparable degree program.  
A degree program is considered comparable if the following fundamental subjects are included:
  - aa) Mathematics: at least 5 ECTS credits.
  - bb) Statistics: minimum of 5 ECTS credits for descriptive statistics and 5 ECTS credits for inductive statistics.
  - cc) Business administration: an in-depth introduction to management studies with a minimum of 5 ECTS credits and a module on management accounting / cost and performance accounting with a minimum of 5 ECTS credits.
  - dd) Economics: microeconomics with a minimum of 5 ECTS credits.

All applicants must provide an overview of the modules included in their degree (usually a transcript of records or similar documentation).

- b) Written confirmation that the applicant has sufficient knowledge of English to follow economics classes in English, read specialist literature, and complete oral and written examinations in English.

#### **11. Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Public and Nonprofit Studies**

The following special admission requirements apply to the consecutive Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Public and Nonprofit Studies:

- a) Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree that meets one of the following three criteria:
  - aa) Bachelor's degree in socioeconomics from the University of Hamburg or in a comparable interdisciplinary socioeconomics degree program
  - or
  - bb) Bachelor's degree in business administration, political science, law, social sciences, sociology, or economics.
  - cc) In exceptional cases, graduates of other academic degree programs may be admitted to the extent that any such program provides a meaningful basis for the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Public and Nonprofit Studies.
- b) Confirmation of sufficient English proficiency to actively participate in classes held in English, understand specialist literature in English, and present academic findings verbally and in writing (including examinations).

#### **Section 2**

##### **Reasonable accommodations**

Upon the submission of an application, reasonable accommodations will be granted, provided that an applicant can credibly demonstrate disadvantage compared to other applicants due to being unable to substantiate special conditions of admission in the designated manner or within the designated period of time on account of a disability. The disability representative must be consulted pursuant to Section 88 subsection 3 HmbHG.

### **Section 3**

#### **Extended submission deadlines**

Applicants who have not yet completed all examinations required to receive their undergraduate degree may nevertheless apply for admission to a master's degree program pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 39 subsection 2 HmbHG if, based on the course of studies and in particular on an applicant's examination performance to date, it can be expected that the applicant will reasonably receive their degree by the end of the first semester of the master's degree program. Admission to the program may be permitted on the condition that the degree will have been awarded by the end of the reenrollment period for the second semester of the master's degree program.

### **Section 4**

#### **Effective date**

The Bylaws Regarding the Special Conditions of Admission go into effect on the day following official publication by University of Hamburg.

Hamburg, 8 May 2025  
**University of Hamburg**