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The Foundation Council of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover Public Law Foundation approved on 15.02.2024 the following eligibility and admission regulations for the consecutive master's degree programme Atlantic Studies/ History, Culture and Society in accordance with section 18 paragraphs 8 and 14 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) and section 7 paragraph 2 Lower Saxony University Admissions Act (NHZG) in conjunction with section 62 paragraph 1 of the NHG. These regulations shall take effect on the day following publication in the official bulletin of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover. These regulations shall take effect on 15 April 2024.

### **Eligibility and Admission Regulations for the Consecutive Master's Degree Programme Atlantic Studies/ History, Culture and Society**

The Faculty of Humanities resolved on 08.11.2021 the following regulations in accordance with Section 18 paragraph 8 Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) and Section 7 Lower Saxony University Admissions Act (NHZG):

#### **Section 1 Scope**

These regulations specify eligibility to apply for and admission to the master's degree programme Atlantic Studies/ History, Culture and Society.

- (2) The requirements for eligibility to apply are specified in Section 2.
- (3) In the event that more applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, places shall be allocated according to a selection procedure determined by the university (section 4). If fewer applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, no selection process shall be conducted.

#### **Section 2 Requirements for eligibility to apply**

- (1) In order to be eligible to apply to the consecutive master's degree programme Atlantic Studies/ History, Culture and Society, the applicant must have obtained
  - a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree in a suitable previous degree programme or in a relevant reference discipline for the master's degree programme Atlantic Studies/ History, Culture and Society at a German university or at a university in a Bologna signatory country
  - or
  - an equivalent degree in a suitable previous degree programme at a different university abroad; equivalence shall be determined in accordance with the suggested evaluations issued by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) at the secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) (<http://anabin.kmk.org>).

The decision whether the previous degree programme is suitable is made by the body responsible as per the examination regulations; the decision may include an ancillary provision requiring completion of missing modules within two semesters.

- (2) In deviation to paragraph 1, applicants who have not yet completed their bachelor's or an equivalent degree at the time of application are provisionally eligible to apply if they have obtained at least 150 credit points and it is to be expected that they will complete the bachelor's or equivalent degree by the end of the first semester of the master's degree programme at the latest. The average mark of the assessments completed so far shall be determined; it shall be taken into account in the selection process as per section 4, irrespective of the final bachelor's degree mark. If applicants are unable to provide evidence of the

required 150 CP by 15 July (winter semester) or 15 January (summer semester) of the relevant year, the examination board shall decide on an individual basis whether to admit the applicant with conditions, including providing evidence of the required credit points by 15 September (for admission for the winter semester) or by 15 March (for admission for the summer semester).

- (3) Applicants who cannot present evidence of either a German university entrance qualification or a bachelor's degree completed at a German university must additionally provide evidence of sufficient German language proficiency for the degree programme (level B2 CEFR). For details on the evidence to be presented, see: <https://www.llc.uni-hannover.de/en/language-examinations/accepted-language-certificates-at-the-luh>.
- (4) Proof of English language proficiency at level B2 CEFR as well as proficiency in at least one other foreign language relevant to the degree programme at level B1 CEFR is required for evidence of academic suitability (for details on the evidence to be presented, see: <https://www.llc.uni-hannover.de/en/language-examinations/accepted-language-certificates-at-the-luh>). Applicants whose first language is English and/or another foreign language (evidence is to be provided, as appropriate) or who have a university entrance qualification in one of the languages mentioned are not required to provide evidence of sufficient language proficiency. This also applies to applicants who obtained their bachelor's degree in a degree programme taught in English or another foreign language. In case of doubt, the responsible examination board shall decide.

### **Section 3 Beginning of the degree programme and application deadline**

- (1) Students may begin the master's degree programme Atlantic Studies/ History, Culture and Society in the winter or summer semester. Applications, including the required documents specified in paragraph 2, must be received by the university by 15 July for the winter semester and by 15 January for the summer semester. Applicants must submit both an online application (via the university's online portal) and a written application. Applications for admission outside of the process for allocating university places and outside of the determined number of candidates to be admitted must be received by the university by 1 April of the relevant year for the summer semester and by 1 October of the relevant year for the winter semester. Applications, including those as per sentence 4, shall be effective only for the allocation of places corresponding to the respective application deadline. The university is not required ex officio to verify the information provided by the applicant.
- (2) Applications, including those as per paragraph 1 sentence 4, must be accompanied by the documents listed below. Certified copies are required for certificates and official confirmations; if these documents were not issued in German or English, certified German or English translations must be provided.
  - a) the certificate of results (Zeugnis) for the bachelor's degree programme or – if this is not yet available – confirmation of completed coursework and assessments, credit points, as well as the average mark,
  - b) curriculum vitae,
  - c) evidence as per section 2 paragraphs 3 and 4
- (3) Applications that are incomplete or do not meet the requirements regarding form or deadline will be excluded from the admissions procedure. The university will retain the submitted documents.

### **Section 4 Admissions procedure**

- (1) Selection shall occur according to a ranking list which shall be established based on the final or average mark as per section 3 paragraph 2 letter a). In the event that multiple applicants hold an equal rank, their ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.
- (2) In all other respects, the provisions of the university's enrolment regulations that generally apply shall remain unaffected. <sup>2</sup>The enrolment of those applicants who must complete missing modules as specified in section 2 paragraph 1 sentence 2 shall expire if the evidence required for this is not provided within one year and the applicant is responsible for such neglect. The same shall apply if, as specified in section 2 paragraph 2, evidence of successful completion of the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification is not provided by 15 April (for enrolment in the winter semester) or 15 October (for enrolment in the summer semester) and the applicant is responsible for such neglect.

## **Section 5 Notification, Allocation of Remaining Places (“Nachrückverfahren”), Completion of the Procedure**

- (1) Successful candidates will receive written notification of admission from the university. A deadline will be specified in the notification within which the applicant must declare in writing or electronically whether they wish to accept the place or not. If this declaration is not received in correct form by the deadline, the notification of admission becomes invalid. This legal consequence must be indicated in the notification of admission.
- (2) Unsuccessful candidates shall receive a notification of rejection stating their rank and the rank of the last admitted applicant. The notification of rejection must include information on legal remedies.
- (3) Remaining places shall be allocated (“Nachrückverfahren”) in the order of the ranking as per section 4 paragraph 1.
- (4) The admissions procedures shall be concluded at the latest two weeks after commencement of the lecture period. Thereafter, admission to any remaining places will be allocated by drawing lots; applicants may request to participate in this procedure without using a particular form. Applicants must submit an online request (via the university’s online portal) for this purpose. The application period for this shall begin two weeks before the beginning of the lecture period and shall end upon conclusion of the admissions procedure.

## **Section 6 Admission to Advanced Semesters**

- (1) Available places in an advanced semester of a degree programme with restricted admission shall be allocated to applicants according to the order below:
  - a) applicants for whom, due to personal reasons, rejection of admission would mean undue hardship,
  - b) applicants who are or were enrolled in the same or a comparable degree programme
    - ba) at another German university or a university in another EU member state or another signatory state to the EEA Agreement, or
    - bb) at a foreign university and have German citizenship or are of equal legal status to German citizens with respect to admission regulations, or
  - c) who claim any other grounds.
- (2) Within each of the three groups in paragraph 1, admission shall be decided depending on the mark attained for the bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualification; in the case of identical results, admission shall be allocated according to social aspects that were decisive in the choice of location, especially familial or financial aspects; thereafter, places shall be allocated by drawing lots.

## **Section 7 Entry into force**

These regulations shall take effect on 15 April 2024.