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Statutes for Admission to the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

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Applied Geosciences  
at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)**

of November 30, 2022

Pursuant to Article 10, par. 2, No. 5 and Article 20, par. 2 of the Act on Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT Act – KITG) of July 14, 2009 (Bulletin pp. 317), last amended by Article 2 of the Act on the Amendment of the Act of Baden-Württemberg on Universities and Colleges and Other Acts (Gesetz zur Änderung des Landeshochschulgesetzes und anderer Gesetze) of October 26, 2021 (Bulletin, p. 941), Article 59, par. 1 and Article 63, par. 2 of the Act of Baden-Württemberg on Universities and Colleges (Landeshochschulgesetz – LHG) of January 1, 2005 (Bulletin, pp. 1), last amended by Article 7 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinance of the Ministry of the Interior on the Adaptation of State Law to Changed Departments and Designations of Ministries (10. Anpassungsverordnung) of December 21, 2021 (Bulletin 2022, pp. 1, 2), the Senate of KIT adopted the following Statutes on November 21, 2022.

**Article 1 – Scope**

The present Statutes apply to admission to the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).

**Article 2 – Deadlines**

(1) Enrollment takes place for both the winter and the summer semester.

(2) The application for admission, inclusive of all documents required, must be submitted to KIT

- by **September 30** for a start of studies in the **winter semester**,
- by **March 31** for a start of studies in the **summer semester**.

Applications for admission by foreign applicants who are not treated on equal terms with German applicants according to Art. 1, par. 2 of the Ordinance on Admission to Universities (HZVO, Hochschulzulassungsverordnung), inclusive of all documents required, must be submitted to KIT

- by **July 15** for a start of studies in the **winter semester**,
- by **January 15** for a start of studies in the **summer semester**.

### **Article 3 – Application Format**

(1) The format of application depends on the general provisions valid for the admission and enrollment procedure as outlined in the valid Admission and Enrollment Regulations of KIT.

(2) The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

1. A copy of the bachelor's certificate or equivalent degree according to Art. 5, par. 1, No. 1, including the diploma supplement and transcript of records (with the ECTS credits achieved being indicated),
2. proofs of the basic achievements required in Art. 5, par. 1, No. 2 reflecting the contents of the studies,
3. a declaration by the applicant as to whether she/he has ultimately failed in an examination required according to the examination regulations or lost the entitlement to an examination for other reasons in the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences or a related program with essentially the same content,
4. proof of the required language proficiency according to Art. 5, par. 1, No. 4, and
5. the other documents specified in the valid Admission and Enrollment Regulations.

KIT may ask for submission at the time of enrollment of the original documents on the basis of which the decision on admission was made.

(3) Enrollment in the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences may also be applied for, if the bachelor's degree has not been conferred before the expiry of the application deadline outlined in Article 2, but the applicant may be expected to complete her/his bachelor's studies in due time before the start of the Master's Program due to the examination results reached so far.

In this case, the study and examination achievements reached so far must be considered when deciding on admission. The later result of the bachelor's examination will remain disregarded. The application has to include a certificate of the examination achievements reached until the expiry of the application deadline (e.g. transcript).

#### **Article 4 – Admission Committee**

(1) To prepare the decision on admission, the KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo- and Environmental Sciences establishes an Admission Committee consisting of at least two full-time scientific employees. A representative of the students can participate in the meetings of the Admission Committee with an advisory vote. The Admission Committee is chaired by one of its members.

(2) Upon the completion of the admission procedure, the Admission Committee reports the experience gained to the KIT Department Council. In addition, it makes proposals for the improvement and further development of the admission procedure.

#### **Article 5 – Admission Requirements**

(1) For admission to the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences, the following requirements must be met:

1. An above-average bachelor's degree or an at least equivalent degree in the Program of Applied Geosciences or a program of essentially the same content at a university, a university of applied sciences, a cooperative state university, or at a university abroad. The above-average degree is based on a comparison with the average final grade of KIT's bachelor's students of applied geosciences in the last three years. Studies must have been completed with a minimum of 180 ECTS credits within a regular study period of at least three years.
2. Basic knowledge and achievements in the following areas:
  - Geology: Achievements in the amount of at least 20 credits,
  - physics and/or chemistry: Achievements in the amount of at least 10 credits,
  - mathematics: Achievements in the amount of at least 10 credits,
  - at least 30 credits in other natural, geological, or engineering sciences.In cases of doubt, the Admission and Selection Committee decides on whether the achievements reached by the applicant can be credited.
3. No ultimate failure in an examination required by the examination regulations of the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences or a related program with essentially the same content and still existing entitlement to an examination for other reasons.
4. Proof of sufficient knowledge of

- a) the German language as specified in the valid Admission and Enrollment Regulations of KIT or
- b) the English language corresponding to at least level B2 of the common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or an equivalent level, as confirmed by one of the following internationally recognized tests:
  - a. Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a result of at least 90 points in the Internet-based test or
  - b. International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with a result of at least 6.5 points and no partial test worse than 5.5 points, or
  - c. University of Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or University of Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), or
  - d. UNIcert level II at least.

Proof of proficiency in English by one of the above tests is not required for applicants having

- a) a university degree conferred by a university with English as the only teaching and examination language; English as the only official language of the program passed must be confirmed in the diploma supplement, transcript of records, or the degree certificate; other confirmations referring to the teaching or examination language will not be accepted as a proof of proficiency;
- b) a university entrance qualification certificate reflecting attendance of an English course for at least five years before graduation, with the final or average grade of the last two years in English having to correspond to the German grade 4 (sufficient) or five points at least.

In case this proof of proficiency cannot be presented until expiry of the application deadline, admission may be granted subject to the submission of one of the accepted proofs of English proficiency at the time of enrollment at the latest.

(2) The Admission Committee for the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences, together with the Examination Committee of the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences, decides on the equivalence of the bachelor's degree in accordance with par. 1, No. 1 and the definition of the programs with essentially the same content

pursuant to par. 1, No. 3. When recognizing foreign qualifications, the recommendations of the German Conference of Ministers of Education and agreements within the framework of university partnerships have to be observed.

## **Article 6 – Decision on Enrollment**

(1) The President decides on admission and enrollment based on the proposal made by the Admission Committee.

(2) Enrollment will be refused, if

- a) the application documents were not submitted in due time according to Art. 2 or not complete according to Art. 3,
- b) the requirements outlined in Art. 5 are not fulfilled,
- c) the applicant ultimately failed in an examination required according to the examination regulations or lost the entitlement to the examination for other reasons in the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences or a related program with essentially the same content (Art. 60, par. 2, No. 2 LHG and Art. 9, par. 2 of the Act on University Admission (Hochschulzulassungsgesetz, HZG).

In the case of Article 3, par. 3, enrollment may be promised subject to proof of the bachelor's degree immediately, up to two months upon the start of the semester for which enrollment was applied for at the latest. If this proof is not presented in due time, the promise will expire and no enrollment will take place. If the applicant is not responsible for having exceeded the deadline, she/he must provide the respective proof in writing to the Admission Committee. In the justified individual case, the Admission Committee may extend the deadline for submission of the final certificate.

(3) If the applicant does not meet the admission requirements and/or cannot be enrolled, she/he will be informed in writing about the result of the admission procedure. This information must outline the reasons and provide an instruction on the right to appeal.

(4) The course of the admission procedure must be documented in writing.

(5) As for the rest, the general provisions applying to the admission and enrollment procedure of KIT in the Admission and Enrollment Regulations of KIT remain unaffected.

## **Article 7 – Entry into Force**

The present Statutes enter into force on the day after their publication in the Official Announcements of KIT. For the first time, they will apply to the application procedure for the 2023 summer semester.

At the same time, the Statutes for Admission to the Master's Program of Applied Geosciences of November 23, 2020 (Official Announcement of KIT No. 60 of November 24, 2020), last amended by the Statutes of March 03, 2022 (Official Announcement of KIT No. 12 of March 04, 2022), cease to be in force.

Karlsruhe, November 30, 2022

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(President)