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**Admissions Regulations of the University of Stuttgart for the
International Master's Degree Program in PHYSICS**

March 31, 2015

On the basis of § 59 Paragraph 1 Sentence 1 and 2 of the Landeshochschulgesetz (law on higher education in Baden-Württemberg) dated January 1, 2005 (GBl. 2005 p. 1), last amended by the law dated April 1, 2014 (GBl. p. 99) in conjunction with § 20 Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 3 of the Hochschulvergabeverordnung (regulation on the award of university places) dated January 13, 2003 (GBl. p. 63), last amended by the law dated April 1, 2014 (GBl. p. 262) and § 5 in conjunction with § 3 of the Hochschulzulassungsgesetz (law on university admission) dated September 15, 2005 (GBl. p. 629), last amended by the law dated April 1, 2014 (GBl. p. 99, 168), the Senate of the University of Stuttgart approved the following statute on July 22, 2015.

§ 1 Admission requirements

- (1) Admission to the master's degree program in Physics requires subject-specific eligibility for the study program. A person is considered to have subject-specific eligibility if they have acquired:
 - 1.a) a degree in a bachelor's degree program comprised of a minimum of six semesters (or equivalent degree) in Physics or a study program with related content and eligible examination results at a German university or equivalent higher education institution, university of applied sciences, university of cooperative education or vocational academy, the degree of which is equivalent to a university of applied sciences degree,
 - 1.b) or an equivalent degree in this subject area with eligible examination results at a foreign higher education institution.as well as
 2. as part of his/her degree in accordance with No. 1a) or b) has acquired the following skills, which are of equal value in scope and standard as those of the bachelor's degree program in Physics and meet the subject requirements for the master's degree program in Physics. The module catalog from the bachelor's degree program in Physics is used to identify these skills. The admissions committee shall decide on the equivalence. The provisions of the bachelor examination regulations regarding the



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attribution of academic achievements and examinations from other degree programs shall be taken into consideration accordingly.

as well as

3. proof of sufficient English language skills. Language skills are generally demonstrated by a score of at least 80 points on the TOEFL test (Internet-based) or other comparable proof.
- (2) The admissions committee decides whether the requirements standardized in Paragraph 1 have been fulfilled and whether subject-specific eligibility exists for the master's degree program in Physics on the basis of the previous examination performance. The procedure and the criteria for determining the subject-specific eligibility are regulated in Annex 1. If the skills as per Paragraph 1 No. 2 have only been demonstrated in part, the admissions committee can additionally grant admission subject to the requirements listed in Paragraph 3.
- (3) The admissions committee can grant admission in accordance with § 60 Paragraph 1 Sentence 4 Landeshochschulgesetz on condition that modules or skills that have not been demonstrated as part of Paragraph 1 No. 2 must be completed. These additional requirements may include a maximum of 30 credits. Fulfillment of the requirements must be demonstrated no later than when registering for the master's thesis.
- (4) In the event of doubt, the applicant may be requested to submit a certificate proving a general university entrance qualification and/or a relevant subject-related university entrance qualification or foreign university entrance qualification recognized by the responsible government agency as being equivalent.

§ 2 Admission procedure, form and deadline for the applications

- (1) Admissions are only issued for the winter semester. Applications for admission in the winter semester must be received by the university by the previous March 1. If study places are still available after this deadline, applications may be considered until June 30 in exceptional cases.
- (2) The application must be submitted in the form prescribed by the Admissions and Enrollment Regulations of the University of Stuttgart. In addition to the evidence required in these, the application shall include the existence of the requirements of § 1.
- (3) The admissions committee proposes to the Rector which candidates should be admitted to the master's degree program in Physics. If the number of qualified applicants according to § 1 exceeds the number of study places available (cf. § 3), the admissions committee will determine a rank order of the qualified applicants.



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- The rank order will be based on the admission requirements standardized in § 1.
- (4) The Rector of the university shall decide on the admission.
 - (5) Admission shall be denied
 1. if the application for admission has not been received by the University of Stuttgart in the correct form and on time, or
 2. if the admission requirements according to § 1 are not fulfilled.
 - (6) All things remaining equal, the generally applicable stipulations for the admission procedure remain unaffected.

§ 3 Number of admissions, admissions to higher semesters

- (1) If the number of study places is limited for the master's degree program in Physics, the number of free places will be determined in accordance with the Ordinance on the Number of Admissions of the State of Baden-Württemberg as amended.
- (2) Half the study places available according to Paragraph 1 are awarded to applicants according to § 1 clause 1a) and half to applicants according to § 1 clause 1b). Remaining study places available from one quota may be passed over to the other quota. On the suggestion of the admissions committee, if there is a surplus of applicants in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 3 and 4 the Rectorate shall decide on the order of preference by taking their qualifications into consideration in accordance with § 1 clause 1a) and b).
- (3) If a minimum of 150 credits have been earned in the bachelor's degree program by the application deadline, according to the provisions of the Hochschulvergabeverordnung, as amended, an admission can be issued subject to the proviso that the bachelor's degree and the admission requirements of § 1 are demonstrated by the end of the semester (March 31) for which the admission is issued. The application shall include evidence of the credits earned in the modules completed by the time of application, as well as a total number of points and an average grade calculated from this.
- (4) Admission is not granted to higher semesters.

§ 4 Admissions committee

The admissions committee for the master's degree program in Physics is identical to the Examination Committee for the master's degree program in Physics.



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§ 5 Entry into force

These admissions regulations shall enter into force on January 1, 2016. It will first apply to the admission procedure for the 2016/17 winter semester. At the same time, the admissions regulations of the University of Stuttgart for the master's degree program in Physics dated August 30, 2007 (Official Announcement No. 45/07) shall be invalidated.

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Prof. Wolfram Ressel (Rector)



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Annex 1

Subject-specific eligibility according to § 1 Paragraph 2 is assessed in a two-stage procedure.

- 1.1 The admissions committee evaluates the proven subject-specific competences and the previously provided examination performance on a scale of 0 to 50 points.
- 1.2 For evidence of the subject-specific competences according to § 1 (1) No. 2, the admissions committee awards 0 to 30 points.
- 1.3 The applicant will receive one point for every tenth part of a grade by which the bachelor's degree exceeds 3.0. The maximum number of points is 20.
- 1.4 The points from No 1.2 and 1.3 are added together. Applicants who score more than **30** points have subject-specific eligibility for the study program. Applicants who score less than 30 points do not have subject-specific eligibility for the study program and can accordingly not be admitted to the study program.