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**Zulassungsordnung der Albert Ludwigs Universität für den Studiengang Master of Arts  
Linguistik: Sprache, Kommunikation, Kognition / Linguistics: Language, Communication,  
Cognition**

**Admission Regulations, The Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg for the  
Master's Degree: Master of Arts Linguistik: Sprache, Kommunikation,  
Kognition / Linguistics: Language, Communication, Cognition**

The Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg has stipulated the following in accordance with the 10th law of higher education in Baden-Württemberg (Landeshochschulgesetz – LHG) § 29 Paragraph 2 sentence 5 and 6 in conjunction with § 19 paragraph 1 sentence 2 from the 1st of January, 2005 (GBl. S.1), which was last amended by the 2nd article of the law on the 10th of July, 2012 (GBl. S. 457).

**§ 1 Start of Studies**

The master's programme Master of Arts Linguistik: Sprache, Kommunikation, Kognition / Linguistics: Language, Communication, Cognition can only be commenced in the winter semester. Applications for admissions must be received by the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg by the 15th of July the same year.

**§ 2 Admission's Requirements**

(1) In order to be admitted into the Master of Arts Linguistik: Sprache, Kommunikation, Kognition / Linguistics: Language, Communication, Cognition and one of its six specialisations: General Linguistics and Linguistic Diversity, English Language and Linguistics, German Linguistics, Romance Linguistics, Slavic Linguistics, and Language and cognition the applicant must

1. have received a bachelor's degree from a German university (or other seat of higher education) with a major in linguistics or philology, with the equivalent of a minor in

linguistics, or the equivalent degree from an at least three-year long education from a foreign university, and

2. for the specialisation General Linguistics and Linguistic Diversity the applicant must have acquired at least a B2 level of English in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or
3. for the specialisation English Language and Linguistics at least a C1 level of English in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or
4. for the specialisation German Linguistics the applicant must have acquired at least a C2 level of German in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages as well as at least a B2 level of English in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Language, or
5. for the specialisation Romance Linguistics the applicant must have acquired at least a B2 level of one romance language as well as the equivalent level of German and English in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Language, or
6. for the specialisation Slavic Linguistics the applicant must have acquired at least a B2 level of Russian, German, and English in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Language, or
7. for the specialisation Language and Cognition the applicant must have acquired at least a B2 level of German and English in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Language.

(2) The applicant must be able to provide proof that he or she has in-depth knowledge amounting to at least 35 ECTS-credits in the structure of one or more languages (for example, phonetics, phonology, orthography, morphology, syntax, semantics) as received as part of a higher education programme (Paragraph 1 No. 1). Additionally, the applicant must show evidence of having knowledge of at least one of the following fields of linguistics: linguistic action (for example, pragmatics, text linguistics, or conversation analysis), linguistic variation or change (for example, dialectology, sociolinguistics, or historical linguistics), language and cognition (for example, cognitive linguistics, psycholinguistics, or neurolinguistics). It is the board of admissions, in accordance with the above stated law sentence 1 or 2, that decides on the recognition of previous academic achievements and their relevance.

### **§ 3 Application**

(1) The application and the documents mentioned in sentence 3 must be uploaded via the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg Webportal within the deadline in accordance with § 1 sentence 2. The following documents are necessary for a successful application:

1. an officially certified copy of a university bachelor's degree in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 1,
2. an officially certified copy of a transcript of records. It must include a thorough overview of all completed coursework and examinations undertaken as part of this above mentioned bachelor's degree, in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 1,
3. a certified copy of a document showing appropriate evidence of sufficient language skills in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6,
4. a tabular curriculum vitae in German or English.

A German certificate of general university entrance qualification or a relevant subject-specific university entrance qualification is valid as proof of sufficient language skills in German (sentence 3 No. 3). If the documents required in accordance with sentence 3 No. 1 to 3 are not in German, English or French, an officially certified translation in German or English is also required.

(2) If the applicant has already completed university studies in a course of study in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 1 at the time of the application deadline in accordance with § 1 Sentence 2, but cannot yet provide a certified copy of his or her completed studies and degree, it is sufficient to submit a confirmation from the university that this course of study was in fact completed and with what overall grade, as well as an overview of achievements with information on individual grades and the ECTS-credits acquired. The officially certified copy of the of the applicant's bachelor's degree, or equivalent, must be presented to the board of admissions immediately, or at the latest upon enrollment.

(3) If the applicant has not yet completed their university studies by the application deadline in accordance with § 1 Sentence 2, he or she must confirm that the admission requirements in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 1 are expected to be met by submitting a certificate from his or her university of all achievements already completed (including Grades and information on ECTS-credits acquired) as well as a confirmation from the university about the grading of his or her bachelor's thesis or, alternatively, proof of the submission, or at least registration, of the

thesis. In this case, admission is granted on the condition that successful completion of the course of study in accordance with § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 1 is proven to the board of admissions no later than upon enrollment, by means of an officially certified copy of the certificate of the bachelor's degree or equivalent.

(4) The Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg may require that the certificates and evidence on which the admission decision is based must be presented in the original or as a certified copy upon enrollment.

## **§ 5 The Board of Admissions and Admission Procedure**

(1) It is the Faculty of Philology that sets up a board of admissions. This board fulfils the tasks assigned to it in accordance with these admission regulations. It is particularly responsible for the decisions to be made within the bounds of this admission procedure.

(2) The board of admissions consists of four university lecturers from different teaching units in the Faculty of Philology. Two university lecturers can be replaced by full-time private lecturers in the respective faculty. The term of office of the members of the admissions committee is two years; reappointment is permitted. The chair of the board is appointed by the Faculty of Philology. Decisions of the admissions committee are made with a simple majority; in the event of a tie, the chairperson's vote decides. The members of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Philology have the right to be present at the deliberations of the admissions committee; however, they have no voting rights.

(3) Only applicants who have applied for a study place in the correct form and on time will take part in the admission process. Based on the decision of the board of admissions, the Student Service Center or the International Admissions and Services department issues the admission decisions. If admission is denied, the board of admissions will issue this negative decision, which must be justified in writing and provided with instructions on what legal remedies the applicant may employ (German: Rechtsbehelfsbelehrung).

(4) The admissions committee reports to the Faculty of Philology on the development of enrolment numbers and makes suggestions for the further development of the admission regulations.

## **§ 6 Effective Date**

These admission regulations come into effect on [date]. They apply for the first time to the admission process for the winter semester 2023/2024. At the same time, the admission regulations of the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg for the following degree programmes no longer apply, following the specified dates: Master of Arts English Language and Linguistics degree from the 30th of April, 2012 (Official Announcements Vol. 43, No. 41, pp. 134-136), Master of Arts German Linguistics from the 31st of March, 2011 (Official Announcements Vol. 43, No. 19, p. 77), as well as Master of Arts Linguistik/Linguistics from the 29th of February, 2016 (Official Announcements Vol. 47, No. 5, pp. 49-51).