

Programme Regulations 2015
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Science, Technology and Policy

Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences

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The ETH Zurich Executive Board,

Pursuant to Art. 4, Para. 1, Lit. a of the ETH Zurich Organisational Ordinance (*Organisationsverordnung ETH Zürich*) of 16 December 2003 (RSETHZ 201.021),
decrees:

Chapter 1: General regulations

Part 1: General

Art. 1 Subject and scope, Appendix

¹ These Programme Regulations set out the requirements according to which the Master's degree in Science, Technology and Policy may be acquired at the department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences (D-GESS).

² The Appendix is a part of these Programme Regulations.

³ Any changes to these Programme Regulations or their Appendix are undertaken only on the request of or in consultation with the Department Conference of D-GESS (DK GESS). Moreover:

- a. Changes to the Programme Regulations are subject to the approval of the Executive Board of ETH Zurich.
- b. Changes to the Appendix are subject to the approval of the Rector of ETH Zurich.

Art. 2 Academic title

¹ Graduates of the ETH Zurich Master's degree programme in Science, Technology and Policy (degree programme) are awarded the academic title
Master of Science ETH in Science, Technology and Policy
(abbreviation: MSc ETH STP)

² This title may also be used in the abbreviated form "MSc ETH".

Art. 3 Specialised degree programme, ISTP, D-GESS

¹ This degree programme is a specialised Master's degree programme in the sense of Art. 3, Para. 3 of the Bologna Guidelines of the Swiss University Conference (SUK), 4 December 2003⁽¹⁾.

² This degree programme is offered by the Institute of Science, Technology and Policy (ISTP) and belongs formally to D-GESS.

Art. 4 Pilot phase, limit on admission

¹ The ISTP is subject to an initial four-year pilot phase. This pilot phase also applies to admissions to the degree programme (see Art. 43).

² If admission to the degree programme is no longer possible after the pilot phase, ETH Zurich will ensure that the current degree programme be continued for already-matriculated students until they graduate. The maximum permitted duration of studies determines the length of this continuation. If cogent grounds are presented the Rector may approve an extension in individual cases.

³ During the pilot phase students will only be admitted to the degree programme if they are already enrolled in a Master's degree programme at ETH Zurich or ETH Lausanne or hold a Master's degree from one of these two institutions (see Art. 23).

Art. 5 Programme commencement in the Autumn Semester

¹ Students normally enter the degree programme in the Autumn Semester.

² Entry in the Spring Semester is only possible for students who will commence the required internship as soon as Spring Semester studies begin (proof is required). The Director of Studies makes the final decision on Spring Semester entries at the request of the admissions committee.

Art. 6 Teaching Commission, Director of Studies and his/her deputy, admissions committee

Regarding these topics the ISTP Organisational Regulations of 30 September 2014⁽²⁾ state:

- a. *Teaching Commission*: The composition and tasks of the Teaching Commission are set out in Art. 8; rules governing the selection of its members are found in Art. 7, Para. 3 (h).

¹ SR 414.205.1

² RSETHZ 201.04

- b. *Director of Studies and his/her deputy:*
1. Rules governing the selection of the Director of Studies and his/her deputy are set out in Art. 7, Para. 3 (g), in connection with Art. 6, Para. 1^{bis}.
 2. The tasks of the Director of Studies are governed by Art. 5, Para. 2 (a)^{bis}, provided that these tasks are not set out in these Programme Regulations or in the ETH Zurich Organisational Ordinance.
- c. *Admissions committee:* The composition of the admissions committee is set out in Art. 9, and the rules governing the selection of its members are found in Art. 7, Para. 3 (h).

Art. 7 Legal basis

These Programme Regulations are based upon the stipulations set out in the following legal documents:

- a. Ordinance on Course Units and Performance Assessments at ETH Zurich of 22 May 2012⁽³⁾ (*Leistungskontrollenverordnung ETH Zürich*)
- b. Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich of 30 November 2010⁽⁴⁾ (*Zulassungsverordnung ETH Zürich*)

Part 2: **Credit system**

Art. 8 Policy

¹ The degree programme follows a credit system which is aligned with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

² ETH Zurich deploys the ECTS in accordance with the Credit System Guidelines (*Richtlinien zum Kreditsystem*).⁽⁵⁾

Art. 9 Credits, basis for calculation

¹ Credits describe the average time expenditure required for a student to earn a study achievement.

² One credit corresponds to a workload of 30 hours. The workload includes all course-related activities required to obtain credits.

³ The curriculum is designed in such a way that full-time students can acquire an average of 30 credits per semester.

³ SR 414.135.1, RSETHZ 322.021

⁴ SR 414.131.52, RSETHZ 310.5

⁵ See www.directives.ethz.ch

Art. 10 Allocation of credits

¹ The Departments allocate a certain number of credits to each of the course units they offer.

² If an ETH Zurich course unit is found on the curriculum of more than one ETH Zurich degree programme, the department offering the course unit assigns it a standard number of credits in consultation with those integrating it into a programme. The Rector settles any disagreements.

³ If a course unit is offered by another university that university is responsible for allocating it a certain number of credits.

Art. 11 Issuing of credits

¹ Credits are issued for satisfactory performance. Performance is considered satisfactory if it has been awarded a grade of at least a 4, or a “pass”.

² No credits are issued for unsatisfactory performance.

³ The full number of credits are always issued if the prerequisites of Para. 1 have been satisfied. Partial issue of credits is not permitted.

⁴ The number of credits issued is that number published in the Course Catalogue valid at the time the respective performance assessment was undertaken.

Art. 12 Recording, checking, registration

D-GESS records, checks and registers the credits acquired.

Chapter 2: Content, structure and scope of the Master's degree programme

Part 1: Course description, structure and scope

Art. 13 Course description, structure

Scientific and technological innovation are important forces in society overlapping strongly with policy: they often give rise to new problems that policy makers must solve, while also providing key elements of many solutions. The purpose of the MSc in Science, Technology and Policy (STP) is to provide the set of skills needed to effectively engage with public policy, where sound judgment requires both an understanding of science and technology, but also depends on the appraisal of the institutional, social, and political context within which problems arise. The STP training equips ETH graduates embarking on technical careers to advance into leadership positions with significant decision-making authority, as well as to move directly into the growing number of jobs focused on the analysis of existing public policies and the systematic evaluation of proposed options. To enable graduates to successfully engage with ill-defined problems, the STP degree program provides both an understanding of policy processes and institutions and a set of methods for framing problems and evaluating options.

Art. 14 Scope, duration, limits on duration of studies

¹ As stipulated in Art. 34, 90 credits are required to obtain a Master's degree.

² The normal duration of the degree programme is one and a half years.

³ The maximum permitted duration of studies is three years. The Rector may extend this if cogent grounds are provided in a request submitted by the respective deadline.

⁴ If students complete optional internships during the Master's degree programme they are entitled at the most to a one-semester extension of the permitted duration of studies. This extension is not automatic, but is subject to a request submitted by the respective deadline. Requests should be submitted to the Vice-Rector for Study Programmes.

Art. 15 Course Catalogue

¹ D-GESS lists the course units of the degree programme for each semester in the Course Catalogue. This list is binding.

² Details regarding entries in the Course Catalogue are set out in Art. 4 of the Ordinance on Performance Assessments at ETH Zurich⁽⁶⁾ and in the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽⁷⁾ of the Rector.

Art. 16 Language of instruction

Course units and the corresponding performance assessments are normally conducted in English. The language of instruction is subject to the pertaining Rector's directives⁽⁸⁾.

Art. 17 Admission to course units

Special admission prerequisites may apply to the attendance of a particular course unit. These are determined by that ETH Zurich department or that university which offers the course unit.

Art. 18 Student exchange (outgoing students)

¹ Students of this degree programme may not take part in an ETH Zurich exchange programme. Individual exchange stays are possible, but mobility credits will in no case be recognised towards the Master's degree. Transcripts of records are governed by the implementation stipulations⁽⁹⁾ of the Rector regarding the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Performance Assessments.

² Credits from course units of other universities do not qualify as mobility credits if these course units belong to the degree programme curriculum.

⁶ SR 414.135.1, RSETHZ 322.021

⁷ See www.directives.ethz.ch

⁸ See www.directives.ethz.ch

⁹ See www.directives.ethz.ch

Part 2: Grouping by category

Art. 19 Grouping by category

¹ Performance achievements in the following categories are required to obtain the Master's degree. The minimum number of credits required in each category is set out in Art. 34.

- a. Core Courses;
- b. Case Studies;
- c. Electives;
- d. Master's Thesis;
- e. Internship (*optional*).

² D-GESS assigns course units to the categories in Para. 1 and publishes them in the Course Catalogue.

Art. 20 Overview of categories

¹ Core courses

Core courses form the nucleus of the Master's degree programme and impart content and methods central to the course of study described in Art. 13. They are compulsory for all students. Further details regarding core courses are provided in Art. 21, and stipulations on performance assessments in Art. 31.

² Case studies

In the case study context the social-scientific knowledge acquired in the core courses is deployed to investigate the mutual interdependence and influence of the natural sciences, engineering sciences and political/social activities. Details regarding performance assessments are set out in Art. 31.

³ Electives

Electives serve to consolidate subject knowledge specific to the degree programme and extend knowledge in the social sciences and humanities and other disciplines. Details regarding performance assessments are set out in Art. 31.

⁴ Master's thesis

The Master's thesis generally concludes the degree programme. With the Master's thesis students demonstrate their ability to conduct independent, scientifically structured work. Further details are given in Art. 32.

⁵ **Internship** (*optional*)

It is recommended that students undertake an internship, even though these are optional and not required for the Master's degree. The goal of the internship is to familiarise students with future working environments. Here they have the opportunity to get involved in current projects at the respective institution. Further details are provided in Art. 33.

Art. 21 Special stipulations for core courses

¹ Core courses must be completed by all students and are labelled accordingly in the Course Catalogue.

² To acquire the Master's degree students must earn at least 29 of the 36 possible credits in core courses. If they earn fewer than 29 credits in core courses they will fail the degree programme and be excluded from it.

³ If students completed core courses in the Bachelor's or the preceding Master's degree programme and these were recognised towards the Bachelor's or Master's degree, meaning that it is therefore no longer possible to acquire the minimum 29 credits in the remaining core courses, the Director of Studies will determine additional subjects to be completed as core courses. A reduction in the minimum required number of credits in core courses (29) is not possible.

Art. 22 Special stipulations for electives

¹ The course units which may be taken as electives are designated as such in the Course Catalogue.

² In justified cases the Director of Studies may on request also approve as electives courses other than those on the list.

Chapter 3: Admission to the Master's degree programme

Art. 23 Prerequisites for admission

¹ For admission to the degree programme candidates must fulfil one of the following academic prerequisites:

- a. They have completed the Bachelor's degree and have acquired at least 60⁽¹⁰⁾ credits in a Master's degree (MSc) programme at ETH Zurich⁽¹¹⁾ or ETH Lausanne.
- b. They hold a Master's degree⁽¹²⁾ (MSc) from ETH Zurich or ETH Lausanne.

² Details of the academic, language and performance prerequisites for admission (profile of requirements) are provided in the Appendix.

Art. 24 Application, admission procedure and entry to the Master's degree programme

¹ All candidates should apply to the ETH Zurich Rectorate for admission to the degree programme.

² The degree programme admissions committee investigates candidates' academic backgrounds and suitability for the Master's degree programme and submits a recommendation for admission/rejection to the Director of Studies.

³ The Rector decides whether to admit/reject the candidate on the basis of the recommendation of the Director of Studies. Candidates admitted are not subject to additional requirements.

⁴ Details regarding application/registration, the admission procedure and entry to the Master's degree programme are determined by the Rector. They are set out in the Appendix.

¹⁰ Excepted from this are the following Master's degree programmes:

- a. The ETH Zurich Master's degree programme in Biotechnology, in which for curricular reasons only 50 instead of 60 credits are required for admission (with the exception of the Master's thesis the credits required for the Master's degree in Biotechnology must still be acquired in all course unit categories).
- b. The ETH Zurich Master's degree programme in Biology, in which for curricular reasons only 56 instead of 60 credits are required for admission (with the exception of the Master's thesis and the Master's Exam the credits required for the Master's degree in Biology must still be acquired in all course unit categories).

¹¹ The D-GESS Master's degree programmes MA CIS, MA GPW and MA FD Natw. are excepted from this. These three degree programmes do not qualify candidates for admission to the MSc STP if said candidates are not already graduates of, or have not already acquired at least 60 credits in, a technical or scientific Master's degree programme of one of the two ETHs.

¹² The earlier Diploma (untiered Diploma programme) is regarded as equivalent to a Master's degree.

Chapter 4: Performance assessments

Part 1: General regulations

Art. 25 Performance evaluation

Performance in examinations is graded. Performance in other forms of performance assessment is either graded or evaluated on a pass/fail basis.

Art. 26 Admission to performance assessments

Admission to performance assessments may be subject to conditions. These are specified by the department of ETH Zurich or the university offering the respective course unit.

Art. 27 Registering/deregistering for performance assessments

¹ The following stipulations apply to registration/deregistration for performance assessments at ETH Zurich:

- a. If the performance assessments in question are session examinations or end-of-semester examinations, registration and deregistration are governed by the stipulations of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Performance Assessments⁽¹³⁾ and the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽¹⁴⁾ of the Rector.
- b. If the performance assessments fall into another category, registration and deregistration are handled directly by the respective lecturer.

² If the performance assessments concerned are those of another university, registration and deregistration are subject to the rules of that university.

Art. 28 Absence, interruption, abandonment, late submission or non-submission

The following stipulations apply to absence from, interruption or abandonment of, and late submission or non-submission of performance assessments:

- a. For ETH Zurich performance assessments the stipulations of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Performance Assessments⁽¹⁵⁾ and the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽¹⁶⁾ of the Rector apply.
- b. For performance assessments of other universities the rules of the respective university apply.

¹³ SR 414.135.1, RSETHZ 322.021

¹⁴ See www.directives.ethz.ch

¹⁵ SR 414.135.1, RSETHZ 322.021

¹⁶ See www.directives.ethz.ch

Art. 29 Issuing of results, disagreements

¹ Students may view all of their performance results via the internet in the respective ETH Zurich application. They are informed by email when their examination results become viewable.

² Every communication outlines the procedure in cases of disagreement about newly documented results.

Art. 30 Unethical behaviour

The sanctions for unethical behaviour in the context of performance assessments are governed by the Disciplinary Code of ETH Zurich (*Disziplinarordnung ETH Zürich*) of 2 November 2004.⁽¹⁷⁾

Part 2: Performance assessments of the Master's degree programme

Art. 31 Core courses, Case studies, Electives

¹ Every course unit in the categories 'Core courses', 'Case studies' and 'Electives' is subject to a performance assessment.

² The respective mode of each performance assessment is listed in the Course Catalogue if the course unit is offered by ETH Zurich.

³ If a course unit is offered by another university that university determines the performance assessment mode of that course unit.

⁴ A performance assessment is passed if it is awarded a grade of at least a 4 or a "pass".

⁵ A failed performance assessment may be repeated once unless the ETH Zurich department or the university offering the respective course unit stipulates otherwise.

⁶ A passed performance assessment may not be repeated.

¹⁷ SR 414.138.1, RSETHZ 361.1

Art. 32 Master's thesis

¹ Students may only commence the Master's thesis project if both of the following are true:

- a. They have acquired a minimum of 60 credits in the previous Master's degree programme (see Art. 23, Para. 1 (a)).
- b. They have acquired the credits required by this degree programme in the categories 'core courses' and 'case studies' as stipulated in Art. 34 (the Director of Studies may approve justified exceptions on request).

² The Master's thesis is supervised by two professors, who serve as supervisor and co-supervisor respectively. Normally one of these persons comes from the social sciences and the other from the natural or engineering sciences. The supervisor must be an ETH Zurich professor.

³ The supervisor and co-supervisor have the following duties:

- a. They determine the theme of the Master's thesis in consultation with the student.
- b. They define the task in writing.
- c. They set out in writing the starting and submission dates of the thesis and the criteria for its assessment.
- d. They assess the thesis and grade it.

⁴ The maximum time allowed for completion of the Master's thesis is six months. The Director of Studies may extend this if a request providing cogent grounds is submitted.

⁵ The Master's thesis is passed if it is awarded a grade of at least a 4.

⁶ A failed Master's thesis may only be repeated once. If repeated, it must address a new theme. The repetition may proceed under a different supervisor and/or co-supervisor.

⁷ A passed Master's thesis may not be repeated.

Art. 33 Internship

¹ The internship is optional and is not required for the Master's degree.

² No credits are allocated for the internship.

² The internship may be listed in the academic record at the request of the student if all of the following stipulations are adhered to:

- a. The internship lasts at least eight weeks and is completed in an industrial firm, a national or international organisation or a public agency in Switzerland or abroad.
- b. The internship must be completed during the period of ETH studies.
- c. The internship may not have counted towards any other degree.
- d. The internship is documented in a written confirmation submitted by the company or the institution where it was completed (confirmation of internship).
- e. The confirmation of internship should be submitted to the Director of Studies as early as possible and at the latest when the degree request is made. The Director of Studies decides whether the internship will be recognised (a recognised internship is assessed as 'passed'). Only recognised internships may be listed in the academic record.

Chapter 5: Issuing of the Master's degree

Part 1: Credits by category and degree request

Art. 34 Credits by category

¹ The 90 credits required for the Master's degree must be acquired in the following categories in at least the numbers given. Further details are set out in Para. 2.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Courses | 60 credits |
| 1) Core courses (at least 29 credits) | |
| 2) Case studies (at least 12 credits) | |
| 3) Electives (at least 12 credits) | |
| b. Master's thesis | 30 credits |
| c. Internship (<i>optional</i>) | -- credits |

² Of the 60 credits required in the category 'Courses' (Para. 1, Subpara. a) at least 29 must be earned in 'Core courses', at least 12 must stem from 'Case studies' and at least 12 must be acquired in 'Electives'.

Art. 35 Degree request

¹ When they have fulfilled the requirements set out in Art. 34, students may request the issue of the Master's degree. The request must be made within three years of starting the Master's degree programme. If a request providing cogent grounds is submitted by the designated deadline the Rector may extend the deadline for the degree request.

² The request should contain all the performance achievements with pass grades in the categories listed in Art. 34, Para. 1 which are to be listed in the academic record. In each category the sum of the minimum number of credits set out in Art. 34 must be acquired.

³ The credits acquired by completing a course unit may not be split or counted more than once.

⁴ A maximum of 100 credits are recognised towards the Master's degree. All further study achievements are listed on a separate sheet of the academic record.

⁵ The recognition of performance achievements or credits from a previous degree programme is not permitted. Exceptions are listed in Para. 6 and 7.

⁶ Academic achievements from previous Master's degree programmes which were supplied as admission requirements are automatically listed in an addendum to the academic record if the previous Master's degree programme was not completed. It is not possible to have these achievements recognised towards the Master's degree in STP.

⁷ If credits are obtained at ETH Zurich above and beyond admission requirements these credits may be recognised towards the Master's degree in STP if the knowledge and skills acquired thereby are part of the substance of the degree programme and the respective credits have not already counted towards a degree. The Rector, at the request of the Director of Studies, decides whether credits will be recognised. There is no automatic right to recognition.

Part 2: Academic record, degree certificate and Diploma Supplement

Art. 36 Documents

Students who complete the degree programme receive three documents: an academic record, a degree certificate and a Diploma Supplement.

Art. 37 Academic record

¹ The academic record serves as verification of the completed Master's degree.

² The academic record contains:

- a. The study achievements listed in the degree request according to Art. 35, Para. 2, including grades and other performance evaluation indicators
- b. The final grade, calculated as the weighted average of all the grades listed in the request with the corresponding credits as the weighting factor

³ According to the corresponding implementation stipulations of the Rector⁽¹⁸⁾ an addendum to the academic record lists

- a. the academic achievements from the previous Master's degree programme which were supplied as admission prerequisites, provided that said Master's degree was not completed (see Art. 23, Para. 1 (a); and
- b. all further academic achievements.

⁴ D-GESS records, checks and registers the grades and other performance evaluation indicators and issues the academic record.

Art. 38 Degree certificate and Diploma Supplement

¹ On the certificate are

- a. The institution name 'Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich' [Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich]
- b. The graduate's personal details
- c. The academic title awarded
- d. The signature of the ETH Zurich Rector
- e. Place and date
- f. The official seal of ETH Zurich

² The Diploma Supplement comprises a standardised explanation of the degree.

¹⁸ See www.directives.ethz.ch

Chapter 6: Final clauses

Art. 39 Definitive failure, exclusion from the degree programme

¹ The degree programme is regarded as definitively failed if the conditions for obtaining the Master's degree (acquisition of the required number of credits for the Master's degree according to the stipulations of Art. 34 or any other conditions) can no longer be satisfied due to failure of performance assessments or failure to respect programme deadlines.⁽¹⁹⁾

² Definitive failure results in exclusion from the degree programme.

Art. 40 Transcript of records for non-graduating students (exclusion from or abandonment of studies)

Students who are excluded from the degree programme or withdraw from it before obtaining the Master's degree receive a transcript of records which lists all the study achievements generated and evaluated before exclusion or withdrawal.

Art. 41 Change or re-entry to the original degree programme

¹ Students who attended the previous Master's degree programme at ETH Zurich but did not graduate may after completion of, abandonment of or exclusion from the STP degree programme re-enter the original Master's degree programme provided that they fulfil the corresponding prerequisites. The following points also apply to this type of change or re-entry to the original Master's degree programme:

- a. The time remaining before studies must be completed are subject analogously to the stipulations for 're-entry to the same degree programme'. The corresponding policies are set out in Art. 42, Para. 3 of the ETH Zurich Admissions Ordinance⁽²⁰⁾ and in Art. 12 of the directive⁽²¹⁾ pertaining to it.
- b. This type of change or re-entry is not regarded as a change of degree programme.
- c. Change or re-entry are subject to the normal ETH Zurich dates and deadlines.

² Students who attended the previous Master's degree programme at ETH Lausanne are subject to the rules of ETH Lausanne if they re-enter the original Master's degree programme.

¹⁹ Programme deadlines are the deadline for undertaking a performance assessment, individual assigned deadlines and the maximum permitted duration of studies.

²⁰ SR 414.131.52, RSETHZ 310.5

²¹ See www.directives.ethz.ch

Art. 42 Special cases

The Director of Studies settles cases which are not addressed or insufficiently addressed by these Programme Regulations and their Appendix, or other relevant ordinances and directives.

Art. 43 Entry into effect

¹ These Programme Regulations enter into effect on 15 February 2015.

² They apply to students who enter this degree programme in Autumn Semester 2015 or later, taking into account the exception listed in Para. 3.

³ Due to the time limit imposed by the pilot phase, Autumn Semester 2018 is for the moment the last possible entry date.

On behalf of the Executive Board
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Appendix

To the Programme Regulations 2015 of the
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Applies to students who commence the degree programme in Autumn Semester 2015 or later, including students who are re-entering the degree programme.

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This appendix sets out the academic, language and performance prerequisites for and further details regarding admission to the Master's degree programme in Science, Technology and Policy (MSc STP). It supplements the stipulations of the Admission Regulations of ETH Zurich and the Directive on Admission to Master's Degree Programmes¹.

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¹ See www.directives.ethz.ch

1 Profile of requirements

Policy

For admission to the Master's degree programme in Science, Technology and Policy (subsequently 'MSc STP') all of the following prerequisites must be satisfied.

1.1 Academic prerequisites

¹ For admission to the MSc STP candidates must fulfil one of the following academic prerequisites:

- a. They have completed the Bachelor's degree and have acquired at least 60⁽²⁾ credits in a Master's degree (MSc) programme at ETH Zurich⁽³⁾ or ETH Lausanne.
- b. They hold a Master's degree⁽⁴⁾ (MSc) from ETH Zurich or ETH Lausanne.

² The 60 credits mentioned in Para. 1 (a) must stem from the curriculum of the respective Master's degree programme and must be earned in courses compulsory for this Master's degree in individual course unit categories. The exception is the Master's thesis, which may not comprise part of the required 60 credits⁽⁵⁾.

1.2 Performance prerequisites

¹ Admission to the MSc STP is subject to good academic performance in the preceding Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes (see also Section 2, Para. 4 and 5 of this appendix).

² Admission is not possible for students who have been excluded from the original Master's degree programme.

1.3 Language prerequisites

¹ The teaching language of the MSc STP is English.

² Excepted from this are the following Master's degree programmes:

- a. The ETH Zurich Master's degree programme in Biotechnology, in which for curricular reasons only 50 instead of 60 credits are required for admission (with the exception of the Master's thesis the credits required for the Master's degree in Biotechnology must still be acquired in all course unit categories).
- b. The ETH Zurich Master's degree programme in Biology, in which for curricular reasons only 56 instead of 60 credits are required for admission (with the exception of the Master's thesis and the Master's Exam the credits required for the Master's degree in Biology must still be acquired in all course unit categories).

³ The D-GESS Master's degree programmes MA CIS, MA GPW and MA FD Natw. are excepted from this. These three degree programmes do not qualify candidates for admission to the MSc STP if said candidates are not already graduates of, or have not already acquired at least 60 credits in, a technical or scientific Master's degree programme of one of the two ETHs.

⁴ The earlier Diploma (untiered Diploma programme) is regarded as equivalent to a Master's degree.

⁵ This restriction does not apply to the Master's degree programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences, where for curricular reasons the Master's thesis may contribute to the 60 required credits.

² For admission to the MSc STP, proof of sufficient knowledge of English (level C1)⁶ must be provided.

³ Any language certificates must be submitted by the time of entering the degree programme at the latest. The Rectorate publishes a list of the language certificates accepted.

2 Application and admission procedure

¹ All candidates must submit an application for admission to the MSc STP to the ETH Zurich Admissions Office. The specifications for application, in particular the documents required and the dates/deadlines for submission, are published on the website of the ETH Zurich Admissions Office (www.admission.ethz.ch).

² Candidates may apply when they have obtained at least 20 of the 60 credits required in the original Master's degree programme.

³ Applications will not be considered if

- a. they are submitted late or are not in the correct form (which includes proof that at least 20 credits from the original Master's degree programme have been acquired; see Para. 2 above), or
- b. the relevant fees have not been paid.

⁴ The admissions committee of the MSc STP determines how far the background of the candidate corresponds to the profile of requirements. The determining factors are

- a. The level of performance in the Bachelor's degree programme
- b. The level of performance in the first semester of the original Master's degree programme or in this programme as a whole (number of credits earned per semester, plus grades)
- c. The quality of the application letter. Particular quality criteria include
 - 1) The reasons for interest in the MSc STP. Indicators of interest are, for example, electives taken in the Bachelor's and the original Master's degree programmes.
 - 2) The suitability of the degree programme for reaching the candidate's academic and career goals

⁵ If undecided, the admissions committee may conduct a personal interview with the candidate as an additional evaluation factor. Candidates have no automatic right to an interview.

⁶ The admissions committee submits an application for admission/rejection to the Director of Studies.

⁶ The required language level is measured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (EFR) scale

⁷ The Rector makes the final decision regarding admission or rejection. Candidates admitted are not subject to additional requirements.

⁸ The candidate receives a written admissions decision.

3 Specific stipulations for entry to the MSc STP

3.1 Students from an ETH Master's degree programme

Students from an ETH Master's degree programme who have been granted admission to the MSc STP are subject to the following stipulations.

- a. They may enrol in the MSc STP when
 - 1) they have completed the Bachelor's degree;
 - 2) they have acquired at least 50 of the minimum required 60 credits from the original Master's degree programme; and
 - 3) they have fully completed any additional requirements from the original Master's degree programme.
- b. The normal ETH enrolment dates and deadlines apply.
- c. Admission is provisional until the 60 required credits have been obtained. It will be revoked if these credits are not or cannot be acquired.

3.2 Students from an EPFL Master's degree programme

Students from an ETH Lausanne Master's degree programme may only enter the MSc STP when

- a. they have completed the Bachelor's degree;
- b. they have provided a transcript of records which documents acquisition of the minimum 60 credits in the original Master's degree programme; and
- c. they have fully completed any additional requirements from the original Master's degree programme.