

## Appendix 1

To the 2017 programme regulations for the  
Master's degree programme in History and Philosophy of Knowledge

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*Applies to students who commence or re-enter the degree programme in Autumn Semester 2025 or later. Students who enter before that are subject to previous stipulations<sup>1</sup>.*

***This English translation is for information purposes only. The German version is the legally binding document.***

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### **Subject and scope**

*This appendix sets out the academic, language and performance prerequisites for and further details regarding admission to the Master's degree programme in History and Philosophy of Knowledge. It supplements the basic stipulations of the ETH Zurich Admissions Ordinance of 30 November 2010<sup>2</sup> and the Directive on Admission to Master's Degree Programmes<sup>3</sup>.*

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<sup>1</sup> For admissions for the Autumn Semester 2024 and earlier, the stipulations of the Appendix of 8 May 2012 (Version: 1 September 2019) apply.

<sup>2</sup> SR 414.131.52

<sup>3</sup> To be found at: [www.directives.ethz.ch](http://www.directives.ethz.ch)

## 1 Profile of requirements

### *Policy*

For admission to the Master's degree programme in History and Philosophy of Knowledge (subsequently "the degree programme"), all the following prerequisites must be satisfied.

### 1.1 Degree qualifications

<sup>1</sup> Admission to the degree programme presupposes an excellent university Bachelor's degree comprising at least 180 ECTS<sup>4</sup> credits or an equivalent university degree in natural sciences, engineering, humanities, or cultural sciences.

<sup>2</sup> A Bachelor's degree qualifies its holder for admission to an ETH Master's degree programme only if it also qualifies said holder to enter, without additional requirements, the desired Master's degree programme within the university system where the Bachelor's degree was acquired. The Rector may require proof of a university place, and determines whether said proof must be supplied from the original university or from another university in the country where the Bachelor's degree was acquired.

### 1.2 Language prerequisites

<sup>1</sup> The teaching language of the degree programme is English.

<sup>2</sup> For admission to the degree programme, proof of sufficient knowledge of English (level C1<sup>5</sup>) must be provided.

<sup>3</sup> The required language certificates must be submitted by the application deadline. The recognised language certificates are published on the website of the Academic Services of ETH Zurich.

### 1.3 Performance prerequisites

Admission to the degree programme presupposes a very good performance record in the preceding course of studies (cf. section 2, paragraphs 4 and 5 of this appendix).

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<sup>4</sup> ECTS: European Credit Transfer System. Credits describe the average time expended to achieve a learning goal. One credit corresponds to 30 hours of work.

<sup>5</sup> The required language level is measured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (EFR) scale

## **2 Application and admission procedure**

<sup>1</sup> All candidates must apply for admission to the degree programme to the ETH Zurich Admissions Office. The binding requirements for the application, in particular the documents to be submitted as well as the dates and deadlines, are published on the website of the Admissions Office ([www.admission.ethz.ch](http://www.admission.ethz.ch)).

<sup>2</sup> The application can be made at a time when the required degree is not yet available.

<sup>3</sup> Applications will not be considered if:

- a. they are not submitted in due time or form; or
- b. the pertaining fees are not paid.

<sup>4</sup> The admission committee of the degree programme assesses the candidates' previous education and aptitude for the Master's degree programme. Decisive for the assessment are the level of performance achieved in the previous (Bachelor's) studies and the quality of the application letter. The selection criteria include the justification of interest in the degree programme and the suitability of the degree programme to achieve learning and career goals.

<sup>5</sup> If necessary, the Admissions Committee may conduct a personal admissions interview as an additional basis for assessment.

<sup>6</sup> The Admissions Committee formulates an application for admission or rejection for the attention of the Director of Studies.

<sup>7</sup> The Rector decides on admission or rejection at the request of the Director of Studies.

<sup>8</sup> Candidates receive a written admission decision.

## **3 Specific stipulations for entering the degree programme**

### **3.1 Application with a Bachelor's degree from ETH Zurich**

<sup>1</sup> Students of an ETH Bachelor's degree programme with a positive admission decision can enrol in the Master's degree programme as soon as they only have to acquire either the credits for the Bachelor's thesis or a maximum of 10 credits from other course units for the Bachelor's degree.

<sup>2</sup> For Bachelor's students already enrolled at ETH Zurich who transfer to the Master's degree programme, the following generally applies:

- a. The normal ETH enrolment dates and deadlines apply.
- b. Admission is provisional as long as the Bachelor's degree has not been obtained. Admission will be revoked if the Bachelor's diploma is not acquired or cannot be obtained.

### **3.2 Application with a Bachelor's degree from another university**

Admitted candidates with a Bachelor's degree from a university other than ETH Zurich may only enter the degree programme once they have successfully completed the preceding (Bachelor's) degree programme.