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The Foundation Council of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover Public Law Foundation approved on 22.10.2025 the amendments to the following eligibility and admission regulations for the consecutive master's degree programme Water Resources and Environmental Engineering in accordance with section 18 paragraphs 6, 8 and 14 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) and section 7 paragraph 2 Lower Saxony University Admissions Act (NHZG) in conjunction with section 62 paragraph 4 sentence 1 of the NHG. These regulations shall take effect on the day following publication in the official bulletin of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover.

Eligibility and Admission Regulations for the Consecutive Master's Degree Programme Water Resources and Environmental Engineering

The Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodetic Science of Leibniz University Hannover resolved on 28.05.2025 the following regulations in accordance with section 18 paragraphs 8 and 14 Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) and Section 7 Lower Saxony University Admissions Act (NHZG):

Section 1 Scope

- (1) These regulations specify eligibility to apply for and admission to the master's degree programme Water Resources and Environmental Engineering.
- (2) The requirements for eligibility to apply are specified in section 2.
- (3) In the event that more applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, places shall be allocated according to a selection procedure determined by the university (section 4). If fewer applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, no selection process shall be conducted.

Section 2 Requirements for Eligibility to Apply

- (1) In order to be eligible to apply to the consecutive master's degree programme Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, the applicant must have obtained
 - a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree in a suitable previous degree programme at a German university or at a university in a Bologna signatory country or
 - an equivalent degree in a suitable previous degree programme at a different university abroad; equivalence shall be determined in accordance with the suggested evaluations issued by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) at the secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the *Länder* in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) (<http://anabin.kmk.org>).
 - sufficient English language proficiency (level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). For details on the evidence to be presented, see: <https://www.llc.uni-hannover.de/en/language-examinations/accepted-language-certificates-at-the-luh>.

The decision whether the previous degree programme is suitable is made by the selection committee; the decision may include an ancillary provision requiring completion of missing modules within two semesters. Suitable previous degree programmes include, as a rule, degree programmes in Civil Engineering and in Civil and Environmental Engineering as well as related degrees if they include at least the following credit points:

- 18 CP Mathematics for Engineers
(including Probability Theory/Statistics/Data Analysis)
 - 12 CP Computer Science/Programming
 - 18 CP Natural Sciences
(including Physics/Biology/Chemistry/Fluid Dynamics/Thermodynamics)
and at least
 - 30 CP in the area of Water or Environmental Engineering (including Hydrology, Water Resources Management, Sanitary Engineering, Fluid Dynamics or Process Engineering, Sustainability Engineering)
or 20 CP from areas of Water or Environmental Engineering mentioned and in which evidence is also provided of a final project/bachelor's thesis in the area of Water Engineering.
- (2) In deviation to paragraph 1, applicants who have not yet completed their bachelor's or an equivalent degree at the time of application are provisionally eligible to apply if they have obtained at least 150 credit points and it is to be expected that they will complete the bachelor's or equivalent degree by the end of the first semester of the master's degree programme at the latest. The average mark of the assessments completed so far shall be determined; it shall be taken into account in the selection process as per section 4, irrespective of the final bachelor's degree mark.
- (3) The selection committee may conduct a subject-related aptitude test if it is not possible to determine clearly from the documents whether the previous degree programme is a suitable degree programme.
- The aptitude test assesses the subject-related skills mentioned in section 2 paragraph (1). The applicants shall be invited to the aptitude test in writing and shall be admitted if they pass the aptitude test.

Section 3 Beginning of the Degree Programme and Application Deadline

- (1) Students may begin the master's degree programme Water Resources and Environmental Engineering in the winter semester. Applications, including the required documents specified in paragraph 3, must be received by the university by 15 January for the winter semester. Applicants from EU Member States may apply in a second procedure by 15 July. Applicants must submit both a written application and an online application (via the university's online portal). Applications for admission outside of the process for allocating university places and outside of the determined number of candidates to be admitted must be received by the university by 01.10. for the winter semester. Applications, including those as per sentence 4, shall be effective only for the allocation of places corresponding to the respective application deadline. The university is not required ex officio to verify the information provided by the applicant.
- (2) Students in the track "Major C: Resources and Environment" may obtain a double degree with the partner university Tsinghua University. The deadline for applying to the double degree programme is 15 January. Further details are specified in existing cooperation agreements.
- (3) Applications, including those as per paragraph 1 sentence 4, must be accompanied by the documents listed below. Certified copies are required for certificates and official confirmations; if these documents were not issued in German or English, certified German or English translations must be provided.
- a) the certificate of results (*Zeugnis*) for the bachelor's degree programme including a transcript of completed course units and examinations or – if this is not yet available – confirmation of completed coursework and assessments, credit points, as well as the average mark,
 - b) curriculum vitae,
 - c) proof of English language proficiency as per section 2 paragraph 1,
 - d) other supporting documents necessary to assess fulfilment of the admission requirements.
- e) Students must also indicate which track they seek to choose.
- (4) Applications that are incomplete or do not meet the requirements regarding form or deadline will be excluded from the admissions procedure. The university will retain the submitted documents.

Section 4 Admissions Procedure

- (1) In the event that more applicants fulfil the requirements for eligibility to apply than there are places available, places shall be allocated according to a selection procedure determined by the university.
- (2) The decision on selection and the ranking shall be established based on the final or average mark as per section 2 paragraphs 2 and 3). In the event that multiple applicants hold an equal rank based on their mark, their ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.
- (3) The selection committee (section 5) shall decide upon admissions.
- (4) In all other respects, the provisions of the university's enrolment regulations that generally apply shall remain unaffected. The enrolment of those applicants who must complete missing modules as specified in section 2 paragraph 1 shall expire if the evidence required for this is not provided within one year and the applicant is responsible for such neglect. The same shall apply if, as specified in section 2 paragraph 2, evidence of successful completion of the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification is not provided by 15 April (for enrolment in the winter semester) and the applicant is responsible for such neglect.

Section 5 Selection Committee for the Master's Degree Programme Water Resources and Environmental Engineering

- (1) The Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodetic Science shall establish a selection committee to prepare decisions regarding selection.
- (2) The selection committee shall comprise at least three members entitled to vote, who must be a professor or junior professor or another member of academic staff, in addition to a student member acting in an advisory role. At least one member must belong to the group of professors and junior professors. Members are appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodetic Science. The members are appointed for a term of two years, the student member is appointed for one year; reappointment is possible. The selection committee has a quorum provided that at least two members entitled to vote are present.
- (3) The duties of the selection committee include:
 - a) reviewing whether the requirements for eligibility to apply have been met,
 - b) determining whether the candidate has completed a closely related degree programme and, as appropriate, setting conditions as per section 2 paragraph 1,
 - c) conducting the aptitude test,
 - d) deciding whether to admit or reject applicants.

Section 6 Notification, Completion of the Procedure

- (1) Successful candidates will receive notification of admission from the university in writing. A deadline will be specified in the notification within which the applicant must declare in writing whether they wish to accept the place or not. If this declaration is not received in correct form by the deadline, the notification of admission becomes invalid. This legal consequence must be indicated in the notification of admission.
- (2) Unsuccessful candidates shall receive a notification of rejection. The notification of rejection must include information on legal remedies.
- (3) The admissions procedures shall be concluded at the latest two weeks after commencement of the lecture period.

Section 7 Admission to Advanced Semesters

- (1) Available places in an advanced semester of a degree programme with restricted admission shall be allocated to applicants according to the order below:
 - a) applicants for whom, due to personal reasons, rejection of admission would mean undue hardship,
 - b) applicants who are or were enrolled in the same or a comparable degree programme

- ba) at another German university or a university in another EU member state or another signatory state to the EEA Agreement, or
 - bb) at a foreign university and have German citizenship or are of equal legal status to German citizens with respect to admission regulations, or
 - c) who claim any other grounds.
- (2) Within each of the three groups in paragraph 1, admission shall be decided depending on the mark attained for the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification; in the case of identical results, admission shall be allocated according to social aspects that were decisive in the choice of location, especially familial or financial aspects; thereafter, places shall be allocated by drawing lots.

Section 8 Entry into Force

These regulations shall enter into force the day after publication in the university's official bulletin.