

**First Statutes on the Amendment of the Admission Statutes for the Master's Course
"Intellectual Encounters of the Islamicate World"
of the Faculty of History and Cultural Studies of the Free University of Berlin**

Preamble

On 13.01.2016 the faculty representative committee of the Faculty of History and Cultural Studies of Freie Universität Berlin issued the following First Statutes¹ on the Amendment of the Admission Statutes for the Master's Course "Intellectual Encounters of the Islamicate World" of the Faculty of History and Cultural Studies of Freie Universität Berlin (FU notification no. 30/2013, p. 249) on the basis of section § 14, paragraph 1, no. 2 of the Partial Basic Regulations (test model) of Freie Universität Berlin of 27th October 1998 (FU notification no. 24/1998) in conjunction with section § 10 of the law on acceptance to restricted-admission courses of study in advanced educational establishments of the state of Berlin (BerlHZG [Berlin Admissions to Advanced Educational Establishments Act]) in the wording of the new version announced on 18th June 2005 (official gazette, p. 393), last amended on 26th June 2013 (official gazette p. 198), in conjunction with section § 10, paragraph 5, sentence 2 of the law on advanced educational establishments in the state of Berlin (BerlHG [Berlin Advanced Educational Establishments Act]) in the wording of the new version announced on 26th July 2011 (official gazette p. 378).

Article I

1. Section § 3, paragraph 2 is to be revised as follows.

(2) Applicants with a German or equivalent foreign professional qualification from an arts or cultural studies course of studies at a higher educational establishment with a value of less than 240 CPs, but at least 180 CPs with proof of at least 80 CPs in the subjects of Islamic Studies, Arabic Studies, Jewish Studies, Philosophy, Theology or in comparable subjects can in individual cases satisfy the admission requirements if they can additionally either provide proof of qualifications relating to a master's course of study in accordance with no. 1, or can pass the qualifying examination in accordance with no. 2.

1. Competence equivalent to appropriate qualifications for the master's course of study acquired other than in advanced educational establishments can be proven in particular by means of reports, certificates or documentation. Such qualifications include in particular further-educational certificates, completion of recognized skilled trades or completion of training with state recognition or Chamber of Industry and Commerce examinations, or some comparable international specialist qualification that is acquired subsequent to any of those referred to in sentence 1. The qualification must have a fundamental content-relation to the conclusion referred to under sentence 1 or to the sought-after conclusion in the master's course of study and must have the form of quantifiable, interrelated individual modules acquired at a facility recognized under public law. The qualification must at least correspond to level 6 of the German qualifications framework. Relevant, qualified work experience for the master's course of study - such as the curating of handwritten manuscripts or other artefacts from the Islamic world of the Middle Ages; activities in the context of international (non-)

¹ This statute was approved by the Presidential Board of Freie Universität Berlin on 01.02.2016 and by the senate administration responsible for advanced educational establishments on 15.02.2016.

government organizations; from cultural facilities and educational establishments whose objectives lie in interdisciplinary cultural, national and religious understanding, or in the field of translation - must have been undertaken subsequent to the conclusion referred to in sentence 1 and must have a fundamental content-relation to the conclusion referred to in sentence 1, or to the sought-after conclusion in the master's course of study.

2. The board of examiners of the Faculty of History and Cultural Studies of Freie Universität Berlin responsible for the master's course of study can invite applicants with a conclusion referred to in sentence 1, who have no qualifications or whose qualifications are insufficient, in accordance with no. 1, to the qualifying examination. The qualifying examination is conducted by the persons appointed for selection in accordance with section § 4, paragraph 5. The qualifying examination is undertaken in the English language and consists of a written exam and an oral exam.

For the written part of the qualifying examination the applicant is given an academic task by the persons appointed for selection, for the answering of which the applicant must prepare a homework. This is intended to demonstrate that the applicant is able, within a given period, to structure an academic problem relating to the qualification aimed at in the master's course of study and to define and implement a procedure for answering the set question. The issue of the academic task is undertaken by the persons appointed for selection together with the invitation to the oral part of the qualifying examination. The homework is to be submitted to the persons appointed for selection three weeks after the date of issue and should have a length of at least 3,000 words (10 pages), and at most 6,000 words (20 pages).

The oral part of the qualifying examination lasts approx. 60 minutes per applicant. In the verbal part of the qualifying examination specialist questions relating to the conclusion aimed at in the master's course of study - particularly from the fields of Islamic Studies, Arabic Studies, Jewish Studies, Philosophy and Theology - must be answered.

The written part and the oral part of the qualifying examination are in each case simply evaluated by the persons appointed for selection as "passed" or "not passed". The qualifying examination is regarded as having been passed if both the written and the oral parts of the qualifying examination have been evaluated as "passed". The evaluation of the written part of the qualifying examination and the course of the oral part of the qualifying examination will in each case be documented in writing. The applicant will be told directly after the oral part of the qualifying examination whether or not he or she has passed qualifying examination and thereby satisfies the admission requirements to the master's course of study.

2. Section § 3, paragraphs 2 to 4 will be renumbered as section § 3, paragraphs 3 to 5.

3. In section § 3, paragraph 4, "C1" will be altered to "B2".

Article II

This statute comes into force on the day after its publication in the FU notification (Official Gazette of Freie Universität Berlin).