

Guidelines for qualitative admissions requirements for the specialized Master's (MSc) Program in Climate Sciences

The Climate Studies Commission establishes the following guidelines based on Art. 4 Para. 5 Section I of the syllabus for the specialized Master's (MSc) and PhD programs in Climate Sciences of September 1, 2006:

Admissions Interview

The admissions interview serves the Climate Studies Commission, in addition to the written application and supporting documents, as the basis for recommending provisional acceptance or rejection of candidates for the MSc program in Climate Sciences.

An individual interview should serve to determine whether

- applicants, on the basis of their previously acquired knowledge and their interest in further academic study, are suited to the specific requirements of the MSc in Climate Sciences;
- applicants' expectations regarding the main focus of their studies, supervision of their Master's thesis and possible supplementary studies (according to the syllabus, up to a total of 60 ECTS credits) correspond to those of the program supervisor;
- applicants' linguistic and communicative abilities permit successful completion of the program.

This minuted interview will take place in German or English.

Grades and ECTS credits

An additional component in determining applicants' suitability for the program is their grade point average (ECTS-credit weighted). This average should correspond at least to the qualification "good". All grades available up to the time of the interview, corresponding to courses mentioned in the application documentation, should be included. This will normally involve grades for courses worth at least 150 ECTS credits.

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For the Climate Program Commission
President

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