

Appendix

To the Programme Regulations 2016 of the
Joint Master's degree programme in Comparative and International Studies (CIS)

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Applies to students who commence or re-enter the degree programme in Autumn Semester 2020 or later. Students who enter before Autumn Semester 2020 are subject to previous stipulations.

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This appendix sets out the academic, language and performance prerequisites for and further details regarding admission to the Joint Master's degree programme in Comparative and International Studies (CIS). It supplements the stipulations of the Admission Regulations of ETH Zurich and the Directive on Admission to Master's Degree Programmes.

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1 Profile of requirements

Policy

For admission to the Master's degree programme in Comparative and International Studies (CIS) (subsequently 'the degree programme') all of the following prerequisites must be satisfied.

1.1 Degree qualifications

¹ Admission to the degree programme presupposes a university Bachelor's degree comprising at least 180 ECTS⁽¹⁾ credits or an equivalent university degree in a social-scientific discipline which satisfies the pertaining academic and performance admission prerequisites.

² Said social-scientific disciplines include, in particular (listed alphabetically):

- a. Economics
- b. Sociology
- c. Political Science
- d. Public Policy

³ 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 Academic prerequisites

¹ Attendance of the Master's degree programme in CIS presupposes basic knowledge and competences in social-scientific methods (particularly quantitative research methods), and in the Political Sciences (discipline requirements profile).

² The **discipline requirements profile** comprises at least **20 credits** in total and is structured in two parts:

- a. **Part 1** comprises at least **8 credits** and covers knowledge and skills in social-scientific methods and in statistics (incl. linear regression).
- b. **Part 2** comprises at least **12 credits**. At least 6 of these must be acquired in "International Relations" and at least 6 in "Comparative Politics".
Alternatively, a maximum of 6 credits may be substituted by the following subjects: Political Economy, Political Sociology, Political Geography, Political Psychology or Public Policy.

¹ ECTS: European Credit Transfer System. Credits describe the average time expended to achieve a learning goal. One credit corresponds to 30 hours of work.

1.3 Performance prerequisites

Admission to the degree programme presupposes a very good study performance record in the preceding course of studies, in particular with regard to the areas listed in Section 1.2.

1.4 Language prerequisites

¹ The teaching language of the degree programme is English.

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

³ The required language certificates must be submitted by the application deadline. The ETH Zurich publishes a list of the language certificates accepted.

2 Application and admission procedure

¹ All interested parties must submit an application for admission to the degree programme 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 Application may be made even if the required preceding degree has not yet been issued.

³ Applications will not be considered if

- a. they are submitted late or not in the correct form, or
- b. any pertaining fees have not been paid.

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

- a. Fulfilment of the academic requirements profile
- b. The level of performance in the Bachelor's degree programme (grades, skill level)
- c. The assessment of the candidate's abilities in the two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation are only accepted if they are authored as per the form provided.

⁵ The admissions committee submits an application for admission/rejection to the Director of Studies.

² The required language level is measured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (EFR) scale

⁶ At the request of the Director of Studies the Rector decides to admit or reject the candidate.

⁷ The candidate receives a written admissions decision.

3 Specific stipulations for entering the degree programme

¹ Candidates who have been granted admission may only enter the degree programme when they have successfully completed the preceding Bachelor's degree programme.

² Students commence the degree programme in the Autumn Semester