

### **Admission Regulations for the European Master of Arts in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR)**

at

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the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations.

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## **A Consortium Committee**

### **§1 Tasks of the EMMIR Consortium Committee**

The Consortium Committee, constituted according to the Consortium Agreement, conducts the admissions procedure, monitors the implementation of EMMIR, and organises the examinations according to the tasks listed in these regulations.

### **§2 Faculty and Staff Members of the Consortium Committee**

The Consortium Committee consists of two representatives from each partner university.

### **§3 Consortium Committee Selection Board**

One of the two representatives per partner university is appointed to be a member in the Consortium Committee Selection Board. The Selection Board is responsible for the selection of students according to §7 and §8.

### **§4 Students' Representatives in the Consortium Committee**

The students of EMMIR elect two student representatives to be members of the Consortium Committee. The student representatives are granted advisory votes in questions pertaining to examinations and are consulted in the process of monitoring the course of study.

## **B Admission Regulations**

### **§5 Date of Admission**

(1) The date of commencement of the programme will be announced by the EMMIR Consortium Committee a minimum of one year prior to registration.

### **§6 Admission Requirements**

(1) Admission requirements incorporate the national admission requirements of each partner university. Admission requirements for EMMIR are as follows:

(2) The programme builds upon a first degree such as a Bachelor's degree (or an equivalent qualification) in a field related to migration studies: Social sciences, History, Cultural studies, Educational sciences, Law, Economics, and Journalism.

(3) The final grade of the first degree must be a minimum (or equivalent) of C+ (US-American letter grade, equivalent to GPA 2,3 or German grade 2,7) and proven by certificates. Preliminary transcripts are acceptable when applying, but the final degree certificate is required before the start of the programme.

(4) Applicants have to document knowledge of migration studies, intercultural relations and empirical methods. Modules completed at the undergraduate level, papers, essays and examination results are considered valid documentation. Preference will also be given to qualified applicants who, in addition, have relevant professional experience.

(5) Applicants whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must demonstrate proficiency in English by the application deadline. Acceptable tests of English language competence are:

Test	Validity	Minimum score required
TOEFL-PBT (paper-based)	2 years	570
TOEFL-CBT (computer-based)	2 years	230
TOEFL – iBT (Internet-based)	2 years	88
IELTS (International English Language Test)	2 years	6.5
APIEL (Advanced Placement International English Language)	2 years	3.0
MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery)	2 years	85
Cambridge Proficiency Examination	5 years	C1
Cambridge Advanced English Test	5 years	C

Equivalent alternatives may be considered upon request.

(6) Non-native English speakers who fall in one of the following categories may request an English language proficiency waiver, for example:

- applicants from countries where English is one of several official languages,
- applicants who have obtained their undergraduate degree from an English-language university,
- applicants who, within the past five years, had spent a minimum of two consecutive academic years of study at a recognized English-language university or institution of higher education.

Anyhow, in each of the above cases the Consortium Committee reserves the right to request evidence of English language proficiency.

(7) Applicants whose native language is English must demonstrate proficiency in a second language relevant to migration studies by the application deadline at a level corresponding to the list in (5) or (6). Applicants might be asked to justify the language's relevance to migration studies.

### §7 Application for Admission

(1) Applicants have to fill in the application form provided on the course website and address it to the University of Oldenburg including all relevant attachments according to (2).

(2) The application must include the following documents in English. Documents in languages other than English have to be accompanied by certified translation into English.

- proof of admission requirements according to §6,
- applicant's CV detailing professional career (including certificates of advanced training, if available)
- a Statement of Purpose clarifying the applicant's motivation to study the course. Applicants are especially asked to elaborate on their professional or practical experience in the field of migration or migration studies.

(3) Applicants will be pre-screened by the coordinating institution. The final assessment will be carried out by the Consortium Committee Selection Board (see §8).

- (4) The deadline for applications will be announced by the Consortium Committee minimum of 4 months prior to the respective date.
- (5) Applicants who fail to provide the documents mentioned in (2) will be exempted from the further application procedures.
- (6) The Consortium Committee Selection Board compiles a ranking list of applicants; based on the ranking list students will be admitted according to the agreed number of study places.

### §8 Selection Criteria

- (1) The Consortium Committee Selection Board takes into account the following:

Criterion	Minimum score required	Maximum score	Weighting Factor	Maximum points
Level of academic qualification	2	3	30	90
Relevance of academic qualification	1	3	30	90
Relevance and level of research/professional experience	0	3	20	60
Statement of Purpose	1	3	10	30
Proficiency in second/third language	1	3	10	30

- 3 points = excellent  
 2 points = very good  
 1 point = good  
 0 points = weak/not pertinent/not available

- (2) In order to fulfil the minimum admission requirements a candidate needs to meet the minimum score for each criterion as defined in (1) and needs to have an overall score of at least 180 out of 300 points.
- (3) A ranking list of applicants is compiled based on the weighted average of all Selection Board members' votes.

### §9 Decisions on Admission or Rejection

- (1) Applicants accepted in accordance with §6 will receive notification of acceptance from the University of Oldenburg, as well as a Letter of Acceptance from the Consortium Committee. The notification of acceptance contains a deadline by which the applicant must register for the programme. If this deadline is not met, the notification of acceptance will be null and void.
- (2) If one or more places is/are still available after the deadline for registration expired, a corresponding number of applicants, who did not initially receive notification of acceptance, will be admitted according to the ranking order achieved.
- (3) The admission procedure will be closed by 31 July.
- (4) Applicants who are not accepted will receive a notification of rejection together with a statement of the right to appeal.

### §10 Participation Costs

- (1) The Consortium charges participation costs. The Consortium Committee will announce the level of participation costs for each cohort by 15 August the year prior to the programme start.
- (2) The participation costs do not include the hosting university's registration and student service fees, room and board as well as other living expenses.

### §11 Part-time Study

The Consortium does not make provisions for part-time study.

## **C Final regulations**

### **§12 Date of Coming into Force**

These regulations are approved by all universities offering the European Master of Arts in Migration and Intercultural Relations and shall come into force after approval by Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Kultur ((MWK), Ministry of Science and Culture in Lower Saxony) on the day after they have been published in Amtliche Mitteilungen – Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg (Official Reports of the University of Oldenburg).

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