

Master's program in International Relations (MIB)

Faculty of History and Social Sciences (GGF)

Aptitude testing procedure

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1. Purpose

In addition to the formal admission requirements, qualification for the Master's degree program in International Relations requires proof of aptitude in accordance with the following regulations.

2. Procedure

The prerequisite for participation is a first qualifying university degree in a course of study comprising at least six semesters of study in the fields of politics, society, history, economics or languages with an overall grade of at least 2.5 ("good") or a degree in law completed with an overall grade of at least "satisfactory".

In addition, applicants must prove a good knowledge of German and English, both written and spoken (German at least level A2 of the European Framework of Reference, English at least B2): German language skills are proven either by the school leaving certificate, the first degree, a Goethe certificate (A2) or other qualifying proof. English language skills are proven either by the secondary school leaving certificate, the first degree, by successful participation in the TOEFL exam (with a minimum total score of 78) or another qualifying proof.

Applications for admission to the aptitude testing procedure for the following winter semester must be submitted *exclusively* online via the corresponding KU portal (www.ku.de/bewerbungen) between May 1 and July 1 of the respective year (cut-off deadline). International applicants are advised to submit their application promptly after May 1 in order to be able to apply for visas and plan their travel in time in case of admission to the aptitude test.

3. Admission

In the first stage of the aptitude test (pre-selection), the selection committee examines the submitted documents to determine whether the applicants are suitable for the course of study on the basis of their proven previous education.

Particularly suitable applicants will receive immediate admission. Particularly suitable applicants are those who meet the following criteria:

1. Grade of 1.7 or better, and
2. Major in political science, history, or sociology in their first degree; and
3. Stay abroad of at least one semester (4 months) for the purpose of studies, internship or voluntary service.
4. Foreign applicants are also particularly suitable if they present a DAAD scholarship instead of the above criteria.

In addition, a personal interview is held with the applicants in accordance with Paragraph 4 in order to check the professional and personal suitability of the applicants in a standardized procedure.

4. Scope and content of the procedure

In order to determine the suitability, a personal interview of max. 25 minutes duration is conducted, the date of which is determined by the selection committee. In justified exceptional cases, the interview can take place by means of a video conferencing tool provided by the KU. The decision on this is made by the selection committee. The interview is intended to provide information about the applicant's knowledge of the relevant subject matter of the degree program. The interview will focus on the applicant's knowledge of international organizations (European Union, United Nations), political systems (forms of government, systems of governance) and contemporary history (East-West conflict). The date for the personal interview will be announced at least one week in advance.

5. Announcement of the result

The result of the interview is "pass" or "fail". The aptitude test is passed only if the decision of both members of the selection committee is "pass".

The Student Office of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt notifies the persons who have applied for a study place of the result of the aptitude test. In the notification of admission, the enrollment deadline is set. If the applicants do not enroll within this period, the notification of admission becomes invalid. If the University rejects the enrollment of an applicant because the other requirements for enrollment are not met, the notice of admission also becomes invalid. Applicants who are not admitted shall be issued a notice of rejection, which shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons.

6. Repetition

Applicants who have failed to provide proof of eligibility for the Master's program may re-apply for the aptitude testing procedure of the following year at the earliest. If they fail again, a further repetition is not possible.