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### **Faculty of Physics:**

Following the resolution of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Physics dated 08.07.2020 and the Senate of the University of Göttingen dated 23.09.2020, the Foundation Committee of the University of Göttingen Foundation under Public Law on 05.11.2020 approved the third amendment to the regulation governing qualifications for entry and admission for the consecutive Master's degree programme "Physics" in the version published on 07.06.2016 (Official Announcements | No. 35/2016 p. 1046), last amended by Articles dated 08.05.2020 (Official Announcements | No. 25/2020 p. 615) (§ 44 section 1 sentence 2 NHG (Lower Saxony Higher Education Act)) in the version published on 26.02.2007 (Nds. GVBI (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 69), last amended by Article 1 of the Act dated 11.09.2019 (Nds. GVBI (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 258); § 41 section 1 sentence 1 NHG in conjunction with § 18 section 6 sentence 3, section 8, sentence 3 NHG and § 7 section 1 sentence 1 NHZG (Lower Saxony Higher Education Admissions Act) in the version of the announcement dated 29.01.1998 (Nds. GVBI (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 51), last amended by Article 2 of the Act dated 19.11.2019 (Nds. GVBI (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 333); § 62 section 4 sentence 1 NHG, § 60 a) section 1 sentence 1 NHG in conjunction with § 18 section 6 sentence 3, section 8 sentence 3, section 14 NHG and § 7 section 2 NHZG).

# Regulation concerning the qualifications for entry and admission for the consecutive Master's degree programme "Physics" at the University of Göttingen

### I. Scope

### § 1 Scope

- (1) These regulations govern entry and admission to the Master's degree programme "Physics".
- (2) The university conducts an autonomous procedure in accordance with the following provisions to determine the qualifications for entry for all university places to be awarded in the Master's degree programme "Physics".

(3) <sup>1</sup>If the number of applicants who meet the qualifications for entry exceeds the available university places, the university shall award the places based on the results of its own selection procedure. <sup>2</sup>If the number of applicants who meet the qualifications for entry falls short of the available places, no selection procedure shall take place.

### II. Authorisation for admission

### § 2 Qualifications for entry

- (1) <sup>1</sup>It is a requirement for entrance to the Master's degree programme that the applicant possesses the professional competence. <sup>2</sup>Candidates shall be deemed to possess the relevant professional competence if they have completed a technically relevant course of studies to Bachelor's degree level with a standard course length of at least six semesters and a total of at least 180 ECTS credits, or an equivalent degree programme in physics or in a closely related subject area in accordance with section 3 at a German university or a university in one of the Bologna signatory states. <sup>3</sup>Final examinations which have been passed in a country outside the Bologna signatory states require the determination of equivalence with the qualifications in accordance with sentence 1, taking into account the proposals of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) at the Office of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Federal States in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) for the recognition and assessment of foreign certificates of academic qualification, which can be found under the URL http://anabin.kmk.org. <sup>4</sup>The grades of the foreign certificates of academic qualification must be converted to the German grading system.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Notwithstanding section 1, eligibility shall be considered proven by applicants who have not yet completed a course of studies at the time of application, but have acquired at least 150 credits in a relevant Bachelor's degree programme in accordance with section 3, or in an equivalent degree programme. <sup>2</sup>The average grade calculated from the previous examination components is also taken into consideration in the selection procedure in place of the Bachelor grade or the grade of an equivalent certificate of academic qualification, irrespective of whether the result of the bachelor's examination deviates from this.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The decision as to whether a preliminary course of studies is relevant within the meaning of sections 1 to 2 shall be made by the selection committee. <sup>2</sup>It is a requirement for the technical relevance of the preliminary course of studies that proof is provided of performance in physics, mathematics, chemistry, biology or computer sciences amounting to at least 126 credits, including performances in physics amounting to at least 78 credits, including performances in theoretical physics, quantum mechanics and statistical mechanics amounting to at least 12 credits. <sup>3</sup>Insofar as fewer persons apply who satisfy all qualifications for entry in accordance with sentence 2 than there are university places to be awarded, the selection committee may

require the completion of pending examination components in accordance with sentence 2 within two semesters for assessing the technical relevance. In this case, determination of technical relevance and admission are conditional on proof of the pending examination components, which should be submitted within two semesters from the time of enrolment at the university (closing date). <sup>4</sup>Assessment of technical relevance shall not be possible if the components in accordance with sentence 2 that have not yet been performed have a rating of more than 16 credits. <sup>5</sup>The requirement in accordance with sentence 3 must be submitted by no later than 15/11 for enrolment in the winter semester and by no later than 15/05 for enrolment in the summer semester; determination of relevance of the subject and admission are conditional until this proof has been submitted. <sup>6</sup>If proof of the pending examination components in accordance with section 4 or 6 is not submitted by the deadline, assessment of the relevance of the subject and any letter of admission based on this shall become invalid.

- (4) ¹Applicants whose native language is not German and who neither meet a German university entrance qualification nor have acquired their Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree at a German university must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in the German language. ²Proof of this should be demonstrated by a test with an average grade point of DSH-2 in accordance with the examination regulation for the German language test for university admission of foreign prospective students (DSH). ³The obligation to take the test need not be met by applicants who are exempted from the German language test for admission to colleges and universities in accordance with the examination regulations for the German language test for the admission of foreign students to colleges and universities (DSH) at the University of Göttingen. This applies in particular to those applicants who have proven the required German language skills on the basis of successful completion of the Test of German as a Foreign Language (TestDaF) with at least four times TestDaF grade level 4 (TDN 4) or the German examination module of the assessment test during the preparatory course.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>Applicants whose native language is not English must show adequate English language skills. <sup>2</sup>Adequate knowledge of English must be demonstrated with standardised or accredited certificates at minimum B2 level or higher in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). <sup>3</sup>The following in particular shall serve as proof:
  - a) UNIcert®: min. certificate UNIcert® II;
  - b) NULTE certificate: min. level B2;
  - c) Cambridge English Scale: min. 160 points;
  - d) International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic): min. band 5.5;
  - e) Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based test (TOEFL iBT): min.

- f) Global Scale of English (Pearson Academic): min. 59 points.
- <sup>4</sup>Successful completion of tests (a-f) may not have taken place more than two years before receipt of the application for admission. <sup>5</sup>At least one year of residence in an English-speaking country for the purpose of study or work, or an average grade of at least 8 points in the subject of English within the two school years before achieving the university entrance qualification, also constitutes proof of adequate English language proficiency.
- (6) <sup>1</sup>Applicants whose native language is English or who possess excellent English-language skills are not required to provide proof in accordance with sections 4 and 5. <sup>2</sup>Adequate knowledge of English must be demonstrated with standardised or accredited certificates at minimum C1 level or higher in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). <sup>3</sup>The following in particular shall serve as proof:
  - a) UNIcert®: min. certificate UNIcert® III;
  - b) NULTE certificate: min. level C1;
  - c) Cambridge English Scale: min. 180 points;
  - d) International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic): min. band 6.5;
  - e) Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based test (TOEFL iBT): min.

### 95 points;

- f) Global Scale of English (Pearson Academic): min. 76 points.
- <sup>4</sup>Successful completion of tests (a-f) may not have taken place more than two years before receipt of the application for admission. <sup>5</sup>At least two years of residence in an English-speaking country for the purpose of study or work within the three years before receipt of the application for admission, or successful degree earned in a degree programme in the English language, also constitute proof of excellent English language proficiency.
- (7) ¹In all other respects, the general provisions of the regulation applying to enrolment at the University remain unaffected. ²Enrolment of applicants who are provisionally authorised for admission in accordance with section 2 is conditional upon submission of proof of successful completion of the Bachelor's degree programme or an equivalent degree programme. ³The proof must be provided by the end of 15/11 for enrolment in the winter semester and by the end of 15/05 for enrolment in the summer semester. ⁴Provided the Dean determines, on the basis of the periods of studies so far, in particular the present examination components, that the applicant will attain the degree at the latest by the end of the first semester of the Master's degree programme, the deadline in accordance with sentence 3 shall be extended to the end of 31/03 for enrolment for a winter semester and to the end of 30/09 for enrolment for a summer semester. This determination is only admissible provided
  - a) as examination results, only the thesis is missing or

b) the thesis has already been submitted to the university and the amount of the examination components that are still missing does not exceed six credits.

### III. Selection procedure

### § 3 Start of programme, application for admission, closing date

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The Master's degree programme starts in both the summer and winter semesters. <sup>2</sup>Applications for admission must be submitted via the university's online portal. They must be received by the University together with the application documents required in accordance with section 2 by 15/06 (closing date) for the winter semester and by 01/12 (closing date) for the summer semester. <sup>3</sup>The application applies only to the award of university places for the relevant admission date. <sup>4</sup>The university is not obliged to review the details of the applicants ex officio.
- (2) The following documents must be enclosed with the application for admission; they must be uploaded to the university server over the online portal:
  - a) the applicant's degree certificate(s) in German or English translations if the originals are not in English or German; if a degree certificate is not yet available, a certificate of the examination results acquired, the credits and the average grade should be submitted;
  - b) a curriculum vitae in tabular form written in German or English with a meaningful presentation of the educational background;
  - c) proof of sufficient German and English language skills in accordance with § 2 section
  - 4, 5 or proof of excellent English language skills in accordance with § 2 section 6;
  - d) designation of two university professors who will each be asked by the University of Göttingen to submit a letter of recommendation for the applicant;
  - e) if necessary, other documents that confirm the particular knowledge or specialist performances of relevance to the degree programme;
  - f) a declaration stating the study focus the applicant intends to select within the degree programme;
  - g) a declaration on whether the applicant has successfully / unsuccessfully completed a Master's degree programme in the same discipline or has not yet completed it.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>Applications that are not submitted in full, or in due form and time, shall be excluded from the further procedure. <sup>2</sup>The documents submitted shall be retained by the university.
- (4) If a prospective student credibly demonstrates that they are disadvantaged compared to other applicants due to an obstacle in the selection procedure, appropriate compensation for disadvantage is to be granted by the Selection Committee upon application.

# § 4 Selection committee for the Master's degree programme

- (1) The Faculty of Physics at the university shall form at least one selection committee to prepare the decision on selection for this degree programme.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>A selection committee includes two members who belong to the full-time academic staff or the professorial group and a member of the students' group with advisory vote. <sup>2</sup>At least one member must belong to the professorial group. <sup>3</sup>The members shall be appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Physics. <sup>4</sup>The tenure of the members is two years, while that of the student group member is one year. <sup>5</sup>Reappointment is possible. <sup>6</sup>The selection committee has a quorum if at least two members eligible to vote are present.
- (3) The tasks of the selection committee are:
  - a) examination of the incoming applications for admission for formal correctness;
  - b) examination and, if necessary, assessment of the qualifications for entry;
  - c) conducting interviews in accordance with § 8;
  - d) decision on admission or rejection of applicants.
- (4) The selection committee reports to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Physics on the experience gathered after conclusion of the award procedure and, if necessary, may submit suggestions for further development of the award procedure.

### § 5 Sequence of the selection procedure

- (1) A selection procedure includes the award of university places based on the specific admission date.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>A decision on the applications for admission is made in a main procedure and, if required, in the procedure for subsequent admissions. <sup>2</sup>In the first step of the main procedure, university places shall first be awarded to those applicants entitled to admission who are outstandingly suitable (best quota; § 6) and then to applicants entitled to admission in accordance with a combination of a number of criteria (combination quota; § 7).
- (3) <sup>1</sup>Any persons admitted based on best quota shall not be eligible to participate in the selection procedure based on combination quota. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who has been awarded admission based on best quota or combination quota, shall not participate in any procedure for subsequent admissions.
- (4) By overbooking, the selection committee can factor in university places that may not be taken up.
- (5) Any university places still available after the best quota selection shall be included in the combination quota.
- (6) <sup>1</sup>In all other respects, the general provisions of the regulation applying to enrolment at the University remain unaffected. <sup>2</sup>The admission of applicants who are provisionally authorised

for admission in accordance with § 2 section 2 is conditional upon submission of proof of successful completion of the Bachelor's degree programme or an equivalent degree programme. <sup>3</sup>The proof must be provided by the end of 15/11 for enrolment in the winter semester and by the end of 15/05 for enrolment in the summer semester. <sup>4</sup>Provided the Dean determines, on the basis of the periods of studies so far, in particular the present examination components, that the applicant will attain the degree at the latest by the end of the first semester of the Master's degree programme, the deadline in accordance with sentence 3 shall be extended to the end of 31/03 for enrolment for a winter semester and to the end of 30/09 for enrolment for a summer semester. This determination is only admissible provided

- a) as examination results, only the thesis is missing or
- b) the thesis has already been submitted to the university and the amount of the examination components that are still missing does not exceed six credits.

# § 6 Best quota

- (1) <sup>1</sup>A ranking shall be generated in accordance with the following provisions for selection based on the combination quota. <sup>2</sup>In the event of identical ranking, ranking shall be determined according to the result of the Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree. In all other cases, where there is identical ranking, lots shall be drawn to decide the outcome. <sup>3</sup>70% of university places shall be awarded according to this ranking, beginning with place 1.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Selection shall be made on the basis of ranking, where a maximum of 60 points is attainable. <sup>2</sup>This is generated in accordance with the following provisions:
  - a) Depending on the grade achieved in the Bachelor's degree or the grade of an equivalent certificate of academic qualification, points shall be awarded to the applicant as follows:

4,0	0 points,
under 4.0, up to and including 3.7	12 points,
under 3.7, up to and including 3.3	18 points,
under 3.3, up to and including 3.0	24 points,
under 3.0, up to and including 2.7	30 points,
under 2.7, up to and including 2.3	33 points,
under 2.3, up to and including 2.0	36 points,
under 2.0, up to and including 1.7	39 points,
under 1.7, up to and including 1.3	42 points,
under 1.3, up to and including 1.0	45 points.

b) For specialised knowledge, skills and experience that are advantageous for successful completion of this degree programme, the applicant shall be credited with a maximum of 15 points as follows:

ba) depending on the nature and extent of the proven knowledge, skills and experience that are relevant to the degree programme, and taking into account any letters of recommendation, the applicant shall be credited with points as follows:

the applicant has:

excellent knowledge 12 points,
very good knowledge 9 points,
good knowledge 6 points,
sufficient knowledge 3 points,
limited knowledge 0 points.

bb) a maximum of 3 points shall be credited for the proof of specialised performance in accordance with the following provisions:

Performance	Points
Grants	3
Semester abroad	3
Internships outside the university of at least 8 weeks	2
Basic vocational training in technically relevant apprenticeships	2
Contribution to a research project, for instance as a student assistant, of at least 8 weeks	1
Participation in a university committee for at least 1 year	1

- c) Points attained under a) and b) shall be added together.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>Applicants who are admitted based on best quota shall receive a letter of admission from the university in text form. <sup>2</sup>This specifies the deadline by which the applicant must enrol or declare in writing whether he or she accepts the university place. <sup>3</sup>The applicant must enrol no later than two weeks after expiry of the deadline in accordance with sentence 2 (closing date), provided no enrolment in accordance with sentence 2 has been made. <sup>4</sup>If the university has not received
  - a) the enrolment in accordance with sentence 2 or
  - b) the declaration in accordance with sentence 2 and the enrolment in accordance with sentence 3

by the specified deadline and in the correct form, the letter of admission shall become invalid. 
<sup>5</sup>Notification of this legal consequence must be provided in the letter of admission.

(4) Students who have been admitted shall no longer take part in the further procedure.

# § 7 Combination quota

- (1) <sup>1</sup>For selection on the basis of combination quota, a ranking shall be generated in accordance with the following provisions. <sup>2</sup>30% of university places shall be awarded according to this ranking, beginning with place 1.
- (2) Selection is made based on a combination of the following criteria:
  - a) based on the grade achieved in the Bachelor's degree or the grade of an equivalent certificate of academic qualification, as well as on special knowledge that is beneficial to the successful completion of this degree programme, according to the stipulations for ranking in accordance with § 6 section 2 and
  - b) according to the result of an interview with the applicant.
- (3) The selection committee shall make a pre-selection from the applications received in accordance with section 4 and make a selection from the pre-selected applicants on the basis of the selection criteria in accordance with sections 2 and 5.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>A pre-selection from the applications received shall be carried out in order to limit the number of participants in the interviews to twice the number of university places to be awarded in accordance with the selection procedure. <sup>2</sup>The ranking in accordance with § 6 section 2 shall be taken as the basis. <sup>3</sup>In the event of identical ranking, all applicants with the highest ranking shall be permitted to participate.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>Selection shall be made on the basis of ranking, where a maximum of 70 points is attainable. <sup>2</sup>This is generated in accordance with the following provisions:
  - a) points are awarded to the applicant as follows, depending on the assessment of the degree of suitability in the interview:

the applicant appears

excellently suited 10 points, very well suited 8 points, well suited 6 points, adequately suited 4 points, sufficiently suited 2 points, not particularly suited 0 points.

- b) The applicant shall be credited with the points acquired as part of the assessment in accordance with § 6 section 2.
- c) Points attained under a) and b) shall be added together.
- (6) <sup>1</sup>If there is identical ranking after generating the ranking, the ranking sequence shall be determined based on the results of the points attained in accordance with § 6 section 2, and then according to the result of the Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree. <sup>2</sup>In all other cases, where there is identical ranking, lots shall be drawn to decide the outcome.

(7) The applicants selected shall be admitted in accordance with § 9.

## § 8 Interview

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The interview is intended to determine whether an applicant is suitable for the selected degree programme. <sup>2</sup>The following principles apply for carrying out the interview:
  - a) The interview shall normally be held at the university in the second half of June for the winter semester and the second half of December for the summer semester. The exact dates as well as the place of interview shall be announced by the university within a reasonable period before the start of interviews. The university shall invite candidates with sufficient notice. A video or a telephone conference interview is permitted for overseas applicants as well as in justified exceptional cases, provided the identity of the applicant can be determined beyond doubt. The selection committee shall determine the details of the procedure in such cases.
  - b) The selection committee shall conduct an interview lasting about 15 minutes with every applicant. The interview can be held for up to four applicants simultaneously.
  - c) A log of the key questions and answers in the course of the interview is to be kept and signed by the members of the selection committee. The log should clearly show the day and place of the interview, the name of the committee members, the name of the applicant and the assessment.
- (2) The interview shall cover the motivation to complete the degree programme and the following aptitudes:
  - a) technical background;
  - b) professional and personal goals;
  - c) specific concepts of the subject matter;
  - d) self-assessment of working style and resilience;
  - e) extracurricular interests relevant to the degree programme.
- (3) The members of the selection committee shall assess the applicant after conclusion of the interview to ascertain suitability for the selected degree programme on a scale in accordance with § 7 section 5 sentence 2 a).
- (4) ¹Any applicant who fails to attend the interview without good cause shall be excluded from the further procedure. ²The selection committee shall schedule a new date for the interview upon request, provided there is good cause. ³Proof of the good cause should be provided and an application for rescheduling a new date should be made promptly, at the latest within two days after the date first scheduled. ⁴An unsuccessful applicant is entitled to participate again in the next possible selection procedure.

# § 9 Letter of admission, letter of rejection and procedure for subsequent admissions

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Applicants who may be admitted shall receive a letter of admission from the university in text form. <sup>2</sup>This specifies the deadline by which the applicant must enrol or declare in writing whether he or she accepts the university place. <sup>3</sup>The applicant must enrol no later than two weeks after expiry of the deadline in accordance with sentence 2 (closing date), provided no enrolment in accordance with sentence 2 has been made. <sup>4</sup>If the university has not received
  - a) the enrolment in accordance with sentence 2 or
  - b) the declaration in accordance with sentence 2 and the enrolment in accordance with sentence 3

by the specified deadline and in the correct form, the letter of admission shall become invalid. 
<sup>5</sup>Notification of this legal consequence must be provided in the letter of admission.

- (2) ¹Applicants who are not entitled to admission shall receive a letter of rejection in text form, in which the ranking achieved and the ranking of the applicant last admitted are listed. ²The letter of rejection shall provide information on rights of legal recourse. ³In the case of authorised applicants, it shall also contain a request that a declaration should be made in writing by a specified deadline as to whether the application for admission shall be held for a procedure for subsequent admissions. ⁴If the applicant does not submit this declaration by the deadline or in the correct form, they shall be excluded from the procedure for subsequent admissions. ⁵Reference must be made to this legal consequence.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The procedure for subsequent admissions shall be carried out on the basis of the ranking in accordance with § 7 sections 4 and 5. <sup>2</sup>Once the ranking in accordance with sentence 1 has been worked through, the ranking in accordance with § 6 section 2 shall then be applied. <sup>3</sup>In the event of identical ranking, the ranking order shall be determined according to the result of the Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree. <sup>4</sup>After which, in the event of identical ranking, the decision shall be made by drawing lots. <sup>5</sup>The provisions of section 1 apply correspondingly. (4) <sup>1</sup>The selection procedure shall be completed no later than 15/11 for admission to a winter semester or no later than 15/05 for admission to a summer semester. <sup>2</sup>Any university places
- still available shall be awarded by lot to applicants authorised for admission, subject to informal application. <sup>3</sup>The application period for this purpose shall begin two weeks before the start of the semester for which the admission is applicable, and end with conclusion of the selection procedure. The provisions of § 2 shall apply accordingly. <sup>4</sup>Due to the advanced period of lectures, the awarding of university places by means of a drawing lots shall be completed no later than 30/11 for admission to a winter semester and no later than 31/05 for admission to a summer semester.

- (1) Free university places in higher semesters with limited admission shall be awarded to applicants in the following sequence:
  - a) those who are or were enrolled in the same or a comparable degree programme
     aa) who are or were enrolled at a different German university or at a university in another member state of the European Union or in another signatory state to the Agreement on the European Economic Area;
    - ab) who are or were enrolled at a foreign university and possess German nationality or are subject to the same university admissions laws and regulations as German citizens;
  - b) those for whom the rejection of admission for personal reasons would mean extraordinary hardship;
  - c) those who assert other reasons.
- (2) Within each one of the three case groups in section 1, the result of the bachelor's examination or an examination equivalent to the bachelor's examination is decisive, followed by social, especially family-related, and economic reasons, and finally by lot in cases that are still identical.

### § 11 Quotas

- (1) <sup>1</sup>From the number of admissions to this degree programme, a special quota of 25% shall be formed in advance; this comprises university places to be awarded for the admission of foreign nationals and stateless persons with a recognised educational record who are neither equivalent to Germans by law nor are nationals of another member state of the European Union nor of any other signatory state to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, nor have acquired their Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree from a German university nor from a university in another member state of the European Union or in another signatory state to the Agreement on the European Economic Area. <sup>2</sup>Applications from foreign nationals and stateless persons within the meaning of sentence 1 shall not be considered in the selection procedure in accordance with § 5.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Selection shall take place based on the terms of §§ 1 to 8, unless otherwise regulated in the following:
- a) When generating the ranking, points shall not be awarded for special knowledge, skills and experience in accordance with § 6 section 2 sentence 2 b); instead points shall be awarded as follows based on the result of the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) subject test with a focus on Physics:

Performance in the GRE subject test in Physics	Points
990 points	34
940 – 980 points	27

900 – 920 points	20
860 – 880 points	13
820 – 840 points	6
under 800 points	0

- b) Special circumstances in favour of completing a course of studies at a German university may also be considered. Circumstances of this nature shall be deemed particularly applicable if the applicant
  - a) provides confirmation of approval for a grant from a publicly financed institution;
  - b) has successfully attended a college at the suggestion of a Lower Saxony university and is preselected for a university place;
  - c) is a citizen of a developing country;
  - d) has right of asylum in the Federal Republic of Germany;
  - e) belongs to a German-speaking minority abroad or is eligible for funding on the basis of international treaties or university agreements.
- c) Notwithstanding § 3 section 1 sentence 2, the application for entry to the Master's degree programme must have been received by the university together with the application documents required in accordance with § 3 section 2 by no later than 15/04 (closing date) for the winter semester, and by no later than 15/10 of the previous year (closing date) for the summer semester. In addition to the application documents required in accordance with § 3 section 2, the result of the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) Subject Test with a focus on Physics taken by the applicant must also be submitted; for this purpose the applicant must instruct the test provider with sufficient notice to pass on the result of the test to the University of Göttingen.
- (d) <sup>1</sup>Notwithstanding § 2 section 2, any applicant who at the time of application has not yet completed a course of studies but has acquired at least 126 credits in a relevant Bachelor's degree programme or an equivalent degree programme in accordance with § 2 section 3 is also provisionally entitled to admission; the authorisation for admission shall expire if at least 150 credits have not been proved by 01/06 of a year for the coming winter semester and by 01/12 of a year for the coming summer semester and the applicant is responsible for this. <sup>2</sup>The result of the study and examination components to date shall be considered in the selection procedure in place of the result of the bachelor's examination or an equivalent degree.
- (3) The remaining university places in accordance with this quota are included in the quota for the selection procedure in accordance with § 5.

IV. Entry into force; interim regulations

§ 12 Entry into force; interim regulations

- (1) <sup>1</sup>This regulation shall enter into force on the day following its announcement in the Official Announcements I of the University of Göttingen. <sup>2</sup>It applies for the first time for the awards procedure for the winter semester 2016/17.
- (2) At the same time, the regulations concerning the qualifications for entry and admission to the Master's degree programme "Physics" in the version contained in the announcement dated 30.07.2009 (Official Announcements no. 18/2009 p. 1771) shall be rendered invalid.
- (3) Notwithstanding § 11 section 2 d), the application for admission to the Master's degree programme together with the application documents required in accordance with § 3 section 2 for university places as part of the quota in accordance with § 11 section 1 must have been received by the university by no later than 15.05.2016 (closing date) for enrolment in the winter semester 2016/17.