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English Reading Edition

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The University of Hohenheim Senate passed the following Regulations on 11 February 2026 based on § 63(2), § 60(2), § 59(1), and § 19(1) sentence 2, item 10 of the State Higher Education Act (Landeshochschulgesetz, LHG) from 1 January 2005 (Law Gazette (GBl.) p. 1) as amended in Article 1 of the Third Higher Education Amendment Act (3rd HRÄG) from 1 April 2014, as amended by Art. 5 of the Act to Amend the Act on University Clinics and other Acts from 11 December 2025 (GBl. no. 139), § 6(4), § 6a, §9(2) and (3) of the Higher Education Admissions Act (Hochschulzulassungsgesetz, HZG) from 15 September 2005 (GBl. p. 629), last amended by Article 9 of the Fourth Higher Education Amendment Act (4th HRÄG) from 17 December 2020 (GBl. pp. 1204, 1229) as well as § 19 et seqq. and § 33 of the Higher Education Admissions Ordinance (Hochschulzulassungsverordnung, HZVO) from 2 December 2019 (GBl. p. 489), last amended by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Science to amend the HZVO (GBl. no. 73) from 23 July 2025.

§ 1 Scope of application

- (1) These Regulations set down provisions for admission to the Master's program in Earth and Climate System Science.
- (2) In addition, the general provisions of the University of Hohenheim's Admission and Enrollment Regulations apply to the admission procedure.

§ 2 Deadline and form

- (1) Admission to the first subject-related semester is only to be granted for the respective winter semester. The application deadline is 15 March for foreign applicants, 15 May for German applicants (cut-off date).
- (2) The application must be submitted electronically to the University of Hohenheim via the website of the University of Hohenheim (online application) in accordance with the requirements stated therein and with the submission of the required documents. To avoid undue hardship, the University of Hohenheim's Examinations Office can forgo an electronic application and permit a written application.
- (3) Proof of the admission requirements specified in § 4 is required for admission.
- (4) If the proof according to § 2(3) is not in German or English, a translation into German or English is required by a person or institution who is authorized to issue such translations by a court or by oath.

- (5) The University may require that the proof referred to in § 2(3) be submitted in the original or in officially certified form. Admission shall be refused if the documents do not meet the requirements, including the form, stipulated by the University.

§ 3 Responsibilities

- (1) The President of the University of Hohenheim decides on admission on the recommendation of the responsible admission committee.
- (2) There is an admission committee for the Master's program in Earth and Climate System Science. This committee consists of the program coordinator or the academic program advisor, at least two representatives of the professors, and one student member in an advisory capacity. The term of office is two years. Reappointment is permitted. Members are elected by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. One of the professorial members of the selection committee is the chairperson. The admission committee is quorate if, in addition to the chairperson or their deputy, one other member is present.
- (3) The admission committee decides by a simple majority of the members present; in the event of a tie, the chairperson has the casting vote. The meetings of the admission committee are not open to the public.

§ 4 Admission requirements

- (1) Only those can be admitted to the Master's program in Earth and Climate System Science who
 - a) have completed a degree of at least three years (first-level Bachelor's or Diplom degree) with a natural science, earth science, or agricultural science profile and included at least 180 credits at a university in Germany or abroad or have an equivalent degree. In addition, the selection committee may recognize other degree programs as equivalent;
 - b) have achieved a final grade or average grade in the studies pursuant to 1 a) of at least 3.0 or better;
 - c) have successfully completed examinations/coursework at university level from at least two of the three subjects of mathematics, physics, or chemistry of at least 6 ECTS points each;
 - d) have good English language skills (at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), which – if it is not the applicant's native language – is usually demonstrated by a language test or other evidence in accordance with § 4(2). Further details of the proof of language proficiency are set out in Annex to these regulations, and the selection committee may permit exceptions.
- (2) In recognizing grades and proof which were given outside of the Federal Republic of Germany, the equivalence agreements from the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and the German Rectors' Conference as well as agreements in the context of the university partnerships will be taken into consideration. The Office of International Affairs assists the selection committee in verifying the eligibility of foreign degrees.
- (3) Applicants who have already been enrolled in the same Master's programs must

provide proof that they have the right to be examined in this degree program and that they are not currently undergoing an examination procedure. The same applies to related degree programs. Proof must be provided by a certificate from the university or college at which the enrollment took place.

- (4) If the final degree certificate for the first degree is not yet available by the application deadline, an overview of the examination results available up to that point must be enclosed with the application for admission. The final degree certificate must be submitted no later than 15 December for the winter semester for which admission is requested.
- (5) If 50% of the proof for the UNIcert II certificate (proof of English language proficiency) has been provided by the application deadline, the applicant can include the relevant proof with the application for admission. The complete UNIcert II certificate must be submitted no later than 1 October for the winter semester or 1 April for the summer semester of the year for which admission is requested.
- (6) In the case of § 4(4 and 5), admission to the Master's degree program is subject to the proviso that proof of the degree and/or the UNIcert II certificate is provided by the deadline. If the proof is not submitted by the deadline, admission is revoked.

Section 5 Entry into Force

- (1) These Admission Regulations enter into force on the day after they have been published in the University of Hohenheim's Official Communications.
- (2) The Admission Regulations of the University of Hohenheim for the Master's program in Earth and Climate System Science of the Faculty of Natural Sciences from 2 December 2021 (published in the Official Communications of the University of Hohenheim no. 1376) will no longer apply as of 1 April 2027.
- (3) These Admission Regulations shall apply for the first time to the admission procedure for the winter semester 2027/28.

Stuttgart, dated 18 March 2026

signed,

Prof. Dr. Christoph Schneider

- President -

Annex to § 4 Admission requirements

Required language skills for the Master's program in Earth and Climate System Science at the Faculty of Natural Sciences

- (1) Good English language skills are required for admission. Proof of language proficiency may be given by providing one of the following documents:
 - a) TOEFL test (internet based) with at least 90 out of 120 points
 - b) IELTS certificate with at least 6.5 out of 9 points
 - c) UNlcert II certificate (min. grade "good")
- (2) Proof of sufficient language skills is not required if the applicant
 - a) is a citizen of one of the following countries and declares that English as their native language: Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, or Guyana;
 - b) has successfully completed a Bachelor's/Master's degree in English at a recognized European university or in one of the countries listed under a). If the degree certificate has not yet been issued by the application deadline, § 4(4) applies accordingly; or
 - c) attended a bilingual secondary school as long as one of the languages of instruction is English; or
 - d) took English continuously as a subject in the upper secondary school (minimum grade of the grade average in the upper secondary school "satisfactory" (8 points)).
- (3) If the required minimum grade according to 2.d cannot be demonstrated in the upper secondary school, this can be compensated for if the applicant
 - a) completed at least 1 semester of the Bachelor's degree course in English; or
 - b) completed at least a 3-month full-time internship in an English-speaking company.