

**First Amending Regulation to the Admissions Regulations for the Master's Degree
Programme in Knowledge and Communication at the University of Münster of
17 December 2024, issued 30 April 2026**

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On account of §§2 (4) sent. 1, 22 (1) sent. 1, no. 3 of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia [*Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW*] in the version of the Act on the Future of Higher Education [*Hochschulzukunftsgesetz, HZG NRW*] of 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW. p. 547), most recently amended by Article 2 of the same of 19 December 2024 (GV. NRW. p. 1222), the University of Münster hereby issues the following Amending Regulation:

Article I

§ 4 (3) is amended as follows:

§ 4 (3) ¹To be eligible for admission to the Master's programme in Knowledge and Communication, the candidate is required to possess good to excellent English language skills. ²These skills are considered sufficient if they are equivalent to the C1 level of the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages” (CEFR). ³Sufficient English language skills are substantiated by the provision of a relevant certificate.

⁴The following certificates are considered ‘relevant’ as referred to in sentence 4: TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS and CAE and CPE.

⁵As a rule, certificates of language proficiency are only recognised if the most recent examination date took place no longer than 3 years prior to the application deadline.

⁶These language requirements are considered met if the candidate holds a Bachelor's degree in an English-language course of study, a German *Abitur* certificate with a minimum proof of “partly C1” or a German *Abitur* certificate, for which the candidate received at least 10 pts in the subject English in the last half-year of schooling.

⁷The selection committee is responsible for deciding whether sufficient language proficiency is substantiated by the candidate on the basis of their submitted documents.

Article II

The amendment first applies to the admissions and selection procedure for the winter semester 2026/27.

Issued (in the original German version) upon the resolution of the faculty board of the Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences (FB 06) of the University of Münster on 22 April 2026. The above Amending Regulations are hereby announced.

Please note that in accordance with § 12 (5) of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia [Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW], violations of procedural or formal requirements of the NRW Higher Education Act or other legal provisions pertaining to university autonomy can no longer be asserted more than one year after this announcement, unless

- 1) these Regulations were not properly published,
- 2) the Rectorate previously raised an objection to the resolution passed by the deciding committee,
- 3) the University had already been given notice of a formal or procedural defect and had been informed of the legal provision that has been violated and of the fact giving rise to the defect, or
- 4) the legal consequence of a deadline for violation notifications was not included in the public announcement of the Regulations.

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The Rector

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Dept. 1.1 requests publication in the *Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* (Official Announcements – AB Uni).

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