

Admission to the Master studies in Psychology at Swiss universities

The Swiss law of psychological professions (PsyG¹) serves as the basis for the legal regulation of the studies in Psychology at Swiss universities, the further specialist titles and the regulated professional titles in the various fields of psychology listed in article 8 of the PsyG. On this legal basis, the Swiss universities represented by KPSYCH² have issued a consensus on the curriculum of Studies in Psychologies at Swiss Universities³, defining the minimal criteria concerning content und structure, the consecutiveness of study programs and the minimal criteria regarding qualification and quality control of studies in Psychology at Swiss universities. These minimal criteria serve as the basis for the recognition of degrees in Psychology at Swiss universities and the evaluation by professional and political decision-making bodies.

Building on the KPSYCH curriculum consensus, the Swiss universities represented by KPSYCH issue the following KPSYCH admission consensus that defines the minimal criteria for the admission for and acceptance into Master studies in Psychology at Swiss universities and serves as an evaluation basis for professional and political decision-making bodies.

1. Applications are formally checked by the admissions office of the respective Swiss university whether applicants hold a Bachelor degree in Psychology from a higher education institution recognized by the respective Swiss university.
2. Applicants need to provide proof of admission to a Psychology Master program in the country that issued their bachelor's degree. This regulation might be amended or replaced by proof of suitable grades in the requisite psychology classes, as defined by the specific Swiss university to which the student is applying.
3. If applicants are generally accepted by the respective Swiss university, the transcript of records will be checked individually. In order to meet the KPSYCH curriculum consensus³, applicants need to have obtained at least 120 ECTS within the various fields of psychology. Additional requirements, to be completed during the Master studies in Psychology, or conditions, to be completed before starting the Master studies in Psychology, might apply and are defined and issued by the respective Swiss university. However, if additional requirements exceed 60 ECTS, students are not admitted to the Master studies in Psychology.
4. Further admission requirements might apply.

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³ https://swisspsychologicalsociety.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/PDF-Dateien/KPSYCH/Consensus_en.pdf