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Faculty of Social Sciences (lead):

Following the resolutions of the Faculty Councils of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 03.05.2023, The Faculty of Humanities on 24.05.2023 and the Faculty of Business and Economics on 31.05.2023, the Senate of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen on 14.06.2023 approved the seventh amendment of the Regulations on the admission requirements and on admission for the consecutive Master's degree programme „Modern Indian Studies“ in the version published on 19.10.2010 (Official Announcements no. 26/2010 p. 2141), last amended by the Statutes of 26.02.2021 (Official Announcements I no. 9/2021 p. 141); the amendment are valid due to the resolution of the Foundation's University Committee of the University of Göttingen Public Law Foundation of 10.07.2019 as approved (§ 44 section 1 sentence 2 NHG) in the version published on 26.02.2007 (Nds. GVBl. (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 69), last amended by Article 7 of the Act of 23.02.2022 (Nds. GVBl. (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 218); § 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 in the version of the announcement of 29.01.1998 (Nds. GVBl. (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 51), last amended by Article 2 of the Act of 19.11.2019 (Nds. GVBl. (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 333); §§ 62 section 4 sentence 1, 60 a section 1 sentence 1 NHG in conjunction with § 18 section 6 sentence 3, section 8 sentence 3, Abs. 14 NHG and § 7 section 2 NHZG).

**Regulation concerning the qualifications for entry and admission
for the consecutive Master's degree programme „Modern Indian Studies“**

I. Scope

§ 1 Scope

- (1) These regulations govern access and admission to the consecutive Master's degree programme „Modern Indian Studies“.
- (2) In accordance with the following provisions, the university shall conduct an internal university procedure to determine the admission requirements for all places on the degree programme „Modern Indian Studies“.

(3) ¹If more applicants meet the admission requirements than there are places available, the university shall allocate the places according to the results of a university selection procedure. ²If not more applicants meet the admission requirements than there are places available, a selection procedure shall not take place.

II. Authorisation for admission

§ 2 Qualifications for entry

(1) ¹It is a requirement for entrance to the Master's degree programme that the applicant possesses the professional competence. ²Candidates 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 in a degree programme at a German University or at a university belonging to the Bologna signatory states in accordance with section 3 in a degree programme "Modern Indian Studies" or in a technically closely related subject area. ³Final examinations which have been passed in a country outside the Bologna signatory states require the determination of equivalence with the qualifications according to 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>. ⁴The grades of the foreign educational certificates must be converted into the German grading system.

(2) ¹Notwithstanding section 1, provisional admission shall be granted those applicants who have not yet completed their course of studies at the time of application, but have acquired at least 150 credits in a relevant Bachelor's degree programme according to section 3 or in an equivalent degree programme. ²The average grade calculated from the previous examination results shall also be taken into account in the selection procedure in place of the Bachelor's 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) ¹The decision as to whether a previous study programme is relevant within the meaning of sections 1 and 2 is made by the selection committee. ²It is a requirement for the technical relevance of the previous course of studies that proof is provided of at least the following academic achievements:

Achievements in Development Studies, Geography, History, Gender and Diversity Studies, Indian Studies, Indology, Islamic Studies, Ethnology/Cultural Anthropology, Media Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, Social and Economic History, Sociology, or Economics totaling at least 50 credits.

³The selection committee may approve provisionally the technical relevance of the previous course of studies dependent on the completion of pending achievements according to sentence 2, within two semesters; in this case, the determination of the technical relevance and the admission are conditional until the proof of the still missing achievements, which must be received by the university within two semesters from the time of enrolment at the university (closing date). ⁴If proof of the pending achievements is not submitted by the deadline, the determination of the technical relevance and an admission decision based on it shall become ineffective. ⁵The determination of the technical relevance shall not be possible if the pending achievements amount to more than 15 credits.

(4) ¹Applicants whose native language is not English must have sufficient knowledge of the English language. ²Sufficient knowledge of English must be demonstrated with standardised or accredited certificates at least at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe (CEFR). ³In particular, the following serve as proof:

- a) Cambridge English Scale: min. 180 points;
- b) "International English Language Testing System" (IELTS Academic): min. band 7;
- c) "Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based test" (TOEFL iBT): min. 95 points;
- d) Global Scale of English (Pearson Academic): min. 76 points;
- e) UNlcert®: min. certificate UNlcert® III;
- f) Other evidence according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe (CEFR).

⁴Successful completion of the tests may not have taken place more than three years before receipt of the application for admission. ⁵Exempt from the requirement to provide proof of a test are applicants who have spent at least one year studying or working in the United States of America, Canada (excluding the province of Québec), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including associated territories), the Republic of Ireland, Australia or New Zealand within the last four years prior to receipt of the application for admission. ⁶Further exempted are those who have successfully completed an English-language course of study in Germany or abroad within the last three years prior to receipt of the application for admission, for which knowledge of English at the GeR level C1 or higher had to be proven as an admission

requirement or is stipulated as an accredited competence goal. ⁷Proof of sufficient knowledge of the English language must be submitted to the Faculty of Social Sciences by September 30 upon enrollment for a winter semester; proof is a prerequisite for enrollment; conditional enrollment does not take place.

(5) ¹In all other respects, the general provisions for enrolment as stipulated in the Enrolment Regulations of the University of Göttingen remain unaffected. ²The enrolment of applicants who are considered provisionally entitled to admission according to section 2 is conditional upon submission of proof of successful completion of the Bachelor's programme or an equivalent programme. ³In the case of enrolment for the winter semester, the proof must be provided by the end of 15 November. ⁴If the Dean of Studies determines on the basis of the course of study to date, in particular the examination results to date, that the applicant will graduate by the end of the first semester of the Master's degree programme at the latest, the deadline pursuant to sentence 3 shall be extended to the end of March 31 in the case of enrollment for a winter semester; the determination shall only be permissible insofar as

- a) only the final thesis is missing as an examination performance or
- b) the thesis has already been submitted to the university and the extent of the otherwise missing examination achievements does not exceed eight credits.

III. Selection procedure

§ 3 Start of studies, application for admission, closing date

(1) ¹The Master's programme starts in each winter semester. ²Applications for admission must be submitted via an online portal of the university. They must be received by the university together with the application documents required in accordance with section 2 by 15.05. (closing date) for the winter semester. ³The application applies only to the awarding of university places for the relevant admission date. ⁴The university is not obliged to review the applicants' details 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 translation, 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 must be submitted;
- b) a curriculum vitae in tabular form written in English with a meaningful presentation of the educational background;

- c) Evidence of special knowledge conducive to the successful completion of this degree programme, in particular language skills, internships relevant to the study programme, and research experience, if available;
- d) proof of sufficient knowledge of the English language, if the applicant's native language is not English; if proof of sufficient knowledge of the English language is not yet available, it must be submitted later and received by the university before enrollment; enrollment without proof of sufficient knowledge of the English language is excluded;
- e) a declaration as to whether the applicant has so far successfully, unsuccessfully or not yet completed a Master's degree programme in a similar discipline;
- h) a presentation (up to 2 pages) showing the applicant's motivation for taking up this course of study; the letter of motivation must in particular state on the basis of which specific competences and interests the applicant considers himself or herself suitable for this course of study.

(3) ¹Applications that are not received in full, in due form or on time are excluded from the further procedure. ²The documents submitted remain with the university.

(4) If an applicant can credibly demonstrate that he or she is disadvantaged by the selection procedure compared to other applicants due to a disability, he or she shall be granted upon application a suitable compensation for disadvantages.

§ 4 Selection Committee for the Master's Programme

(1) The Faculty of Social Sciences at the university shall form at least one selection committee to prepare the decision on selection for this degree programme.

(2) ¹A selection committee includes two members eligible to vote, who belong to the full-time academic staff or to the group of university professors, and one member of the student group with an advisory vote. ²At least one member must belong to the group of university professors. ³The composition of the voting members shall be mixed-gender. ⁴The members are appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences. ⁵The term of office of the members is two years, that of the student member one year. ⁵Reappointment is possible. ⁶The selection committee has a quorum if at least two voting members 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 of the qualifications for entry,
- c) Conducting the selection interviews according to § 6,
- d) Decision on the admission or rejection of the applicants.

(4) The selection committee shall report to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences after the conclusion of the award procedure on the experience gained and, if necessary, submit proposals for the further improvement of the award procedure.

§ 5 Selection procedure

(1) Selection is made on the basis of a combination of the following criteria:

- a) on the basis of the Bachelor's grade or the grade of an equivalent academic certificate and
- b) on the basis of a selection interview with the applicant.

(2) The selection committee shall make a pre-selection from the applications received in accordance with section 3 and a selection from the pre-selected candidates on the basis of the selection criteria mentioned in section 1 and 4.

(3) ¹A 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. ²For this purpose, a ranking shall be generated according to the result of the Bachelor's grade or the grade of an equivalent academic certificate. ³In the event of identical ranking, all applicants with the highest ranking shall be permitted to participate.

(4) ¹The selection shall be made on the basis of a ranking list in which a maximum of 51 points can be achieved. ²This is drawn up in accordance with the following provisions:

a) Depending on the result of the Bachelor's grade or the grade of an equivalent academic certificate, points will be credited to the applicant as follows:

1.00 up to and including 1.1	39 points,
over 1.1 up to and including 1.2	37 points,
over 1.2 up to and including 1.3	35 points,
over 1.3 up to and including 1.4	33 points,
over 1.4 up to and including 1.5	31 points,
over 1.5 up to and including 1.6	29 points,
over 1.6 up to and including 1.7	27 points,
over 1.7 up to and including 1.8	25 points,
over 1.8 up to and including 1.9	23 points,
over 1.9 up to and including 2.0	21 points,
over 2.0 up to and including 2.1	19 points,
over 2.1 up to and including 2.2	17 points,

over 2.2 up to and including 2.3	15 points,
over 2.3 up to and including 2.4	13 points,
over 2.4 up to and including 2.5	11 points,
over 2.5 up to and including 2.6	9 points,
over 2.6 up to and including 2.7	7 points,
over 2.7 up to and including 2.8	5 points,
over 2.8 up to and including 3.0	3 points,
over 3.0 up to and including 4.0	0 points.

(b) Depending on the assessment of the applicant's level of suitability in the selection interview, points will be credited to the applicant as follows:

Depending on the nature and extent of the special professional knowledge, points shall be credited to the applicant as follows:

The applicant is

very suitable	9 up to and including 12 points,
suitable	5 up to and including 8 points,
not very suitable	1 up to and including 4 points,
hardly suitable	0 points.

(c) The points obtained under a) and b) shall be added together.

(5) ¹If there is identical ranking after generating the ranking, the ranking shall be determined by the result of the Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree. ²Otherwise, in the event of a tie, the decision shall be made by drawing lots.

(6) ¹In all other respects, the general provisions of the regulation applying to enrolment at the university remain unaffected. ²The admission of applicants who are considered provisionally entitled to admission according to § 2 section 2 is conditional upon submission of proof of successful completion of the Bachelor's programme or an equivalent programme. ³Proof must be submitted by 15 November for enrolment in the winter semester. ⁴If the Dean of Studies determines on the basis of the course of study to date, in particular the examination results to date, that the applicant will graduate by the end of the first semester of the Master's degree programme at the latest, the deadline pursuant to sentence 3 shall be extended to the end of March 31 in the case of enrollment for a winter semester; the determination shall only be permissible insofar as

- a) only the final thesis is missing as an examination performance or
- b) the thesis has already been submitted to the university and the extent of the otherwise missing examination achievements does not exceed eight credits.

§ 6 Selection interview

(1) ¹The selection interview is intended to show the extent to which the applicant is suitable for the selected degree programme. ²The following principles apply for conducting the interview:

- a) The selection interview is usually held at the university by 10 September at the latest for the winter semester and 10 March for the summer semester. The exact dates as well as the location of the selection interview will be announced by the university in a reasonable period of time before the start of the selection interviews. The university shall invite candidates to the interview with sufficient notice. A video conference or a telephone interview is permitted for applicants residing abroad and in justified exceptional cases, provided that 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 a selection interview lasting about 15 minutes with each applicant. The selection interview can be conducted with up to four applicants at the same time.
- c) Minutes of the essential questions and answers of the selection interview must be kept and signed by the members of the selection committee. The minutes must show the date and place of the selection interview, the names of the committee members, the name of the applicant and the assessment.

(2) The selection interview shall cover the motivation of the applicant as well as the following suitability parameters:

- a) Ability to work scientifically and methodically,
- b) previous experience and secure knowledge of the scientific fundamentals in the subject of Indian Studies or Indology or in another social science, economics or humanities subject, including geography,
- c) non-university experience or training relevant to the course of study, and
- d) special knowledge that is conducive to the successful completion of this degree programme, in particular research or professional internships or work experience in relevant fields, semesters abroad, honorary commitment or participation in self-administration.

(3) After the interview, the members of the selection committee shall assess the applicant's degree of aptitude for the selected degree programme on a scale according to § 5 section 4 sentence 2 letter b).

(4) ¹An applicant who fails to appear at the interview without good cause shall be excluded from the further procedure. ²If there is a good cause, the selection committee shall set a new date for the selection interview upon request. ³Proof of the good cause should be provided and

an application for rescheduling a new date should be made promptly to the selection committee, 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.

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

(1) ¹Applicants who can be admitted shall receive a written letter of admission from the university. ²This shall specify a deadline within which the applicant must enrol or declare in writing whether he or she accepts the university place. ³If the enrolment or the declaration is not submitted in due time and form, the letter of admission shall become invalid. ⁴This legal consequence shall be pointed out in the letter of admission.

(2) ¹Applicants who cannot be admitted shall receive a letter of rejection stating the rank achieved and the rank of the last applicant admitted. ²The letter of rejection shall provide information on rights of legal recourse. ³In the case of applicants who are entitled to admission, it shall also contain a request to declare in writing within a certain period of time whether the application for admission shall be held for a subsequent procedure. ⁴If the applicant does not submit this declaration in due time or form, he or she shall be excluded from the subsequent procedure. ⁵This legal consequence must be pointed out.

(3) ¹The procedure for subsequent admissions shall be carried out based on the ranking generated in accordance with § 5 section 4. ²If all applicants ranked are already admitted, a ranking shall be generated according to the result of the Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree ³The provisions of section 1 shall apply accordingly.

(4) ¹The selection procedures are completed in each case no later than one week after the start of the lecture period. ²University places still available after this date shall be awarded by lot to applicants with admission entitlement upon informal application. ³The application period for this shall begin two weeks before the start of the semester for which admission is to be granted and ends with the conclusion of the selection procedure. ⁴Due to the advanced period of lectures, the awarding of university places by lot shall be completed no later than 30 November in the case of admission to a winter semester.

§ 8 Admission for higher semesters

(1) Free university places in a higher semester with restricted admission are awarded to applicants in the following order,

a) those who are in the same or a comparable degree programme

- aa) who are or were enrolled at another German university or at a university of another member state of the European Union or of another contracting member state of the Agreement on the European Economic Area,
- bb) 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 a rejection of admission for reasons related to their person would mean extraordinary hardship,
- (c) those who assert other reasons.

(2) Within each of the three case groups of section 1, the result of the Bachelor's degree programme examination or an examination equivalent to the Bachelor's degree programme examination shall be decisive, followed by social, in particular family-related and economic reasons decisive for the choice of the university's location and finally by lot in cases that are still identical.

§ 8a Quotas

(1) ¹A special quota of 80 percent of the number of admissions to this degree programme shall be set aside in advance of the study places to be allocated for the admission of foreign nationals and stateless persons with a recognised certificate of prior education who are neither equivalent to Germans under legal provisions nor nationals of another member state of the European Union or another state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area nor have obtained their Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree at a German higher education institution or at a higher education institution of another member state of the European Union or another state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area. ²Applications from foreign nationals and stateless persons within the meaning of sentence 1 shall not be considered in the selection procedure in accordance with section 5.

(2) ¹The selection shall be made in accordance with the provisions of §§ 1 to 7, unless otherwise stipulated below. ²The selection committee may take into account special circumstances that speak in favor of studying at a German university by awarding a total of up to 5 additional points. ³In particular, such circumstances shall be deemed to exist if applicants

- a) can prove that they have been awarded a scholarship by a publicly funded institution,
- b) have successfully attended a college at the suggestion of a university in Lower Saxony and are registered for a place of study,
- c) enjoy the right of asylum in the Federal Republic of Germany,
- d) belong to a German-speaking minority abroad or are eligible for funding under intergovernmental treaties or university agreements.

(3) Notwithstanding section 2 sentence 1 and § 3 section 1 sentence 2, the application for admission to the Master's degree programme must be received by the University by 15 November of the previous year (cut-off deadline) for the winter semester, together with the application documents required in accordance with § 3 section 2.

(4) Study places remaining available according to this quota shall be added to the quota for the selection procedure according to § 5.

(5) Selection interviews in accordance with this quota are generally held during the month of January.

IV. Final provision

§ 9 Entry into force

¹These regulations shall enter into force on the day after they are published in the Official Announcements of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. ²It shall apply for the first time to the award procedure for the winter semester 2011/12. ³At the same time, the Regulations on Admission Requirements and on Admission to the Master's degree programme "Modern Indian Studies" in the version of the announcement of 18.05.2010 (Official Announcements No. 10/2010 p. 1010) shall expire.