§ 1 Application and deadlines

(1) Students can enrol in the master's programme "Sociology of Inequality" for the winter semester. The application period is 15 March to 30 April. The application for admission, including all required documents, must have been received by the University of Konstanz by the date mentioned above (cut-off date).

(2) If applicants cannot produce an examination certificate at this point in time, they must prove that they are likely to meet the admission requirements as described in § 3 by supplying documentation of their performance assessments to date. The entire final examination of the study programme that is the prerequisite for admission to the master's programme must have been completed before the start of the lecture period of the semester that was applied for. The examination certificate has to be submitted no later than two months after the start of the semester that was applied for. Enrolment can be granted under the condition that applicants document their qualifying degree within the time limit specified.

§ 2 Competencies

(1) The rector decides whether to accept or reject an application for admission based on the recommendations of an admissions committee.

(2) To prepare the selection decision, the Departmental Council appoints an admissions committee. The committee includes at least two academic staff members with main employment at the university. One member must be a professor.

(3) After the admissions procedure has ended, the admissions committee informs the Departmental Council about the process and makes suggestions for the further development of the admission procedure.

(4) The members of the Departmental Council have the right to be present during the meetings of the admissions committee, but they are not eligible to vote.

§ 3 Admission requirements

The admission requirements for the master's programme Sociology of Inequality are:

1. Documentation of a degree with an above-average grade ("good" = 2.5 or better) in a three-year (or more) study programme at a state, or officially recognized, institution of higher education in a subject relevant for the master's programme Sociology of Inequality, e.g. sociology, social science, political science, economics or a comparable programme (minimum degree: Bachelor of Arts [BA] or equivalent). The admissions committee decides whether applicants meet the requirements stated above.
When recognizing BA degrees or equivalent degrees completed outside of Germany, the following have to be considered:
- Recommendations of the Kultusministerkonferenz, Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, Central Office for Foreign Education)
- Agreements on Equivalence of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Agreements with partner universities.

2. Adequate English language skills (active and passive) of at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages documented by one of the following language tests (or equivalent):
- Five years of continuous English lessons in secondary education with a minimum grade of 9 points or "befriedigend" (satisfactory) or better (usually certified by the higher education entrance qualification)
- Successful completion of four or more courses taught in English in a previous study programme
- Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE), at least grade C
- IELTS test result (International English Language Testing System), score 5.5 or better
- TOEFL test result (Test of English as a Foreign Language) of at least 87 points (internet-based), 227 points (computer-based) or 567 points (paper-based).

§ 4 Form and components of application
(1) The application for admission must be submitted in the form requested by the university.
(2) Please attach copies of the following documents:
   a) Documentation of a BA degree with the grade "good" (2.5) or better in a subject relevant to the master's programme, completed at a university or recognized equivalent institution (abroad). If the BA degree has not yet been completed, applicants have to attach documentation certifying the performance assessments they have completed so far as well as stating a preliminary average grade.
   b) Curriculum vitae
(3) The university may request that students present the original documents mentioned above when they enrol.
§ 5 Admission process
(1) Only applications in the right format and that have arrived in time are considered in the admission process.

(2) Admission must be denied if the documents as per § 4 para. 2 were not submitted by the due date, were incomplete, or the admission requirements have not been met.

(3) Conditional enrolment is possible.

(4) The provisions of the Admission and Enrolment Regulations of the University of Konstanz that generally apply to the admission procedure remain unaffected.

§ 6 Coming into effect
The German version of these regulations comes into effect the day after its publication in the "Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" (Official Announcements) of the University of Konstanz. It applies for the first time for the admission procedure for the winter semester 2022/23.

Note:
The German version of these regulations was published in the "Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz No. 7/2022 on 11 February 2022.