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Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

**Regulations for assessing the aptitude for the
postgraduate Master's degree program in International Studies in
Intellectual Property Law and Data Law (Aptitude Assessment Regulations
International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law)**

as of April 13, 2023

Based on § 13 para. 4 and § 17 para. 10 of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony (*Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz - SächsHSFG*) in the version of the announcement of January 15, 2013 (SächsGVBl. p. 3), last amended by Article 5 of the Act of June 1, 2022 (SächsGVBl. p. 381), Technische Universität Dresden issues the following Aptitude Assessment Regulations as statutes:

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§ 1

Scope of application

These regulations determine how the fulfillment of the special admission requirements are to be assessed (aptitude assessment) for the consecutive Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law at Technische Universität Dresden, based on the provisions of the applicable Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony.

§ 2

Admission requirements

(1) Pursuant to § 3 of the study regulations for the consecutive Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law, every applicant who has the required aptitude (qualification) for the consecutive Master's program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law is admissible to the program.

(2) Qualified and therefore entitled to admission within the meaning of para. 1 is anyone who:

1. has a first degree in law from a state or state-recognized university or vocational academy that is officially recognized in Germany or who can prove sufficient knowledge of law within the framework of special aptitude pursuant to § 5 para. 1 upon completion of a university degree in a subject other than law,
2. can proof relevant professional activity, typically lasting for at least one year,
3. demonstrates proficient command of the English language at the advanced level B2 (B2+) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages,
4. in the event that the applicant wishes to complete part of the studies at the Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle in Strasbourg pursuant to § 6 para. 1, shows proficiency in the French language at the level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages,
5. provides proof of special aptitude for studying in the International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law Master's degree program in accordance with § 5 para. 3.

§ 3

Admissions Committee

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science will appoint an Admissions Committee for the respective application period on the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee. As a rule, this committee shall consist of at least two university lecturers from the relevant department. The Admissions Committee shall decide on whether the admission requirements pursuant to § 2 have been fulfilled, invite applicants to an assessment interview if necessary, and decide on appeals against decisions made as part of this procedure. In addition, the Admissions Committee is responsible for the development and publication of the application form in accordance with § 4 para. 2 no. 1.

§ 4

Application, deadline and documents

(1) The formal application for participation in the aptitude assessment procedure must be submitted together with the application documents for enrollment using the correct forms and within the set deadline to:

Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science
Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law
01062 Dresden
Germany

Applicants with citizenship outside the EU who have obtained their university degree (entrance qualification for a Master's degree) at a non-German university must apply for the winter semester by March 15 and for the summer semester by November 15. All other German and international applicants must apply for the winter semester by May 15 and for the summer semester by January 15.

(2) The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

1. Application form for assessment of special aptitude,
2. Educational background in tabular form,
3. Copy of the applicant's first university degree qualifying for a profession,
4. Copies of additional certificates and proof demonstrating any special aptitude in accordance with § 5 para. 1,
5. A written motivation letter for the degree program of no more than 100 lines explaining the specific talents and interests of the applicant that make them particularly apt for this degree program pursuant to § 2 para. 2,
6. Proof of required English language proficiency pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 3 by means of a relevant English language certificate, preferably TOEFL (at least 90) or IELTS (6.5). Exempt from this obligation to provide proof are applicants who
 - a) have a certificate of general or subject-specific university entrance qualification which certifies the required knowledge of English and is not older than 5 years at the time of application,
 - b) can provide evidence of a university degree completed entirely in English in a majority English-speaking country (MESC as defined by the UKVI; Canadian or MESC nationals with a degree earned and awarded in Canada will be considered in this category),
7. in the event that the applicant wishes to complete part of the studies at the Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle in Strasbourg pursuant to § 6 para. 1, can proof the required proficiency in the French language pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 4 by means of a relevant French language certificate, DELF, TCF, DALF (at least B2 each) Exempt from this obligation to provide proof are applicants who
 - a) have a certificate of general or subject-specific university entrance qualification which certifies the required knowledge of French and is not older than 5 years at the time of application,
 - b) can provide evidence of a university degree completed entirely in French in a majority French-speaking country (MESC as defined by the UKVI; Canadian or MESC nationals with a degree earned and awarded in Canada will be considered in this category).

(3) Applications that are not received in full, in due form or on time will be excluded from any further proceedings.

(4) If, at the time of application, proof of the first university degree qualifying the applicant for a profession (degree certificate) in accordance with para. 2. no. 3 is not yet available, the applicant

will also be included in the aptitude assessment procedure in accordance with these regulations. The prerequisite is that 80 % of the credit points attainable for the university degree have already been achieved based on completed module examinations or the final thesis and the colloquium (if applicable). A certification from the awarding university serves as proof of the above-mentioned academic achievements. As proof of this, the applicant must submit a corresponding certificate from their university. The necessity of submitting all other evidence mentioned in para. 2 alongside the application and para. 3 remain unaffected by this.

§ 5

Proof and assessment of sufficient knowledge of law and of special aptitude

(1) Sufficient knowledge of law pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 1 is given if at least 5 ECTS from the field of public and/or private law can be proven. Alternatively, the aptitude can also be proven by knowledge in the field of intellectual property law, competition law or data law.

(2) If the admission requirements pursuant to § 2 para. 1 no. 1 to 4 have been ascertained, the special aptitude for the Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law will be determined pursuant to § 2 para. 1 no. 5.

(3) The Admissions Committee will first examine whether proof of aptitude for studying the postgraduate Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 5 has been provided on the basis of the documents enclosed with the application. The evaluation of the individual aptitude criteria are listed in the appendix to these regulations. Special aptitude is given if the applicant has achieved 8 out of 12 points. If the aptitude has not already been established from the applicant's documents, an assessment interview will be held by the Admissions Committee in accordance with § 6. The aptitude interview will not be held if the applicant scores less than 6 out of 12 points in the evaluation of the submitted documents according to the appendix to these regulations.

§ 6

Assessment interview

(1) The aim of the assessment interview is to determine whether the special aptitude for studying in the postgraduate Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law specified in § 5 para. 3 and required pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 5 as well as the criteria specified in the appendix to these regulations, which provide information about the special aptitude of the applicant, are given.

(2) The Admissions Committee will conduct the aptitude interview with each applicant individually and it is not open to the public. As a rule, it should not exceed 30 minutes.

(3) The Admissions Committee will invite the applicants to the interview by email, stating the place, time and duration of the interview, at least two weeks before the date of the interview. The invitation is considered to have been sent in good time if it is sent at least one week before the aptitude interview.

(4) A member of the Admissions Committee shall draw up minutes of the essential content of the assessment interview, which shall also include the participants and the duration of the interview.

(5) If the applicants do not attend the assessment interview on the agreed date, they are not entitled to an alternative date. If the applicant has participated in the assessment interview but has not been able to provide proof of special aptitude pursuant to § 4 para. 2 no. 4, the assessment interview may be repeated the following semester upon request by the applicant. The application must be submitted within the period specified in § 4 para. 1. § 4 para. 2 shall not apply in such cases.

(6) If the applicant can credibly demonstrate that they are not in a position to participate in the assessment interview in the intended form due to a long-term or permanent physical disability or chronic illness, the Admissions Committee shall offer them an alternative form for determining aptitude. For this purpose, the student may be required to submit a medical certificate and, in cases of doubt, an official medical certificate by a public health officer (*Amtsarzt*).

(7) If it is not possible for an international applicant to pass the assessment interview in the intended form due to reasons for which they are not personally responsible, the Admissions Committee shall offer them an alternative form for determining aptitude.

§ 7

Notification of aptitude

(1) If the applicant demonstrates the required aptitude according to § 2, they will receive a notification of aptitude from the Admissions Committee immediately after completion of the aptitude assessment procedure, at the latest by July 1 for the winter semester and by March 1 for the summer semester. The notification of aptitude is to be presented to TU Dresden's Admissions Office / International Office and is the required form of proof in order to be admitted to the Master's degree program. It is a prerequisite for enrollment in the Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law.

(2) If the applicant cannot prove the required aptitude according to § 2 or if the result of the assessment interview in § 6 para. 1 is "not suited", the Admissions Committee will issue a written decision on this, which must be accompanied by instructions on how to appeal.

§ 8

Entry into force, expiry, and publication

The regulations for assessing the aptitude for the postgraduate Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law will enter into force on the day following their publication in the Official Announcements of Technische Universität Dresden. The regulations for assessing the aptitude for the postgraduate Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law as of March 22, 2018 (Official Announcements of TU Dresden No. 6/2018 of April 25, 2018, p. 41) shall cease to apply.

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Dresden, April 13, 2023

The Rector
of Technische Universität Dresden

Prof. Dr. Ursula M. Staudinger

Annex:**Evaluation criteria pursuant to § 5 para. 3**

Criteria	Maximum score
1. Expertise in one of the four core subjects (copyright law, trademark law, patent law, data law)	3
2. Knowledge of and interest in current developments in intellectual property and data law	2
3. Communication skills and linguistic expression	2
4. Justification of the desired degree program (motivation)	3
5. Final grade or average grade of the relevant degree pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 1	2
Total points that can be attained	12