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1. HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

1.1 Family Name / 1.2 First Name

Mustermann, Hans

1.3 Date, Place of Birth

1990-01-01, Wernigerode

1.4 Student ID Number - Enrolment Code

21800

2. QUALIFICATION

2.1 Name of qualification and title conferred (in original language)

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Title Conferred (full, abbreviated; in original language)

Does not apply

2.2 Main Field(s) of Study

Consumer Psychology and Market Research - extended

2.3 Institution Awarding the Qualification (in original language)

Hochschule Harz - Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften

Status (Type and Control)

University of Applied Sciences / State University

2.4 Institution Administering Studies (in original language)

Hochschule Harz - Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften

Status (Type and Control)

University of Applied Sciences / State University

2.5 Language(s) of Instruction and Examination

German and English

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3. LEVEL OF THE QUALIFICATION

3.1 Level

EQF/GQF Level 7 (Master). The Master's degree gives access to German higher-level civil service careers.

3.2 Official duration of programme in credits and years

2 years, 4 semesters, 120 ECTS credits

3.3 Access Requirements

According to the Saxony-Anhalt's Law on higher education in the currently valid version, the successful completion of a first academic degree of a university or university of applied sciences in a psychological, economic or business psychology degree programme with a minimum "good" overall performance and which amounts to at least 180 ECTS credit points.

Equivalence of other achievements will be evaluated by the admission board.

In case German is not the native tongue, German language proficiency has to be proved. Strong English language skills are expected.

4. CONTENTS AND RESULTS GAINED

4.1 Mode of Study

Full-time, on-campus programme

4.2 Programme learning outcomes

This Master's programme qualifies specialists and executives in the field of marketing on a psychological and behavioural science basis and market research.

Graduates are experts in consumer psychology. They are particularly highly qualified to assume tasks and responsibilities in the application of psychological methods to questions of market and product research, marketing and other market analysis and consulting services.

In detail, the following competences have been acquired:

Business Psychology Competence:

Graduates develop and implement concepts of consumer behaviour research, market research, advertising and brand policy on the basis of comprehensive scientific knowledge. They take target-oriented strategic and operative decisions in marketing and market research. They observe current trends in sensory brand and product management and examine the potential and limits of their purposeful applicability.

They have a solid understanding of the legal issues of market research and marketing which arise from the provisions of the German Commercial Code (HGB) and the German Civil Code (BGB), complemented by legal regulations on data protection and competition. On this basis they consider and evaluate ethical and legal aspects of decisions and actions.

Behavioural Science Competence:

The graduates comprehensively understand the psychological rules behind human behaviour and judgement in interview and negotiation situations. They anticipate the consequences of cooperative and competitive decisions and recognize potential for integrative solutions.

They master pivotal strategies of rational and intuitive decisions as well as social influence and use them in a targeted and responsible manner in negotiation situations.

They develop and implement concepts on consumer psychological issues and consumer segmentation using current methods of qualitative target and age group analysis.

They are familiar with the psychological foundations of visual perception and apply them in a targeted manner for optimising and evaluating sales promotion measures.

Methodological and Instrumental Competence:

Graduates combine their knowledge of current research methods and the psychological factors influencing the results of social research. From this, they develop scientific hypotheses and derive alternative courses of action.

They independently use information technology tools for planning and implementation of empirical-scientific projects. This includes the associated data collection, data preparation, evaluation and reporting, in order to deal with questions from

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market research. They use standard statistical software, structuring techniques and Internet analysis methods in a target-oriented way and model analysis processes according to requirements.

For sensory product research, they use in particular the technical possibilities, e.g. eye-tracking or taste and scent research. Data and results of a more complex nature can be properly interpreted and presented.

Communication and Social Competence:

Graduates formulate subject-related positions and problem solutions, justify their positions and assume responsibility in interdisciplinary teams. They systematically lead groups of decision-makers through a decision-making process to a result within the framework of guided meetings.

They recognize decision patterns and therefore counter decision errors in a targeted and responsible manner. They design, lead and document workshops in order to develop and implement joint solutions in a coordination process. They present their results in a focused and appropriate manner to decision-makers, customers and colleagues.

Systemic Competence:

Graduates have acquired a holistic view of the range of topics: they combine advanced methodology with current scientific insights into the behaviour of individuals in the market.

They model and analyse interrelated problems, subject areas and tasks and derive appropriate individual measures from them. They assess their effects in the wider system, identify side effects and monitor success.

They have an overview of the interdisciplinary interrelationships of the subject area and apply scientific findings even in interdisciplinary contexts, independently.

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4.3 Programme details, individual credits gained and grades/marks obtained

Courses taken	Grade	Performance Appraisal	ECTS credits
Ethics and Law	2,0	good	5
Empirical Project	2,0	good	5
Advertising and Consumer Psychology	2,3	good	5
Consumer Goods Marketing	1,7	good	5
Quantitative Market Research	2,0	good	5
Elective	2,3	good	5
Market Research based on Eye Tracking	1,7	good	5
Consumer Behavior of a Lifetime	1,7	good	5
Market Research in the Services Sector	1,7	good	5
Sensors and Consumer Behavior	1,7	good	5
Complex Problem Solving	2,0	good	5
Decision Models	2,3	good	5
Negotiating	1,7	good	5
Research Project	1,7	good	15
Project in Market Psychology	1,7	good	15
Master Colloquium	1,7	good	5

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4.3 Programme details, individual credits gained and grades/marks obtained

Courses taken	Grade	Performance Appraisal	ECTS credits
Master Thesis	2,0	good	25
Theme: The topic of the thesis is shown here.			
Total ECTS credit points			120

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4.4 Grading Scheme and Grade Distribution of Overall Performances

The final grade is given with one decimal place. All other digits are deleted without rounding. A performance appraisal is assigned to each final grade level.

The distribution of grades for overall performances has been calculated based on the overall performance results in this programme of study since its opening (2015).

Number of Graduates: 155

Final grade levels	Performance appraisal	Share of graduates with this performance	Cumulative percentage
1,0 - 1,5	Very good	29,03 %	29,03 %
1,6 - 2,5	Good	70,32 %	99,35 %
2,6 - 3,5	Satisfactory	0,65 %	100 %
3,6 - 4,0	Sufficient	100 %	100 %

The following grading scale is used for single assessment of written examinations:

Fulfilment scale of examination requirements	HS Harz grade	Performance appraisal	Performance appreciation
100 - 95 % 94 - 90 %	1,0 1,3	Very good	An excellent performance
89 - 85 % 84 - 80 % 79 - 76 %	1,7 2,0 2,3	Good	A performance significantly above average standard
75 - 72 % 71 - 68 % 67 - 63 %	2,7 3,0 3,3	Satisfactory	An average performance
62 - 58 % 57 - 50 %	3,7 4,0	Sufficient Lowest passing grade	A performance which meets minimum requirements despite of shortcomings

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4.5 Overall Classification of the qualification (in original language)

gut (2,0)

At degree awarding date, this overall performance was among the best 50 % referring to 123 graduates of this study programme since its opening (2015).

5. INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION

5.1 Access to Further Study

The master's programme qualifies to apply for admission to doctoral studies.

5.2 Access to regulated professions

Does not apply

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 Additional Information

6.2 Further Information Sources

<https://www.hs-harz.de/en>

<https://www.hs-harz.de/en/study/faculty-of-business-studies/consumer-psychology-and-market-research-m-sc>

7. CERTIFICATION

This Diploma Supplement refers to the following original documents:

Urkunde über die Verleihung des Grades issued on 02.03.2022

Prüfungszeugnis issued on 02.03.2022

Transcript of Records issued on 02.03.2022

Certification Date: 2022-03-02

Chairperson Examination Committee

8. NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The information on the national higher education system on the following pages provides a context for the qualification and the type of higher education that awarded it.

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8. INFORMATION ON THE GERMAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM [1]

8.1 Types of Institutions and Institutional Status

Higher education (HE) studies in Germany are offered at three types of Higher Education Institutions (HEI).[2]

- Universitäten (Universities) including various specialised institutions, offer the whole range of academic disciplines. In the German tradition, universities focus in particular on basic research so that advanced stages of study have mainly theoretical orientation and research-oriented components.

- Fachhochschulen (FH)/Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW) (Universities of Applied Sciences, UAS) concentrate their study programmes in engineering and other technical disciplines, business-related studies, social work, and design areas. The common mission of applied research and development implies an application-oriented focus of studies, which includes integrated and supervised work assignments in industry, enterprises or other relevant institutions.

- Kunst- und Musikhochschulen (Universities of Art/Music) offer studies for artistic careers in fine arts, performing arts and music; in such fields as directing, production, writing in theatre, film, and other media; and in a variety of design areas, architecture, media and communication.

Higher Education Institutions are either state or state-recognised institutions. In their operations, including the organisation of studies and the designation and award of degrees, they are both subject to higher education legislation.

8.2 Types of Programmes and Degrees Awarded

Studies in all three types of institutions have traditionally been offered in integrated "long" (one-tier) programmes leading to Diplom- or Magister Artium degrees or completed by a Staatsprüfung (State Examination).

Within the framework of the Bologna-Process one-tier study programmes are successively being replaced by a two-tier study system. Since 1998, two-tier degrees (Bachelor's and Master's) have been introduced in almost all study programmes. This change is designed to enlarge variety and flexibility for students in planning and pursuing educational objectives; it also enhances international compatibility of studies.

The German Qualifications Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (HQR)[3] describes the qualification levels as well as the resulting qualifications and competences of the graduates. The three levels of the HQR correspond to the levels 6, 7 and 8 of the German Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning [4] and the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning [5].

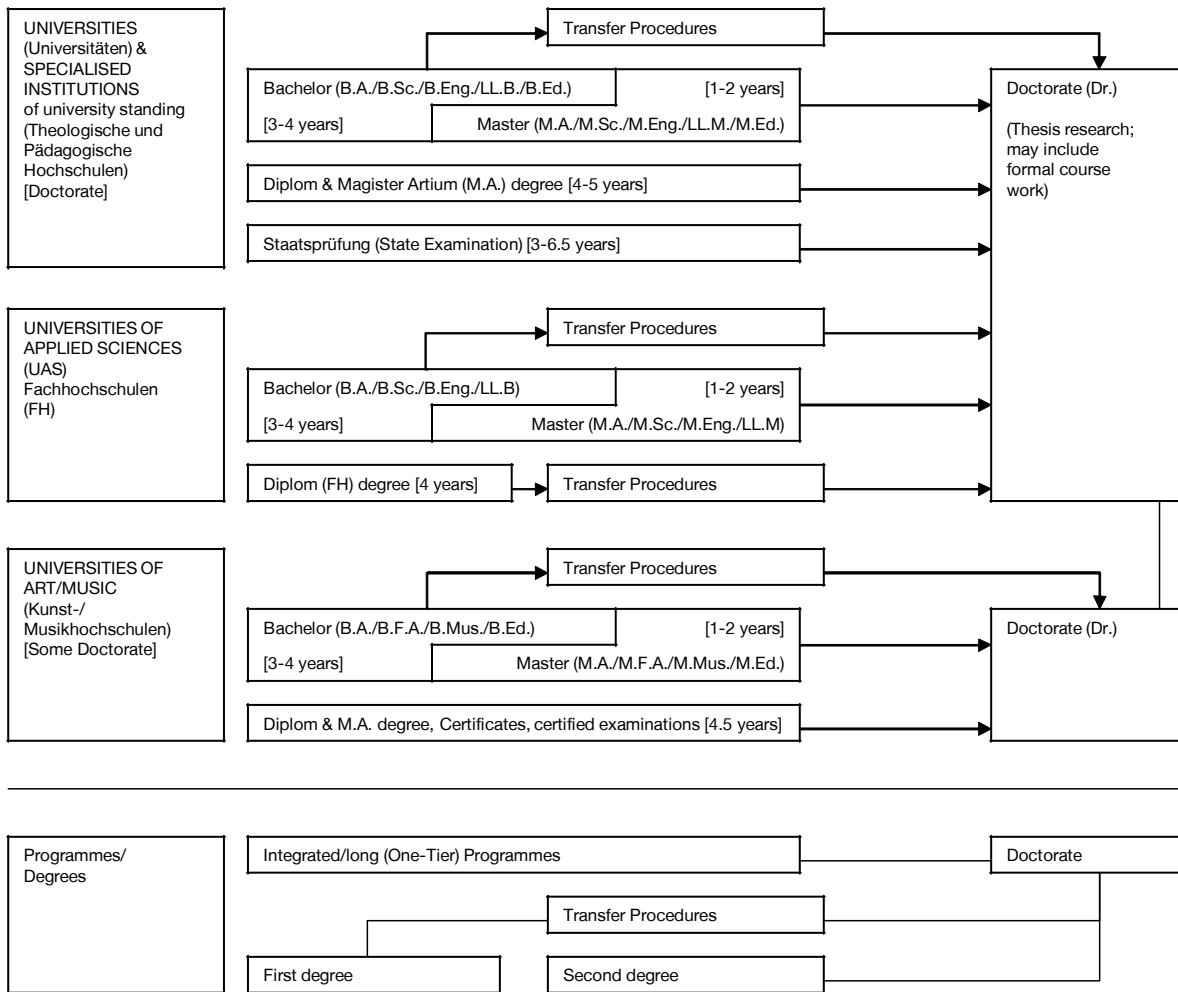
For details cf. Sec. 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.4.3 respectively. Table 1 provides a synoptic summary.

8.3 Approval/Accreditation of Programmes and Degrees

To ensure quality and comparability of qualifications, the organisation of studies and general degree requirements have to conform to principles and regulations established by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK).[6] In 1999, a system of accreditation for Bachelor's and Master's programmes has become operational. All new programmes have to be accredited under this scheme; after a successful accreditation they receive the seal of the Accreditation Council.[7]

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Table 1:
Institutions, Programmes and Degrees in German Higher Education



8.4 Organization and Structure of Studies

The following programmes apply to all three types of institutions. Bachelor's and Master's study programmes may be studied consecutively, at various higher education institutions, at different types of higher education institutions and with phases of professional work between the first and the second qualification. The organisation of the study programmes makes use of modular components and of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) with 30 credits corresponding to one semester.

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8.4.1 Bachelor

Bachelor's degree programmes lay the academic foundations, provide methodological competences and include skills related to the professional field. The Bachelor's degree is awarded after 3 to 4 years.

The Bachelor's degree programme includes a thesis requirement. Study programmes leading to the Bachelor's degree must be accredited according to the Interstate study accreditation treaty.[8]

First degree programmes (Bachelor) lead to Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.), Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.) or Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.).

The Bachelor's degree corresponds to level 6 of the German Qualifications Framework/ European Qualifications Framework.

8.4.2 Master

Master is the second degree after another 1 to 2 years. Master's programmes may be differentiated by the profile types "practice-oriented" and "research-oriented". Higher Education Institutions define the profile.

The Master's degree programme includes a thesis requirement. Study programmes leading to the Master's degree must be accredited according to the Interstate study accreditation treaty.[9]

Second degree programmes (Master) lead to Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.), Master of Engineering (M.Eng.), Master of Laws (L.L.M.), Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), Master of Music (M.Mus.) or Master of Education (M.Ed.). Master's programmes which are designed for continuing education may carry other designations (e.g. MBA).

The Master's degree corresponds to level 7 of the German Qualifications Framework/ European Qualifications Framework.

8.4.3 Integrated "Long" Programmes (One-Tier): Diplom degrees, Magister Artium, Staatsprüfung

An integrated study programme is either mono-disciplinary (Diplom degrees, most programmes completed by a Staatsprüfung) or comprises a combination of either two major or one major and two minor fields (Magister Artium). The first stage (1.5 to 2 years) focuses on broad orientations and foundations of the field(s) of study. An Intermediate Examination (Diplom-Vorprüfung for Diplom degrees; Zwischenprüfung or credit requirements for the Magister Artium) is prerequisite to enter the second stage of advanced studies and specialisations. Degree requirements include submission of a thesis (up to 6 months duration) and comprehensive final written and oral examinations. Similar regulations apply to studies leading to a Staatsprüfung. The level of qualification is equivalent to the Master's level.

- Integrated studies at Universitäten (U) last 4 to 5 years (Diplom degree, Magister Artium) or 3.5 to 6.5 years (Staatsprüfung). The Diplom degree is awarded in engineering disciplines, the natural sciences as well as economics and business. In the humanities, the corresponding degree is usually the Magister Artium (M.A.). In the social sciences, the practice varies as a matter of institutional traditions. Studies preparing for the legal, medical and pharmaceutical professions are completed by a Staatsprüfung. This applies also to studies preparing for teaching professions of some Länder.

The three qualifications (Diplom, Magister Artium and Staatsprüfung) are academically equivalent and correspond to level 7 of the German Qualifications Framework/European Qualifications Framework.

They qualify to apply for admission to doctoral studies. Further prerequisites for admission may be defined by the Higher Education Institution, cf. Sec. 8.5.

- Integrated studies at Fachhochschulen (FH)/Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW) (Universities of Applied Sciences, UAS) last 4 years and lead to a Diplom (FH) degree which corresponds to level 6 of the German Qualifications Framework/European Qualifications Framework.

Qualified graduates of FH/HAW/UAS may apply for admission to doctoral studies at doctorate-granting institutions, cf. Sec. 8.5.

- Studies at Kunst- and Musikhochschulen (Universities of Art/Music etc.) are more diverse in their organisation, depending on the field and individual objectives. In addition to Diplom/Magister degrees, the integrated study programme awards include certificates and certified examinations for specialised areas and professional purposes.

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8.5 Doctorate

Universities as well as specialised institutions of university standing, some of the FH/HAW/UAS and some Universities of Art/Music are doctorate-granting institutions. Formal prerequisite for admission to doctoral work is a qualified Master's degree (UAS and U), a Magister degree, a Diplom, a Staatsprüfung, or a foreign equivalent. Comparable degrees from universities of art and music can in exceptional cases (study programmes such as music theory, musicology, pedagogy of arts and music, media studies) also formally qualify for doctoral work. Particularly qualified holders of a Bachelor's degree or a Diplom (FH) degree may also be admitted to doctoral studies without acquisition of a further degree by means of a procedure to determine their aptitude. The universities respectively the doctorate-granting institutions regulate entry to a doctorate as well as the structure of the procedure to determine aptitude. Admission further requires the acceptance of the Dissertation research project by a professor as a supervisor.

The doctoral degree corresponds to level 8 of the German Qualifications Framework/ European Qualifications Framework.

8.6 Grading Scheme

The grading scheme in Germany usually comprises five levels (with numerical equivalents; intermediate grades may be given): "Sehr Gut" (1) = Very Good; "Gut" (2) = Good; "Befriedigend" (3) = Satisfactory; "Ausreichend" (4) = Sufficient; "Nicht ausreichend" (5) = Non-Sufficient/Fail. The minimum passing grade is "Ausreichend" (4). Verbal designations of grades may vary in some cases and for doctoral degrees.

In addition, grade distribution tables as described in the ECTS Users' Guide are used to indicate the relative distribution of grades within a reference group.

8.7 Access to Higher Education

The General Higher Education Entrance Qualification (Allgemeine Hochschulreife, Abitur) after 12 to 13 years of schooling allows for admission to all higher educational studies. Specialised variants (Fachgebundene Hochschulreife) allow for admission at Fachhochschulen (FH)/Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW) (UAS), universities and equivalent higher education institutions, but only in particular disciplines. Access to study programmes at Fachhochschulen (FH)/Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW) (UAS) is also possible with a Fachhochschulreife, which can usually be acquired after 12 years of schooling. Admission to study programmes at Universities of Art/Music and comparable study programmes at other higher education institutions as well as admission to a study programme in sports may be based on other or additional evidence demonstrating individual aptitude.

Applicants with a qualification in vocational education and training but without a school-based higher education entrance qualification are entitled to a general higher education entrance qualification and thus to access to all study programmes, provided they have obtained advanced further training certificates in particular state-regulated vocational fields (e.g. Meister/Meisterin im Handwerk, Industriemeister/in, Fachwirt/in (IHK), Betriebswirt/in (IHK) und (HWK), staatlich geprüfte/r Techniker/in, staatlich geprüfte/r Betriebswirt/in, staatlich geprüfte/r Gestalter/in, staatlich geprüfte/r Erzieher/in).

Vocationally qualified applicants can obtain a Fachgebundene Hochschulreife after completing a state-regulated vocational education of at least two years' duration plus professional practice of normally at least three years' duration, after having successfully passed an aptitude test at a higher education institution or other state institution; the aptitude test may be replaced by successfully completed trial studies of at least one year's duration.[10]

Higher Education Institutions may in certain cases apply additional admission procedures.

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8.8 National Sources of Information

- Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK) [Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany]; Graurheindorfer Str. 157, D-53117 Bonn; Phone: +49[0]228/501-0; www.kmk.org; E-Mail: hochschulen@kmk.org
- Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) as German NARIC; www.kmk.org; E-Mail: zab@kmk.org
- German information office of the Länder in the EURYDICE Network, providing the national dossier on the education system; www.kmk.org; E-Mail: Eurydice@kmk.org
- Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (HRK) [German Rectors' Conference]; Leipziger Platz 11, D-10117 Berlin, Phone: +49 30 206292-11; www.hrk.de; E-Mail: post@hrk.de
- "Higher Education Compass" of the German Rectors' Conference features comprehensive information on institutions, programmes of study, etc. (www.higher-education-compass.de)

[1] The information covers only aspects directly relevant to purposes of the Diploma Supplement.

[2] Berufsakademien are not considered as Higher Education Institutions, they only exist in some of the Länder. They offer educational programmes in close cooperation with private companies. Students receive a formal degree and carry out an apprenticeship at the company. Some Berufsakademien offer Bachelor courses which are recognised as an academic degree if they are accredited by the Accreditation Council.

[3] German Qualifications Framework for Higher Education Degrees. (Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany of 16 February 2017).

[4] German Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning (DQR). Joint resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the German Conference of Economics Ministers and the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany of 15 November 2012). More information at www.dqr.de

[5] Recommendation of the European Parliament and the European Council on the establishment of a European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning of 23 April 2008 (2008/C 111/01 – European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning – EQF).

[6] Specimen decree pursuant to Article 4, paragraphs 1 – 4 of the interstate study accreditation treaty (Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany of 7 December 2017).

[7] Interstate Treaty on the organization of a joint accreditation system to ensure the quality of teaching and learning at German higher education institutions (Interstate study accreditation treaty) (Decision of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany of 8 December 2016), Enacted on 1 January 2018.

[8] See note No. 7.

[9] See note No. 7.

[10] Access to higher education for applicants with a vocational qualification, but without a school-based higher education entrance qualification (Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany of 6 March 2009).