

# Recognition of foreign degrees

## Admission to doctoral programmes

### Requirements

#### a) General university entrance qualification

You have to prove that you completed a study programme **equivalent** to one of the following programmes and that is **relevant for your desired subject** of doctoral programme:

- a diploma programme
- a master programme (*exception: non-degree programmes*)
- a bachelor programme, **only** if it was completed in minimum duration and outstanding academic success

As **evidence** for the equivalence of a study programme, you have to provide

- the **original**  
(where required with apostille or full public certification, depending on the country of origin)

and

- a **translation** into German language with public certification

of the following **documents**:

- final degree
- diploma/degree supplement, including a list of all courses attended (with grades and ECTS)
- record of study (start/end of study programme, periods of leave etc.)

#### b) Special university entrance qualification

If you are not a citizen from a member country of the European Union (or an equated country, e.g. Switzerland), you have to prove, in addition to a), that your diploma entitles you to be admitted to the desired doctoral programme in your home country.

As evidence, you can provide primarily an **official statement of a university in your home country** that you would be accepted if you applied for a doctoral programme (again the original and translation with public certification).

### Procedure

Your application for admission to a doctoral programme will be processed as soon as you have provided all required documents, but not before the start of admission period. Original documents will be checked and returned at once.

Statements in advance, whether your foreign degrees are sufficient for admission, can only be informal and will not influence the final decision.