

Admission Requirements

PLEASE ONLY APPLY IF YOU SATISFY THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS!

Professional and Academic Competence: The minimal condition for application is a bachelor's degree from a university inside the EU with at least 180 ECTS or an equivalent degree from outside the EU. The following subjects are considered relevant for the program:

- ❖ Cognitive Science
- ❖ Psychology
- ❖ Philosophy with a strong focus on analytic philosophy, especially philosophy of mind (at least 15 ECTS)
- ❖ Neuroscience
- ❖ Informatics/Information Technology
- ❖ Linguistics
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Biology with a focus on Neurobiology or Bio-Informatics or similar topics (at least 20 ECTS)

If the applicant's bachelor program consisted of two subjects, at least one of those subjects has to be considered relevant (see list above) and it must have been studied for at least 60 ECTS. The second subject has to provide at least 15 relevant ECTS.

Given previous experiences, we do normally not accept students with a bachelor's degree in programs of applied psychology (e.g. speech therapy, business psychology, sport psychology). We can also not accept students with a background in medicine, pharmacology or engineering without a strong focus on cognitive, mathematical, or software related aspects.

In case of doubt, please contact the program coordinator (cogsci-info@rub.de) for further information. Please attach your transcript of records in German or English to your email.

Language Requirements: The program is taught entirely in English. All students are required to provide proof of English proficiency. We require a proficiency level of at least B2+. German is not a requirement. Please read the following information concerning the language requirements carefully.

The following tests are accepted as proof of English proficiency:

- ❖ UNlcert II (grade 2.0 or better)
- ❖ IELTS 6.5 (with at least a 6.0 in all four sub-categories)
- ❖ TOEFL IBT 85 (with at least 18 in all four sub-categories)
- ❖ FCE (grade A or B, resp. C or B2)

Test certificates have to be uploaded by the applicant via the application portal. Do not send any hardcopies. We can only accept other language certificates if you can proof equivalency.

No test certificate is required if you are a citizen of the following countries

- ❖ Australia
- ❖ Canada (excluding Quebec)
- ❖ Ireland
- ❖ New Zealand
- ❖ United Kingdom
- ❖ United States of America

No test certificate is required if your bachelor degree complies with the following: the only medium of instruction was English, the program lasted for at least three years, your graduation dates back not more than two years. The uploaded document must explicitly indicate English as language of instruction.

German applicants need proof of English proficiency just as non-German applicants. The German Abitur does **not** count. Further, if your language of instruction in school was English, yet you do not fulfil any of the other conditions, you are still required to submit a language test.

Language certificates must not be older than two years at the final application day.

Language certificates are valid for four instead of two years, if one of the two conditions are fulfilled:

- ❖ In the last two years, the applicant studied for at least 6 months in an English program at an English-speaking university
- ❖ In the last two years, the applicant wrote an academic thesis (master, bachelor) in English to complete an academic program. The program need not have been conducted in English.