

## 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, epistemology or philosophy of science (at least 15 ECTS)
- ❖ Neuroscience
- ❖ Computer Science
- ❖ Linguistics
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Biology with a focus on Neurobiology or Bioinformatics or similar topics (at least 20 ECTS)

Subjects that are not included in the list are considered relevant if they have a clear focus on cognitive science (e.g. neurobiology or neuroinformatics) or if they include courses amounting to 60 ECTS that are clearly related to cognitive sciences in terms of content.

If the Bachelor's program consists of two (or more) subjects, one of the relevant subjects listed above must have been completed to the extent of at least 60 ECTS; additionally in a second subject from the list, a minimum of 15 ECTS must be completed.

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.

The document "[Proof of fulfillment of academic admission requirements](#)" for the [M.Sc. Cognitive Science](#) is required for a complete application.

**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 hard copies. Language certificates must not be older than two years on the day of application. We can only accept other language certificates if you can prove 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's 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.