REGULATIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF STUDY CONTROL CONCERNING THE HES-EPFL GATEWAY for the 2021-2022 academic year

May 26, 2020

The management of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne,

In view of Art. 9 of the Ordinance of the Council of the Universities on the Coordination of Education of November 29, 2019;
In view of art. 11 of the ordinance concerning admission to the EPFL of May 8, 1995;
having regard to art. 1 and 8 of the directive on master programs and minors, of October 17, 2005;
having regard to the ordinance on education leading to the bachelor's and master's degrees of the EPFL of June 14, 2004;
Having regard to the ordinance on the control of studies leading to the bachelor's and master's degrees at EPFL of June 30, 2015;

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Art. 1 - Passerelle HES-EPFL

1. The present regulation sets out the specific rules for admission to the EPFL Master's program on the basis of an HES Bachelor's degree (HES-EPFL passerelle; hereinafter referred to as the "passerelle") which relate to the academic year 2021-2022. In addition, the general rules of study at EPFL apply, in particular those contained in its ordinance on study control.

2. A Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences with a minimum average of 5.0 from the EPFL allows admission to a Master's degree from the EPFL in the corresponding discipline, subject to the successful completion of the gateway.

3. The gateway completes the HES training by obtaining 57 to 60 credits in basic sciences, engineering or architecture at EPFL, depending on the Master's degree.

4. The branches that allow students to obtain the credits for the gateway are divided into a block of basic branches and a block of advanced branches. Each of the two blocks comprises between 25 and 35 credits.

5. In addition to the branches that allow the acquisition of credits for the gateway, any pre-requisite branches for the master's degree may be added, in accordance with the corresponding course booklet.

6. Successful completion of the gateway allows final admission to the master's program. It does not give rise to any title.

Art. 2 - Early registration for the master's degree

In order to register for the master's degree courses, at least 30 credits must be acquired in the gateway courses (individual courses).

Art. 3 - Conditions for successful completion of the gateway

1. The gateway is successful when its credits are obtained within a maximum of two years. These credits are obtained by an average of the branches equal to or greater than 4.00 for each of the two blocks of the gateway.

2. Obtaining less than 30 credits in the gateway branches (individual branches) at the end of the first year exams will result in a definitive failure.

Art. 4 - Rules applicable in the second year

1. Students who need to obtain missing credits in a second year remain subject to the bridging regulations that apply to their first year (year of admission to the bridging program).

2. The repetition of a branch is performed according to the rules of the branch for the year of the repetition.

Art. 5 - Period of courses and tests

1. Gateway courses begin at the start of the fall semester. Students may not enter during the year.

2. In accordance with EPFL rules,
   - Sessional branches are examined in the corresponding winter or summer examination sessions with possible semester tests,
   - the semester branches are examined during the corresponding semester, and
   - the annual branches are examined at the summer exam session at the end of the academic year.

On behalf of the EPFL management

The President, M. Vetterli
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Lausanne, May 26, 2021

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