

**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

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