According to Article 110, paragraph 3, in accordance with Article 33, paragraph 6 of the Higher Education Act of the State of Bremen as published on 9 May 2007 (Bremen Law Journal, p 339), last amended by Article 8 of this law of 22 June 2010 (Bremen Law Journal, p 375), and Article 3, paragraph 2 of the Higher Education Act of the State of Bremen as amended and promulgated on 9 November 2010 (Bremen Law Journal, p 535), amendment of jurisdiction last amended and promulgated on 24 January 2012 (Bremen Law Journal, p 24, corrected p 153), the rector of the University of Bremen approved the Regulations for the Admission to the M.Sc. Graduate Programme ‘Neurosciences’ in the following version with the effect from 20 February 2013.

Article 1

Requirements for Admission

(1) The requirements for admission to the Neurosciences Master Study Course are as follows:

a. A university degree qualifying for a profession in one of the following degree study courses:
   - Biology
   - Physics
   - Psychology
   - Informatics

   or in a degree study course that shows no major differences in content, time and in effort and requirements for which at least 180 Credit Points (CP) according to European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) have been awarded, or equivalent achievements. Admission is also possible for students of human or veterinary medicine who have successfully passed their first state examination.

b. Evidence of at least 60 CP acquired in one or several of the sciences of previous study such as
   - Zoology
   - Human Biology
   - Biopsychology or Neuropsychology
   - Biochemistry
   - Cell Biology / Molecular Biology
   - Genetics
   - Mathematics / Statistics
   - Human Medicine / Clinical Neurology
   - Physics
   - Chemistry

   or in any other field of Science recognized as equivalent.
c. Knowledge of the English Language which is at least equivalent to C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Proof of this will not be necessary if the applicant has acquired a university entrance qualification or his / her last degree certificate has been acquired at an English speaking institution.

d. A Letter of Motivation which states the reasons of the applicant's special interest in the Neurosciences Master Study Course (cf. Assessment Criteria, Article 2 (2)).

(2) The Admission Committee decides on the admission of a degree as mentioned in paragraph 1a and the proof of ability as mentioned in paragraph 1b.

(3) Admission can also be applied for if the previous degree has not been completed by the deadline for a particular year, but study achievements and examination performances of at least 135 CP have been acquired. If the applicant fulfills the further admission requirements according to Article 1 (1b and 1d), admission may be granted subject to the condition that proof of passing the initial degree and the certificate of language proficiency to Article 1 (1c) is furnished at the latest two weeks after the beginning of the Master Study Course. In this case the relevant documents and certificates are to be handed in by 31 December of that year.

(4) The Admission and Registrar’s Office checks the fulfillment of the formal requirements for admission. If the requirements for admission are fulfilled, the applicant will be admitted as a student provided the number of applications does not exceed the number of places according to Article 2 (1).

Article 2

Admission Procedure

(1) The number of first semester students can be restricted and may be re-assessed each year. In case the number of applicants who comply with the requirements according to Article 1 is higher than the number of available places, a ranking order in accordance with Article 3 will be established to allocate university places to potential students.

(2) The Admission Committee evaluates the application documents on basis of the following criteria and their weighting to assign a rank of preference to each applicant. The ranking order depends on the credit points which each of the applicants have received in the selection process. At a maximum, 100 points can be achieved which are apportioned to the following criteria:

- 80 points maximum: The overall mark of the previously completed degree or the average mark achieved at the time of the application (at least 135 CP). The points are attributed according to the rank of each applicant’s marks; the applicant with the highest standing will receive the maximum number of points, all other applicants who rank below receive a number of points that are respectively lower. The applicant with the lowest rank will receive 0 points.
- 20 points maximum: Letter of Motivation (explanatory statement for interest in the study course). Criteria for the evaluation of the letter are specific reference to the study course, a distinct explanation of the applicant’s own qualification and aims, especially as regards the connection between future career and the course of studies, as well as the applicant’s motivation being in accordance with the orientation of the course of studies.
On basis of the evaluation of the admission documents according to Article 2 (2), the Admission Committee in compliance with Article 3 proposes the ranking order for admission. Minutes are to be taken which give date, place of admission procedure, names of members of the Admission Committee, name of the applicant, and the final assessment of the applicant.

An admission on the grounds of a hardship quota is possible. Upon application, university places attributed to the hardship quote (5 per cent) are allocated to applicants, who would suffer unusual hardship under non-admission. Unusual hardship applies if social or family-related reasons imperatively require the immediate begin of studies. The ranking order will be determined by the degree of unusual hardship.

The vice-chancellor of the university decides on the admission to a place as a student at the University of Bremen as well as in cases of administrative appeal against denied admissions.

**Article 3**

**Admission Committee**

To perform the duties mentioned in these Regulations an Admission Committee is to be appointed. Members of the committee are appointed by the Faculty Council; the period of appointment amounts to 2 years for professors and non-professorial academic staff and 1 year for students. The Admission Committee consists of

- 3 professors working in the relevant study course
- 1 member of the non-professorial academic staff
- 1 student member.

**Article 4**

**Application and Application Documents**

(1) Applicants are admitted to the University of Bremen each winter term. Applications and relevant documents according to Article 1 must be submitted electronically by 30 April to: www.uni-bremen.de/master.

(2) On enrolment, but at the latest two weeks after start of the courses of the Neurosciences Master Study Course, certificates mentioned in paragraph 3 must be submitted in paper form, copies have to be officially attested. For documents that are not written in German or English language, officially certified translations have to be provided. Only official certifications of German authorities can be accepted. Translations must be conducted or verified by a sworn translator.

(3) The following documents must be enclosed:

- Application form
- Evidence of fulfillment of all the requirements mentioned in Article 1
- Personal data sheet
- Details of the previous study courses (Transcript of Records or equivalent document)
- Explanatory statement for interest in the study course (Letter of Motivation)
- Evidence of relevant professional or non-professional experience, if applicable.
Article 5
Entry into Force

These Regulations enter into force with the rector’s approval. They will be published in the bulletin of the University of Bremen and are valid for admissions from winter term 2013 / 14 onwards. Upon entering into force the admission regulations supersede the Admission regulations from 25 January 2012.

Approved, Bremen, on 25th January 2012

The Rector

of the University of Bremen