

Regulations concerning Requirements for Master's Degrees

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Established by the Ministry of Education and Research on 1 December 2005 pursuant to section 3-2, subsection 1, and section 3-7, subsection 2, of the Act of 1 April 2005 no. 15 relating to Universities and University Colleges.

Section 1. *Scope*

These regulations apply to master's degree programmes for institutions subject to the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges.

Section 2. *Requirements as to academic basis etc.*

The institution's Board may decide that certain subjects, courses or course groups must make up part of the educational pathway on which the master's degree programme is based. The Board may establish rules for the ranking of qualified applicants, and the Board also has the authority to establish special academic minimum requirements.

§ 3. *Requirements for a master's degree with a scope of 120 credits*

The master's degree is achieved on the basis of a master's degree examination with a scope of 120 credits (2 years), including independent work pursuant to section 6. The degree is based on one of the following educational pathways:

- a bachelor's degree
- a cand.mag. degree (first cycle degree which was awarded until 2005)
- other degree or vocational education with a scope of minimum 3 years' duration
- an education which has been accredited as the equivalent of the above-mentioned degrees or educational pathways pursuant to section 3-4 of the Act relating to Universities and University Colleges.

One of these educational pathways must include the following: