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New HRK data: drop in admission restrictions continues

The number of courses subject to admission restrictions has fallen again slightly. This was revealed by the latest statistics from the German Rectors' Conference (HRK).

In the current 2018/2019 winter semester, admission restrictions applied to 42.1 per cent of the more than 10,000 undergraduate courses on offer. This is down from the previous year's 44.2 per cent and 49.5 per cent in the 2014/2015 winter semester.

The proportion of admission restrictions is particularly high in Berlin (64.6 per cent) and Bremen (62 per cent). Thuringia has the most favourable rate, with eight out of ten courses on offer having no admission restrictions. In Bavaria, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saxony-Anhalt, this is approximately seven out of ten.

The proportion of course options leading to a Bachelor's or Master's degree has changed very little: it is almost 92 per cent. The remainder are mainly those with state or church qualifications and 346 courses with traditional degrees (Diplom, Magister and artistic qualifications).

The number of graduates continues to rise. In the 2017 academic year, there were more than 470,000 – around 80 per cent more than ten years ago. The proportion of those who graduate with a Bachelor's or Master's degree is now 82.1 per cent.

The HRK publication **“Statistical Data on Study Opportunities at Universities in Germany – Winter Semester 2018/2019”** (available only in German) contains comprehensive data on many aspects of studying in Germany. It was based on information entered by universities in the HRK database www.hochschulkompass.de/en about their degree programmes as at 1 September, and also additional statistical material.

The publication is available online at www.hrk.de. The print version was published as part of the HRK series "Statistiken zur Hochschulpolitik" (Statistics on Higher Education Policy), and can be ordered free of charge from: publikationen@hrk.de.