

**Rule for Admittance to the Master’s Degree Educational Programme at the  
Higher Educational Institution of Orthodox Theology**

**Appendix 1**

**Approved by**

**Decree no.119 (June 30, 2019) of His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Catholicos-  
Patriarch of All Georgia**

**Article 1. Spheres of the regulation of the rule**

1. The present rule determines the procedures and requisites for the admittance of students to the educational programme of Master’s Degree at the Higher Educational institution of Orthodox Theology (hereinafter – “higher educational institution”), for the following Theological Educational programmes in the fields of Orthodox Theology:
  - 1.1. Theology;
  - 1.2. Iconography;
  - 1.3. Ecclesiastical Architecture;
  - 1.4. Ecclesiastical Music and Musicology;
  - 1.5. Christian Psychology;
  - 1.6. Christian Art Theory and History;
  - 1.7. Restoration of Easel and Monumental Iconography;
  - 1.8. Christian Philosophy.

## **Article 2. Individuals eligible to be involved in the Master's degree educational programme**

1. According to the first article of these rules, only individuals holding Bachelor's degree or an academic degree corresponding with the former are eligible to take the Master's degree educational programme in the fields of theology.
2. Individuals intending to take programmes at the higher educational institution are to satisfy special requirements determined by the Internal Legal Act of the head of the institution which is published along with the programmes of entrance examinations;
3. At the Theological Academy – as a structural unit of the higher educational institution - solely male students are eligible to take the educational programme.

## **Article 3. Admittance for the academic Master's degree programme in the fields of Theology**

1. Admittance to the Master's degree educational programme in the fields of theology is conducted without a general Master's degree examination in Theology and according to the results of the internal examinations, assigned by these rules;
2. The following internal examinations are assigned for the enrollment in the educational Master's degree programme in the fields of Theology:
  - 2.1 Foundations of the Christian Dogmatics (Catechesis);

## 2.2 Foreign Languages;

3. Programmes for the internal examinations, their form and dates, also, assigning of additional internal examinations if necessity is arisen due to the specifics of a concrete higher educational institution, are determined by the head of the higher educational institution on the basis of the request made by the appropriate structural unit;
4. For the purpose of the organization of the examinations and assessment of their results, special examination juries appropriate for every examination is formed at least a week prior to their commencement on the basis of the Internal Act of the head of the higher educational institution;
5. Every internal examination is assessed by 100 scores and an examination is considered passed if the seeker of the Master's degree accumulates minimal 51 scores;
6. In case of missing an examination, the candidate of the Master's degree cannot be admitted to the next one;
7. The admittance to the Master's degree educational programme is carried out according to the total of all the results and the quota approved by the higher educational institution – from the highest score and under. Due to the specifications of the higher educational institution, in case of equal results of the examinations, privilege may be granted to the scores acquired in the subject/subjects approved by the head of the higher educational institution.

#### **Article 4. Admittance to the higher educational institution**

1. The admittance to the higher educational institution is conducted according to the scores acquired in the internal examinations;
2. The admittance of the candidates of Master's degree to the higher educational institution is only possible after the submission of the recognized by legislation legal document verifying the acquisition of an academic higher education – diploma, and for the persons recruited in military service, after the submission of the document verifying their conscription, according to the Legislation.
3. The admittance of the candidates of Master's degree to the higher educational institution is formalized by an agreement signed between the institution and the Master's degree candidate and the unified act of the head of the higher educational institution;
4. Concerning the individuals with whom the agreements defined in provision 3 of this Article were signed, the higher educational institution formalizes a Unified Act of the head of the higher educational institution which is to be sent every year before the 5<sup>th</sup> of October to the LEPL National Centre for Educational Enhancement. The Rector's Unified Act will contain the name, family name, personal identification number, educational programme which the Master's degree student has gained the right to be enrolled in. Till the 7<sup>th</sup> of October of every year, the higher educational institution will submit an electronic version of the information about the individuals enrolled. The information is to be

compiled according to the form approved by the Administrative Legal Act of the director of the LEPL National Centre for Educational Enhancement.

5. After the Unified Act of the head of the higher education institution (approved by the 4<sup>th</sup> provision of this article) is issued, the person becomes a student of the higher educational institution – a Master's degree student.