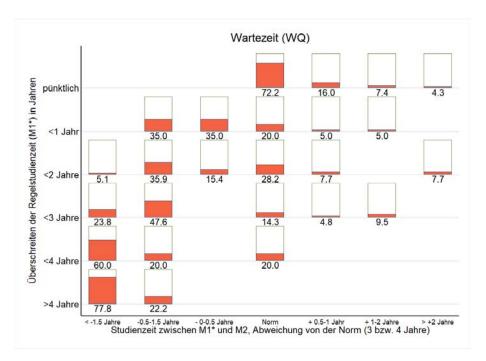
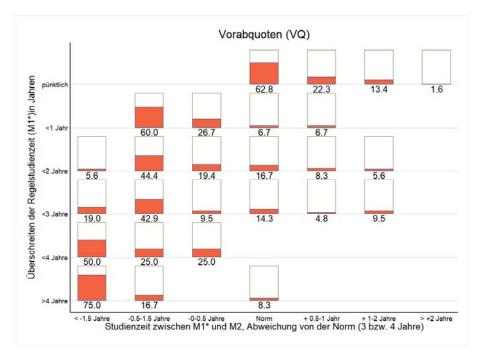
## **Attachment 1: Supplementary material**

**Figure A1:** Exceeding the length of time intended for M1\* and length of time between M1\* and M2, for students admitted via the waiting list (WQ)



*Note:* Length of study time between  $M1^*$  and M2 (ordinate) depending on the delay in  $M1^*$ . The red bars indicate the percentage of students per category of  $M1^*$  delay. If  $M1^*$  (after two years) and M2 (generally in five years) are both completed "on time," then the length of study time from  $M1^*$  to M2 is three years. For instance, almost 80% of WQ students who completed  $M1^*$  after more than three but less than four years kept within the normal length of study time or even finished sooner.

**Figure A2:** Exceeding the length of study intended for M1\* and length of study between M1\* and M2, for students admitted based on special quotas (VQ)



*Note:* Length of study time between M1\* and M2 (ordinate) depending on the delay in M1\*. The red bars indicate the percentage of students per category of M1\* delay. If M1\* (after two years) and M2 (generally in five years) are both completed "on time," then the length of study time from M1\* to M2 is three years.

Table A3: M2 grades according to length of study time for M1\* and M2

|                       | (1) M1* delayed &<br>M2 ≤ norm | (2) M1* delayed &<br>M2 ≥ norm | (3) M1* punctual<br>& M2 ≥ norm |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Best school graduates | 2.91                           | 2.86                           | 2.21                            |
|                       | (0.70)[11]                     | (0.90)[7]                      | (0.64)[281]                     |
| Waiting list          | 3.36                           | 3.26                           | 2.86                            |
|                       | (0.69)[75]                     | (0.76)[27]                     | (0.73)[299]                     |
| Selection procedure   | 2.98                           | 2.84                           | 2.59                            |
|                       | (0.67)[117]                    | (0.67)[64]                     | (0.67)[1204]                    |
| Special quotas        | 3.39                           | 3.11                           | 2.72                            |
|                       | (0.67)[79]                     | (0.88)[28]                     | (0.71)[228]                     |

*Note:* "Norm" indicates a length of study time between M1\* and passing the M2 exam of under 3.5 years. M1\* was punctually completed if the length of study time did not exceed 2.2 years. Standard deviations in parentheses; the number of observations in brackets.