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§ 1 Applicability

The number of places for the Master's Programme Life Science is limited. If there are more applicants who meet the entry requirements (§ 4) than study places, a selection process (§ 5) will take place. Selection decisions are made based on who has the greatest potential to meet the demands of our curriculum and the future profession.

§ 2 Application

- (1) New students can start in the winter or summer semester. Application deadlines are 15 June (winter semester) and 15 January (summer semester). The application for admission, including the required documents, must have been received by the University of Konstanz on the date stated above (cut-off date). In duly substantiated exceptional cases applications may be possible until the start of the semester you apply for. The Examination Board Life Science decides about such exceptions.
- (2) You have to apply for admission in the form requested by the university.
- (3) Please attach copies of the following documents:
 - a) Description of your career (curriculum vitae).
 - b) Documentation of your academic degree including details of your course work (including ECTS credits and weekly teaching hours) in the Bachelor's Programme Life Science at the University of Konstanz or equivalent study programme. Please attach an exact description of the curricular contents of the study programme that led to your degree (does not apply to graduates of the Bachelor's Programme Life Science at the University of Konstanz)
 - c) Documentation of your English language skills (see § 4 no. 3).
- (4) If you cannot present your degree certificate at that time, you have to prove that you will probably meet the entrance requirements (§ 4) by documenting your exam performance and average grade so far. The examination certificate has to be handed in no later than two months after the start of the semester you have applied for. Admission and enrolment can be granted with the provision that you prove your academic qualification within this time limit.
- (5) Admission must be denied if the documents (see para. 3) are not handed in at the due date or are incomplete.
- (6) The university may require that you present original copies of the documents mentioned above when you enrol.

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§ 3 Competencies

- (1) The Examination Board Life Science acts as selection committee and decides whether you meet the entry requirements (see § 4).
- (2) The rector decides on the admission to the master's programme based on the proposals of the Examination Board Life Science.

§ 4 Entry requirements

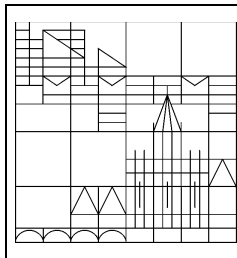
Entry requirements for the Master's Programme Life Science are:

1. Documentation of a three-year (or more) study programme at a state, or officially recognised, institution of higher education or *Berufsakademie* in the subject Life Science (minimum degree Bachelor of Sciences (B.Sc.) or equivalent), or a related subject. A study programme is considered related if the acquired competencies are similar to those that you would have acquired in the subject Life Science at the University of Konstanz. The competencies are considered similar if contents, learning objectives and examinations largely correspond to the study programme at the University of Konstanz mentioned above. When recognising degrees completed outside of Germany the recommendations of the *Kultusministerkonferenz* (conference of ministers of education) - *Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen ZaB* (Central Office for Foreign Education), Agreements on Equivalence of the Federal Republic of Germany and agreements with partner universities have to be considered.
2. If the subject of your bachelor's degree is a subject related to "Life Science" at the University of Konstanz, you have to have good assessments in the areas relevant for Life Science (organic chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology).
3. You have to provide proof of your language skills as follows:

English skills of at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, documented by one of the following: TOEFL-Test (Test of English as a Foreign Language) 90 points or more (internet based); or the Cambridge First Certificate in English, Grade C or better; or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) band scale 6.0 or better, or five years of continuous English lessons at a German secondary education school with a minimum grade of 7 points or 'satisfactory' (usually certified by the higher education entrance qualification).

We may test your English skills here at the University of Konstanz if they seem to be inadequate. In such cases enrolment depends on the result of the test.

Applicants with a bachelor's degree from the following countries do not have to prove their English language skills: USA, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa.



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Study certificates of programmes held in English from countries other than Germany and the ones mentioned above are not accepted. We cannot accept language test results from other institutions of higher education.

4. Applicants with a higher education degree obtained in a country that is not a member of the Bologna Process (see attachment 1) have to take the GRE test and reach at least a score of 155 (Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Score).

§ 5 Entry requirements

- (1) We can only consider your application
 - a) if it is correct and has arrived in due time
 - b) and if you meet the entry requirements according to § 4.
- (2) Initially, 5 % of places, (minimum: 1 place), have to be provided for cases of hardship (§ 20 para. 6 in connection with § 9 para. 1 no. 1 and § 12 of the act '*Hochschulvergabeverordnung*').
- (3) The remaining study places are allocated according to a ranking list based on the criteria listed in § 4.
- (4) The ranking list is compiled based on the grades of the higher education degrees (§ 2 para. 3b) or, if the degree has not yet been completed, on the average grade of the course assessments so far (§ 2 para. 4).
- (5) In case of ranking equality, § 20, para. 3 *HVVO* applies.
- (6) The rector decides on selections based on the recommendations of the Examination Board Life Science.

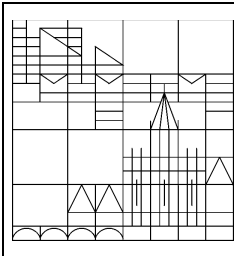
§ 6 Coming into effect

These admission regulations come into effect the day after their publication in the "*Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen*" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz. They apply for the first time to the admission process for the winter semester 2015/2016. At the same time the admission regulations for the Master's Programme Life Science as of 03 June 2013) (Amtl. Bekm. 47/2013) become invalid.

Appendix

List of countries that are members of the Bologna Process (Bologna Area), as of December 2013 (source: Federal Ministry of Education and Research, <http://www.bmbf.de/en/3336.php>)

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", France,



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Georgia, Germany, Greece, the Vatican, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

Note:

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