

University of Konstanz regulations on the selection process for admission to the master's programme in Life Science

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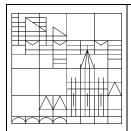
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§ 1 Applicability

Admission to the master's programme in Life Science (Master of Science) takes place in accordance with these regulations. The number accepted to the study programme is limited. If there are more applicants who meet the admission requirements as per § 4 than places, a selection process as per § 5 will take place. Selection decisions are made based on who has the greatest potential to meet the demands of the curriculum.

§ 2 Application

- (1) Admission to the master's programme in Life Science is possible both in the winter semester and in the summer semester. Application deadlines are 15 June (winter semester) and 15 January (summer semester).
- (2) 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).
- (3) Candidates must apply for admission in the form requested by the university.
- (4) The following documents have to be attached to the application:
 - a) Curriculum vitae outlining the personal and professional background and development (CV)
 - b) Documentation (certificate) of an academic degree in the bachelor's programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz or a comparable programme. Overview of the courses attended including ECTS credits (transcript of records). This is not required for graduates of the bachelor's programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz.
 - c) Documentation of English language skills as per § 4 no. 3. In justified exceptional cases, English language skills may be proven in an interview.
 - (5) If applicants cannot present their examination certificate by the application deadline, they have to prove that they will probably meet the admission requirements
 as per § 4 no. 1 by documenting all performance assessments completed so far
 and providing a document stating the preliminary overall grade, issued by their
 university. The entire final examination of the study programme which is the prerequisite for admission to the master's programme must have been completed
 before the start of the lecture period of the semester that was applied for. The
 examination certificate has to be submitted no later than two months after the
 start of the semester that was applied for. Enrolment can be granted with the
 provision that applicants have successfully completed the entire final examination and document their qualifying degree within the time limits specified.



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- (6) Enrolment must be denied if the documents are not submitted by the due date or are incomplete.
- (7) The university may request that students present the original documents mentioned above when they enrol.
- (8) For applicants from countries for which the *Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK)* (Conference of the German Ministers of Education & Cultural Affairs) recommends verification of the higher education entrance qualification: APS certificate issued by the German Embassy of the corresponding home country.

§ 3 Competencies

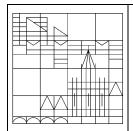
- (1) The Examination Board Life Science (*StPA*) appoints an admissions committee that decides whether the admission requirements as per § 4 are met. The admissions committee consists of a secretary and one representative each of teaching staff from the Departments of Chemistry and Biology (primary employment with the university).
- (2) The rector decides on admission to the master's programme based on the proposals of the Examination Board Life Science.

§ 4 Admission requirements

The admission requirements for the master's programme in Life Science are:

- 1. Successfully completed three-year (or more) study programme in Life Science at a state, or officially recognized, institution of higher education or *Berufsakademie* (minimum degree: Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) or equivalent), or another study programme comparable to the bachelor's programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz. A subject is considered comparable if the acquired competencies are similar to those that would have been acquired in the subject Life Science at the University of Konstanz. There is no significant difference if contents, learning objectives and examinations largely correspond to the requirements of the study programme at the University of Konstanz. When recognizing academic degrees completed outside of Germany, the following have to be considered:
 - Recommendations of the Kultusministerkonferenz, Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, Central Office for Foreign Education)
 - Equivalence agreements of the Federal Republic of Germany
 - Agreements with partner universities.

The Examination Board Life Science decides whether applicants meet the requirements.



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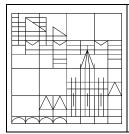
- 2. If the bachelor's degree was not completed in "Life Science" at the University of Konstanz but in a related subject, good assessments in the areas relevant for Life Science (chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology) have to be documented.
- 3. English skills of at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages are required, documented by one of the following:
 - a) Five years of continuous English lessons at a German-speaking secondary school completed with at least the grade "ausreichend" (sufficient/5 points) (usually certified by the higher education entrance qualification)
 - b) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT): 72 points or better (internet-based)
 - c) International English Language Testing System (academic IELTS), test result band scale 5 or better
 - d) Cambridge Certificate: at least the Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) The certificates of the language test must not be more than three years old at the

time of the application.

Applicants with a secondary school degree, bachelor's degree or at least one semester abroad spent at educational institutions from the following countries do not have to document their English language skills: Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Malta, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa or the United States.

§ 5 Selection process

- (1) Applicants will only be entered into the selection process if
 - a) they apply in time and observe the correct form
 - b) they meet the admission requirements as per § 4
 - c) they do not participate in the admission process in a special quota category
- (2) The remaining places are allocated according to a ranking list, which is based on the grades of the higher education degrees (§ 4 para. 1), or, if the degree has not yet been completed, on the average grades of the performance assessments completed so far (§ 2 para. 5).
- (3) If two applicants achieve an equal position on the list, the selection will be based on the average grade of the university degree which is an admission requirement for this master's programme (see § 6 para. 4 sentence 4 *Hochschulzulas-sungsgesetz HZG* (state law on higher education admissions). If the applicants still hold an equal position, lots are drawn as per § 33 para. 6 *Hochschulzulassungsver-ordnung HZVO* (provision on higher education admissions).
- (4) The admissions committee ranks the applications to be considered as per para. 1 in line with sections 2 and 3.



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§ 6 Other regulations

In addition to this, the following apply: regulations of the *Hochschulzulassungsgesetz HZG Baden-Württemberg* (state law on higher education admissions), the *Hochschulzulassungsverordnung Baden-Württemberg HZVO* (provision on higher education admissions) as well as the Admission and Enrolment Regulations of the University of Konstanz as amended.

§ 7 Coming into effect

These admission regulations came into effect the day after their publication in the "Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz. They apply for the first time to the admission procedure for the winter semester 2022/2023.

At the same time, the admission regulations for the master's programme in Life Science from 23 May 2019 ("Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" 26/2019) expire.

Note:

The German version of these regulations was published in the "Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz no. 15/2022 of 2 March 2022.