Admissions statutes of Ulm University for the consecutive English-taught master's programme in “Molecular and Translational Neuroscience” (MTN) of 27 February 2017

Based on §§ 63 (2), 60 (2) no.2, 59 (1) LHG in the version of article 1 of the third law on changes to higher education regulations (Drittes Hochschulrechtsänderungsgesetz- 3. HRÄG) of 1 April 2014 (law gazette no. 6, p 99ff) last amended by article 2 of the law promoting equal opportunities for men and women in the public sector in Baden-Württemberg and amending the federal state higher education act Baden-Württemberg (Landeshochschulgesetz = LHG) of 23 February 2016 (law gazette p. 108f) in conjunction with §§ 3 (1) and 20 of the decree on the allocation of places in higher education (Hochschulvergabeverordnung- HVVO) of article 14 of the third HRÄG, the Senate of Ulm University adopted the following statutes on 22 February 2017.

Preliminary remark on language use

According to article 3 (2) Basic Law, men and women have equal rights; male designations of persons and positions used in these regulations apply equally to men and women.

§ 1 Scope of application

Ulm University allocates the places in its master’s programme in “Molecular and Translational Neuroscience” (MZN) available under the respective decree of the Ministry of Science on available places in higher education in accordance with the following provisions.

§ 2 Deadline and form

(1) German applicants apply to Ulm University using the form provided by Ulm University. The application for admission to the first semester in the programme including all required proof must have been received by 15 May.

Foreign nationals as well as EU and EEA citizens apply via uni-assist e.V. Here, § 10 (3) of the admissions and enrolment statutes of Ulm University apply.

(2) The application must be submitted electronically unless an electronic application would constitute a hardship for the applicant. Hardship exists where a person is not able to apply electronically for special personal or health reasons.

(3) The following documents must be submitted together with the application:

   a) proof of compliance with the requirements listed in § 3,
b) statement declaring whether the applicant has lost their right to examination or is in the process of being examined in any master's programme in Molecular and Translational Neuroscience or any other programme with essentially the same content at any higher education institution in Germany or abroad.

(4) Where such proof is not in German or English, a certified translation into German or English is required.

§ 3 Entrance requirements

(1) Entrance is subject to the following requirements:

1. proof of a bachelor's degree with above-average examination results in programmes in biology, biochemistry, molecular medicine, pharmaceutical biotechnology, physiological chemistry, neurobiology, biopsychology or any other programme with essentially the same content at any higher education institution in Germany or abroad or any degree recognised as equivalent awarded after a minimum of three years of study,

2. proof of an adequate command of English; this may be the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with 570 or more points in the paper-based TOEFL; or, respectively, 230 in the computer-based TOEFL; or 88 in the internet-based TOEFL; or any comparable proof such as IELTS with a minimum of 6.5 points. No. 2 does not apply to applicants
   a) who are native English speakers or whose bachelor’s or other undergraduate programme was taught exclusively in English, or
   b) who have earned a minimum of 6 ECTS credits in courses taught in English during their academic studies to date.

(2) Proof of above-average exam results may be:

   a) a bachelor's degree with an overall grade of 2.5 or better or, if the programme has not yet been completed,

   b) examination results showing an average of 2.8 or better based on 140 or more ECTS points by the application deadline.

(3) Where the number of applicants qualified according to § 3 exceeds the total number of available places, selection is based on the level of qualification determined by the average grade of the bachelor’s degree or, respectively, the average grade of all examinations passed by the date of the application. The ranking is determined as follows:

   If the bachelor's degree has been completed, the average grade of the bachelor’s degree is considered. If the bachelor's degree has not yet been completed, the average grade of all examinations passed in the respective programme by the application deadline is considered. In case of equal ranks, the lot decides.

§ 4 Admission procedure

(1) Admissions are determined by the Board based on the admissions committee's proposals.

(2) Applications for admission must be rejected if

   a) the requirements defined in §§ 2 and 3 are not fulfilled, or if

   b) applicants have lost their right to examination in any master's programme in molecular and translational neuroscience or any other programme with essentially the same content or are in the process of being examined in any such programme.
(3) Applicants not admitted on grounds of their level of qualification under § 4 receive a letter of rejection by Ulm University. This letter must state the reasons for rejection and provide instructions on their right of appeal.

(4) In all other respects, the provisions related to admission procedures in general as stated in the admissions and enrolment statutes of Ulm University remain unaffected.

§ 5 Admissions committee

(1) The faculty board (Dekanat) of the Faculty of Natural Sciences appoints an admissions committee at the proposal of the board of the Neurocenter of Ulm University. It must be ensured that one professorial member comes from Medicine and one comes from Biology. The admissions committee consists of two or more persons and their deputies. The members’ term of office is three years. Reappointment is possible. At the request of the student members of the faculty council, a further student may join the committee in an advisory capacity.

(2) The admissions committee determines the equivalence of previous education and the comparability of academic degrees. The recognition of foreign degrees must comply with the recommendations of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs and the agreements made as part of university partnerships. In cases of doubt, the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) must be heard.

§ 6 Effective date

(1) These statutes first apply to winter semester 2017/18 admissions. They come into effect on the day after their publication in the Official Bulletin (“Amtliche Bekanntmachungen”) of Ulm University.

(2) The admissions statutes of Ulm University for the consecutive English-taught master’s programme in “Molecular and Translational Neuroscience” (MTN) of 8 March 2016, published in the Official Bulletin of Ulm University no. 5 of 10 March 2016, p. 25-27, cease to have effect.

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