Ulm University admissions statutes for the consecutive English language Master Programme “Biology”

of 23 February 2011

In accordance with §§ 63(2), 60(2)(2) and 29(2)(6) of the Law on higher education of the Land of Baden-Württemberg ("Landeshochschulgesetz"=LHG) in the version of 1 January 2005 (Law Gazette p. 1 ff), last amended by article 30 of the Law reforming the public service legislation ("Gesetz zur Reform des öffentlichen Dienstrechts") of 9 November 2010 (Law Gazette p. 793, 966), and pursuant to § 6 (4) of the University admissions law ("Hochschulzulassungsgesetz" =HZG) in the version of 15 September 2005 (Law Gazette p. 629 ff), last amended by article 2 of the Law on facilitating access to higher education for people with vocational training and admission to higher education ("Gesetz zur Verbesserung des Hochschulzugangs beruflich Qualifizierter und der Hochschulzulassung") of 15 June 2010 (Law Gazette p. 423 ff) in conjunction with § 3 (1) sentence 3 and § 20 of the Rules on the allocation of study places ("Hochschulvergabeverordnung"=HVVO) of 12 May 2005 (Law Gazette p. 404 ff), last amended on 14 January 2011 (Law Gazette p. 29), the Senate of Ulm University adopted the following statutes on 17 February 2011.

Preliminary remarks on language use

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

§ 1 Scope of application

Ulm University allocates its available study places in its master programme “Biology” according to the applicable decree of the ministry of science on the determination of admissions numbers at universities pursuant to the following provisions.

§ 2 Deadline and form

(1) Applications for admission in the winter semester must be received by Ulm University by 15 May, applications for admission in the summer semester by 15 November (preclusive periods).

(2) The application must be submitted electronically unless this would constitute a hardship for the applicant. A hardship exists where a person is not able to submit the application electronically due to particular personal circumstances or for health reasons.

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

   a) Proof of compliance with the requirements listed in § 3;

   b) Statement declaring whether the applicant has lost their right to be examined in the master programmes biology, biochemistry or any other study course with essentially the
same content at any institute of higher education in Germany or abroad, or is in the pro-
cess of being examined in any such study course.

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

§ 3 Access requirements

(1) Access is subject to the following requirements:

1. Proof of a bachelor degree with above-average examination results in either the study
course biology or biochemistry or any other study course with essentially the same
content at any institute of higher education in Germany or abroad—or any degree
recognized as equivalent—with a standard period of study of three or more years,

2. Proof of adequate English language competence; this can be the Test of English as a
Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum of 570 points (paper-based TOEFL) or
230 points (computer-based TOEFL) or 88 points (internet-based TOEFL) or
comparable proof.

No. 2 does not apply to applicants

a) who are native speakers of English or who did their academic studies in English, or
b) who, during their academic studies at Ulm University, did coursework equivalent to
6 or more ECTS in English.

(2) Proof of above-average examination results can be

a) a bachelor degree with an average grade of 2.5 or better or, where this has not yet been
established,

b) an average of 2.8 or better of all examination results obtained by the date of application;
the volume thereof must be equivalent to 140 or more ECTS.

§ 4 Admission requirements

If the number of applicants qualified under § 3 is greater than the total number of available study
places, the selection shall be based on the level of qualification which is determined by the
average grade of the bachelor programme or the average grade of all examination results
obtained by the date of application. Ranking is as follows:

If the student has completed the bachelor programme, his/her average grade is taken into
account. If the bachelor programme has not yet been completed, the average of all study
course-specific examination results obtained in the bachelor programme by the date of the
application shall be considered. Cases of equal rankings shall be decided by lot.
§ 5 Admissions procedure

(1) The presidential board decides on admissions at the recommendation of the admissions committee.

(2) Applications for admission must be rejected if

   a) the applicant does not comply with the requirements listed in §§ 2 and 3, or

   b) the applicant has lost his/her right to be examined in the master programmes biology or biochemistry or in any study course with essentially the same content, or is in the process of being examined in any such study course.

(3) Applicants rejected with reference to their level of qualification as defined in § 4 are sent a notice of rejection by Ulm University. This notice must state the grounds on which it is based and contain instructions on rights of appeal.

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

§ 6 Admissions committee

(1) The board of the faculty of natural sciences shall appoint an admissions committee. It shall be composed of two or more persons and their deputies. The members’ term in office is three years. They may be reappointed.

(2) The admissions committee decides on the equivalence of applicants' previous education and the comparability of qualified degrees. Recognition of foreign degrees must comply with the recommendations of the Conference of the Ministers of Culture as well as any agreements within the framework of university partnerships. In case of doubt, the Central Office for Foreign Education (“Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen”=ZAB) must be consulted.

§ 7 Coming into effect

(1) These statutes shall first be applicable to the admissions procedure for the winter semester 2011/2012. They shall come into effect on the day after their publication in the official information bulletin (“Amtliche Bekanntmachungen”) of Ulm University.

(2) At the same time, the admissions statutes of Ulm University for the English language master programme “Biology” of 29 June 2009, published in the official information bulletin (“Amtliche Bekanntmachungen”) of Ulm University No. 10 of 1 July 2009, p. 123–125, shall cease to have effect.

Ulm, 23 February 2011

signed
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