



Admissions statutes of Ulm University for the English-taught master's programme in "Molecular Medicine" of 22 February 2021

Based on §§ 63 (2), 60 (2) no. 2, 59 (1) sentence 2 *LHG* of article 1 of the third higher education amendment act (*Drittes Hochschulrechtsänderungsgesetz- 3rd HRÄG*) of 1 April 2014 (law gazette no. 6, p. 99 ff) last amended by article 4 of the fourth higher education amendment act (*Viertes Hochschulrechtsänderungsgesetz - 4th HRÄG*) HRÄG) of 30 December 2020 (law gazette no. 46, p. 1228), the Senate of Ulm University adopted the following statutes on 20 January 2021.

§ 1 Scope of application

Admission to the first semester in the master's programme in "Molecular Medicine" at Ulm University requires, in addition to the higher education degree and the language proficiency needed to the programme, a proof of aptitude in keeping with the following provisions. The purpose of the proof of aptitude is to determine whether, in addition to the qualification demonstrated with the acquisition of the higher education degree and the language proficiency required for the degree programme, the aptitude for the special qualitative requirements of the master's degree programme "Molecular Medicine" is given.

§ 2 Deadline and form

- (1) Students are admitted once per year to the respective winter semester. The application for admission to the first semester in the programme including all required proof must have been received by 15 May (cut-off deadline).
- (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. Applicants apply to Ulm University in the form prescribed by Ulm University. The form of the application follows the general provisions on admission procedures in the respective applicable statutes of Ulm University on admission and enrolment.
- (3) The following documents must be submitted together with the application:
 - a) Proof of compliance with the requirements listed in § 3 (1) and (2),
 - b) A statement declaring whether applicants have lost their right to examination or are in the process of being examined in any master's programme in Molecular Medicine

or any other programme with essentially the same content at any institute of higher education in Germany or abroad.

- c) Presentation of the career to date (CV) (§ 3 (4)),
- d) A written report stating the applicants' personal and subject-related reasons for applying for the chosen study programme and explaining their choice of programme (letter of motivation) (§ 3 (5)).
- e) One or two letters of recommendation may be enclosed.

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

(5) Paragraphs 1-4 do not apply to applicants in double degree or joint degree programmes, where university partnership agreements take precedence. Application procedures and periods as well as information on admission procedures and required documents must be specified on the websites of the respective partner universities. This applies analogously to §§ 3 (3) and (4) ff. of these statutes. In the absence of specific agreements, the provisions of these statutes apply.

§ 3 Entrance requirements

(1) Entrance is subject to the following requirements:

- a) Proof of a bachelor's degree with examination results according to para. 2 in the degree programme in Molecular Medicine or any other programme with essentially the same contents in compliance with the requirements of Annex 1¹ at any German or foreign higher education institution or any degree recognised as equivalent based on three or more years of study,
- b) Proof of English proficiency at level C 1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF). This proof may take the form of
 - 7.0 points or more in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); if both point score and Common European Framework of Reference level (CER) are indicated, the higher score/level is recognised,
 - Certificate in Advanced English or Certificate of Proficiency in English in the Cambridge exam,
 - 490 (listening), 455 (reading), 200 (speaking) and 200 (writing) points or more in the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC),
 - 95 points or more in the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based (TOEFL iBT),
 - level III or level IV of the UNIcert®,
 - CEF level C 1 or higher as shown on, e.g., the higher education entrance qualification. Any level of language proficiency which is in parts on and in parts lower than level CEF C1 is not recognised.

§ 3 (1b) does not apply to applicants whose bachelor's or other higher education degree programme was taught exclusively in English. Moreover, applicants can be exempt from proving an adequate level for studies in English in justified exceptional cases. This

¹ study programmes with essentially the same contents are programmes meeting the requirements for equivalence of content for the programme defined in Annex 1.

exemption is decided upon by the head of the Centre for Languages and Philology of Ulm University at the request of the applicant.

(2) The examination results are documented through

- a) a bachelor's degree with an overall grade of 2.5 or better or, if no degree has yet been awarded, through
- b) an average grade of 2.7 or better in examinations taken in accordance with § 2 (1) by the date of the application.

(3) Moreover, in addition to the requirements in para. 1 and 2 the following qualitative requirements must be fulfilled for this programme:

A selection interview with an overall grade of 3.0 or better; this interview is composed of different parts (see § 5 (2)). Each of these parts must be graded at least 4.0 to pass the overall interview.

(4) A presentation of the applicants' career to date (curriculum vitae) must be submitted together with the application documents by the end of the application period.

(5) A written report stating the applicants' personal and subject-related reasons for applying for the chosen study programme and explaining their choice of programme (letter of motivation) must be submitted together with the application documents by the end of the application period.

(6) § 3 (1) - (5) does not apply to students in double degree programmes with the respective partner universities. Aptitude for admission as well as the required language proficiency is determined at the partner universities and mutually recognised.

§ 4 Proof of aptitude

(1) The qualitative requirements are first checked by the admissions committee for Molecular Medicine through a careful review of the application documents. Suitable applicants are invited to a selection interview.

(2) The selection interviews are conducted in a standardised form. For this, different groups of examiners, composed of lecturers in the programme in Molecular Medicine can be used. Based on the results of these interviews, the admissions committee for Molecular Medicine decides on the aptitude of the candidates.

§ 5 Procedure for proof of aptitude: Selection interview

(1) The selection interview is conducted in English by a selection committee. The exact dates of the selection interviews are announced in writing by the admissions committee upon checking the applications. As a rule, the selection interviews take place online.

- (2) Selection in the selection interview is based on the degree of motivation and aptitude for the master's programme shown by the applicant. Thus, the content of the bachelor's thesis, technical expertise in molecular medicine, linguistic competence and motivation for studying are discussed in the interviews.
- (3) As a rule, the members of the selection committee jointly interview each candidate for a duration of 20 minutes.
- (4) One member of the admissions committee must prepare a record of the interview containing the following information: Name of the applicant, time and duration of the selection interview, addressed topics, grades according to para. 6. The record must be signed by both members of the selection committee.
- (5) The interview is graded 5 (fail) if the applicant fails to appear for the interview without good cause. Applicants are permitted to take part in the next round of interviews or selection procedure if they present written proof of good cause to Ulm University immediately after the missed interview; in case of illness, a medical certificate must be submitted.
- (6) After the selection interviews, the members of the selection committee assess the selection interviews individually. Based on the individual assessments of the members of the selection committee, the arithmetic mean is calculated forming the overall grade according to the following scale:
 - 1 = considerably above average
 - 2 = above average
 - 3 = average
 - 4 = below average
 - 5 = significantly below average
- (7) Each part of the interview is graded separately, i.e. there are individual grades according to the scale in paragraph 6 above for each of the interview parts listed in paragraph 2 above. Each of the four parts individually must be graded 4.0 or better; otherwise, the interview in total is deemed to have been failed.
- (8) If the overall grade formed in accordance with para. 6 is 3.0 or better, the aptitude based on the outcome of the selection interview has been determined. The applicants are admitted by the Board based on the proposal of the admissions committee for Molecular Medicine and receive a letter of admission.

§ 6 Admission procedure

- (1) The application must be rejected if
 - a) the documents listed in § 2 (1) and (2) are not submitted to Ulm University in due time and complete, or
 - b) applicants have lost their right to examination in the master's programme in Molecular Medicine or are in the process of being examined in this programme, or
 - c) the requirements defined in § 3 (1),(2) or (3a) or (3b) are not fulfilled.

(2) Applicants deemed to lack aptitude after the first stage (check of application documents) or after the second stage (selection interview) of the assessment of qualitative requirements receive a letter of rejection by Ulm University. This letter must state the reasons for rejection and provide information on their right of appeal.

(3) In any other respect, the applicable provisions on admission stated in Ulm University's statutes on admission and enrolment as amended remain unaffected.

§ 7 Admissions committee, selection committees

(1) An admissions committee and selection committees are appointed. The admissions committee and selection committees are composed of two or more persons.

(2) The members of the admissions committee and the selection committees and their deputies are appointed by the faculty board ("Dekanat") of the Faculty of Medicine. A person can, at the same time, serve as a member of the admissions committee, a member of one of the selections committees and a deputy member of a further selection committee. 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.

(3) 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.

(4) The admissions committee decides whether the applications are adequate in terms of their subject-specific content.

(5) The selection committees ensure that selection interviews and the resulting evaluation of the activities described in § 6 (2) are conducted properly from a technical point of view; then they present the outcome to the Board according to § 7 (1), which takes the decision.

§ 8 Effective date

(1) These statutes come into effect on the day after their publication in the Official Bulletin (*Amtliche Bekanntmachungen*) of Ulm University. They first apply to winter semester 2021/22 admissions.

(2) Ulm University's admissions statutes for the consecutive English-taught master's programme in Molecular Medicine of 1 June 2017 (official bulletin of Ulm University no. 18 of 13 June 2017, pp 257-264) cease to have effect.

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signed

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President of Ulm University

Annex 1 to § 3

Programmes with essentially the same content are programmes requiring one or several certificates of achievement from the subject groups A-C:

- A) Achievements are required in all subjects in subject group A .
- B) Achievements are required in at least one subject in subject group B .
- C) Achievements are required in at least three of the subjects named in subject group A .

	Study achievements:
A)	molecular medicine / molecular biology / molecular genetics
	mathematics / bioinformatics / biometrics
	physics
	chemistry, inorganic, general chemistry
	chemistry, organic
	human or animal/mammalian physiology
	biochemistry
B)	anatomy
	histology
	cell biology
	pathology / histopathology
C)	microbiology
	virology / vectors / gene therapy
	pharmacology / toxicology
	human genetics / genetic diseases
	immunology / allergology /immunopathology
	developmental biology / oncology