



Ulm University admissions statutes for the consecutive English language Master Programme in Physics

of 4 March 2014

In accordance with § 63 (2) sentence 1, § 60 (2) no. 2 and § 29 (2) sentence 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 2 of the Law on the introduction of a constituted student body and the advancement of further academic education (Verfasste-Studierendenschafts-Gesetz – VerfStudG) of 10 July 2012 (Law Gazette no. 11, p. 457 ff), the Senate of Ulm University adopted the following statutes on 20 February 2014.

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 women and men.

§ 1 Scope of application

Ulm University allocates study places for the first subject-specific semester in its English-language master programme in Physics according to the following provisions.

§ 2 Deadline and form

- (1) Ulm University must receive applications for the winter semester by 15 June; applications for the summer semester must be received by 15 January.
- (2) To apply for admission an online application form must be filled in and electronically transferred to Ulm University by the deadline indicated in paragraph 1 above unless an online application would impose hardship on the applicant. Hardship is given where the applicant can demonstrate that they were not able to or limited in their ability to use electronic data transfer for reasons that were beyond their control.
- (3) The printed and signed online form and all documents listed on the form must be received by Ulm University by the deadline indicated in paragraph 1 above.
- (4) The following documents must be enclosed with the application:
 - a) Proof of compliance with the requirements listed in § 3 (1,2);

- b) Declaration stating whether the applicant has lost their right to be examined in the master programme in Physics or any other study course with essentially the same content at any institute of higher education in Germany or abroad. The subject-specific study and examination regulations indicate which study courses are deemed to be related.
- (5) The applicant submits the printed and signed application form and all documents mentioned in paragraph 4 above and requested on the application form in single copy to Ulm University, Department 2, Admissions Office, by the deadline indicated in paragraph 1 above. 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:

Proof of a Bachelor of Science degree, a state examination or any similar degree awarded after completion of a minimum three-year study course in Physics; it will be verified that the applicant has sufficient prior knowledge in the fields of experimental and theoretical physics and mathematics to qualify for the master programme in Physics offered by Ulm University. As a rule, only applicants can be admitted that completed their final examination with

- a) a grade of 2.4 or better as their final mark, or
- b) a grade of 2.0 or better in their thesis, or
- c) if a) or b) have not yet been determined, an average grade weighted by credit points of 2.7 or better based on examination results obtained by the application deadline and comprising a minimum volume of 140 credit points.

Moreover, applicants may be admitted if they can prove that they are among the best 20 percent of their year.

- (2) Proof of adequate English language competence, as a rule by

- a) not less than 8 points awarded in English as shown on a German school-leaving certificate qualifying for university entrance, or
- b) 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 International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with 6.5 points or more.

- (3) Paragraph 2b) does not apply to applicants who are native speakers of English, or who had English as their only language of instruction during their first degree programme. Moreover, the admissions committee may decide on exemptions in justified exceptional cases in agreement with the head of the language centre.

§ 4 Admission procedure

- (1) The presidential board decides on admissions at the recommendation of the admissions committee. The admissions committee may make admission conditional on completing individual additional courses in experimental or theoretical physics or mathematics.

- (2) The application must be rejected if
 - a) the requirements described in § 2 and § 3 above are not fulfilled, or
 - b) the applicant has lost their right to be examined in the chosen master programme in Physics or in any other study course with essentially the same content.
- (3) 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 board of the faculty of natural sciences sets up an admissions committee. The admissions committee consists of two or more members and their deputies. The members' term in office is three years. They may be reappointed.
- (2) The equivalence of prior qualifications and the comparability of previous academic degrees is determined by the admissions committee. For recognition of foreign degrees, the recommendations of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs ("Kultusministerkonferenz") and agreements within the framework of university partnerships must be considered. In cases of doubt, the Central Office for Foreign Education ("Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen"=ZAB) is heard.

§ 6 Coming into effect

- (1) These statutes come into effect on the day after their publication in the official information bulletin ("Amtliche Bekanntmachungen") of Ulm University. They are first applicable to the admission procedure for the winter semester 2014/15.
- (2) At the same time, Ulm University's admissions statutes for the consecutive master programme in Physics and Physics and Management of 22 May 2013, published in the official bulletin of Ulm University No. 15 of 28 May 2013, p. 137-139, cease to have effect.

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