



## **Admissions statutes of Ulm University for the consecutive English-taught master's programme in "Biology" of 28 February 2018**

Based on §§ 63 (2), 60 (2) no.2, 59 (1) LHG (*Landeshochschulgesetz* - federal state higher education act Baden-Württemberg) 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 of 7 November 2017 (law gazette no. 22, p. 584ff), the Senate of Ulm University adopted the following statutes on 21 February 2018.

### **Preliminary remark 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 regulations apply equally to men and women.

### **§ 1 Scope of application**

Ulm University allocates the places in its master's programme in "Biology" according to the following provisions.

### **§ 2 Deadline and form**

- (1) Students are admitted once per year to the respective winter semester. Ulm University must receive the application for admission to the winter semester by 15 March of the respective year.
- (2) To apply for admission an online application form must be filled in and transferred electronically to Ulm University by the deadline indicated in paragraph 1 above unless an electronic application would impose hardship on the applicant. Hardship is given where the applicant can credibly demonstrate that they were not able to or limited in their ability to use electronic data transfer for reasons beyond their control.
- (3) Ulm University must have received the printed and signed online form and all documents listed on the form 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,
  - b) statement declaring whether the applicant has lost their right to examination in the master's programme in Biology or Biochemistry or any other study programme 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 programmes are deemed to be related.

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

### § 3 Entrance requirements

Entrance is subject to the following requirements:

1. Proof of a bachelor's degree in biology or biochemistry or any other programme with essentially the same contents earned at a German or foreign higher education institution, or a qualification which is recognised as equivalent at the level of at least three years of study.

As a rule, admission is subject to having earned an overall grade of 2.5 or better in their bachelor's degree or, if no degree has yet been completed, to providing proof of an average grade of 2.8 or better in examinations corresponding to a minimum of 120 CP taken by the application deadline,

2. proof of basic competencies in the fields of cell biology, physiology, ecology and molecular biology (including microbiology and genetics) (Annex 1). These competencies can be documented through corresponding modules and/or courses completed during bachelor's studies. If such competencies are not demonstrated as stated in § 3 (1), successful completion of the preparatory course (Propädeutikum) for the English-taught master's programmes at Ulm University serves as proof. Successful completion of the preparatory course is subject to a minimum of 80 % attendance during the practical part of the preparatory course or passing the methods assessment and the final exam at the end of the preparatory course. Admission to the final examination of the preparatory course is subject to successful completion of the practical part of the preparatory course or passing the methods assessment.

Admission to the master's programme is conditional on the successful completion of the preparatory course. If this proof is not submitted, admission to the master's programme becomes invalid. Proof of successful completion of the preparatory course can also be provided by fulfilling the conditions tied to admission to the master's programme. Conditional admission is granted to applicants who passed the practical part of the preparatory course or the methods assessment but did not pass the final examination. The conditions to be fulfilled are determined by the admissions committee, possibly defining terms. Fulfilling these conditions is deemed as proof of successful completion of the preparatory course. Applicants passing neither the practical part of the preparatory course nor the methods assessment are granted no conditional admission and are not deemed to have successfully completed the preparatory course.

3. proof of an adequate command of English; evidenced by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum of 570 points in the paper-based TOEFL; or 230 points in the computer-based TOEFL, or 88 points in the internet-based TOEFL; or any comparable proof.
4. No. 3 does not apply to applicants who are native English speakers or whose degree programme was taught in English or who earned a minimum of 6 ECTS in courses taught in English as part of their academic studies.

#### **§ 4 Admission procedure**

- (1) Admission is decided by the Board (*Präsidium*) at the proposal of the admissions committee.
- (2) The application must be rejected if
  - a) the requirements stated in § 2 and § 3 above are not fulfilled, or
  - b) the applicant has lost their right to examination in the master's programme in Biology or Biochemistry or any other study programme 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 faculty board of the Faculty of Natural Sciences appoints an admissions committee. The admissions committee consists of two or more persons and their deputies. The members' term in 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 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 come into effect on the day after their publication in the Official Bulletin (*Amtliche Bekanntmachungen*) of Ulm University. They first apply to winter semester 2018/19 admissions.
- (2) At the same time, Ulm University's admissions statutes for the consecutive, English-taught master's programme in "Biology" of 9 January 2017, published in the Official Bulletin of Ulm University no. 2 of 12 January 2017, pages 12-15, cease to have effect.

Ulm, 28 February 2018

signed

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President

**Annex 1 to § 3 section 1 (2) of the admissions statutes of  
Ulm University for its master's programme in Biology of 28 February 2018**

For admission, the following basic competencies in the fields of physiology, ecology and molecular biology (including microbiology and genetics) are required

The applicant

- is able to work in a modern molecular biological laboratory while observing the safety standards applicable in Germany
- is capable of doing scientific research in the library, databases and journals to gain knowledge about a biological topic.
- is able to evaluate experiments, present the results in an adequate form and write them up in a report.
- has acquired the skill to organise scientific content and present it orally within the time allotted for this.
- has learned to defend her/his position in a scientific discussion.
- is familiar with the important methods in biology in the fields of physiology, ecology, molecular biology (including microbiology and genetics), can apply these and is capable of correctly assessing the validity of the results.
- has learned (as a rule, by preparing a bachelor's thesis) to investigate, with some assistance, an aspect of a current research topic in biology, is capable of independently researching relevant literature and discussing its content, and of presenting any scientific results both in a written report and orally.

These competencies can, in particular, be documented through the successful completion of the preparatory course for international prospective students for English-taught master's programmes at Ulm University.