§ 1 Applicability

The number of students accepted to the Master's Programme in Life Science is limited. If there are more applicants who meet the admission requirements (§ 4) than available positions, a selection process (§ 5) will take place. Selection is based on who has the greatest potential to meet the demands of the curriculum and future profession.

§ 2 Application

(1) New students can start in the winter or summer semester. Application deadlines are 15 June (winter semester) and 15 January (summer semester). The application for admission, including all required documents, must have been received by the University of Konstanz on the date stated above (cut-off date). In duly substantiated exceptional cases applications may be possible until the start of the semester the student applies for. The Examination Board Life Science decides about such exceptions.

(2) The application for admission has to be submitted in the form requested by the university.

(3) The following copies of documents have to be attached:

   a) Description of career to date (curriculum vitae)

   b) Documentation of the academic degree including details of coursework (including ECTS credits and weekly teaching hours) in the Bachelor's Programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz or an equivalent study programme. A detailed description of the curricular contents of the undergraduate programme leading to this academic degree (does not apply to graduates of the Bachelor's Programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz)

   c) Documentation of English language skills as per § 4 no. 3.

(4) If applicants cannot present their degree certificate at that time, they have to proof that they will probably meet the admission requirements (§ 4) by documenting their performance assessments and average grade so far. The examination certificate has to be submitted no later than two months after the start of the semester the student has applied for. Admission and enrolment can be granted provisionally on the condition that the student documents the qualifying degree within this time limit.
(5) Admission must be denied if the documents listed in para. 3 are not submitted by the due date or are incomplete.

(6) The university may require the presentation of the original documents at the time of enrolment.

§ 3 Competencies

(1) The Examination Board Life Science acts as admissions committee and decides whether candidates meet the admission requirements as per § 4.

(2) The rector decides on admission to the master's programme based on the proposals of the Examination Board Life Science.

§ 4 Admission requirements

Admission requirements for the Master's Programme in Life Science are:

1. Documentation of a three-year (or more) study programme at a state, or officially recognised, institution of higher education or Berufsakademie in the subject Life Science (minimum degree Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) or equivalent), or a related subject. A study programme is considered related if the acquired competencies are similar to those that would have been acquired in the subject Life Science at the University of Konstanz. The competencies are considered similar if learning objectives and examinations largely correspond to the study programme at the University of Konstanz mentioned above. When recognising degrees completed outside of Germany the following have to be considered:

   - Recommendations of the Kultusministerkonferenz, Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, Central Office for Foreign Education)
   - Agreements on Equivalence of the Federal Republic of Germany
   - Agreements with partner universities.

2. If the bachelor's degree was not completed in the subject "Life Science" at the University of Konstanz, but in a related subject, good assessments in the areas relevant for Life Science (organic chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology) have to be documented.
3. Applicants have to document their language skills as follows:

   English language skills of at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, documented by one of the following: TOEFL-Test (Test of English as a Foreign Language) 90 points or more (internet based); or Cambridge First Certificate in English, Grade C or better; or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) band scale 6.0 or better, or five years of continuous English lessons at a German-language secondary education school with a minimum grade of 7 points or ‘befriedigend’ (satisfactory) (usually certified by the higher education entrance qualification).

   English language skills might be tested here at the University of Konstanz if they seem to be inadequate. In such cases enrolment depends on the result of the test.

   Applicants with a bachelor's degree from the following countries do not have to prove their English language skills: USA, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

   Study programmes taught in English in countries other than Germany and the ones mentioned above are not accepted. Language test results from other institutions of higher education are not accepted.

4. Applicants with a higher education degree obtained in a country that is not a member of the Bologna Process (see attachment 1) have to take the GRE test and reach at least a score of 155 (Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Score).

§ 5 Selection process

(1) Applicants will only be considered
   a) if they have applied in due form and in due time
   b) and meet the admission requirements as per § 4.

(2) Initially, 5 % of places, (minimum: 1 place), have to be provided for cases of hardship (§ 20 para. 6 in connection with § 9 para. 1 no. 1 and § 12 of the Hochschuilvergabeverordnung HVVO (regulation on university admission)).

(3) The remaining places and those not required for cases of hardship are allocated according to a ranking list based on the criteria listed in § 4.

(4) The ranking list is compiled based on the grades of the higher education degrees (§ 2 para. 3b) or, if the degree has not yet been completed, on the average grade of the performance assessments completed so far (§ 2 para. 4).

(5) In case of parity, § 20, para. 3 HVVO applies.

(6) The rector decides on admissions based on the recommendations of the Examination Board Life Science.
§ 6 Coming into effect

These admission regulations come into effect the day after their publication in the "Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz. They apply for the first time to the admission process for the winter semester 2015/2016.

At the same time the admission regulations for the Master's Programme in Life Science as of 03 June 2013 (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen 47/2013) become invalid.

Appendix

List of countries that are members of the Bologna Process (Bologna Area), as of December 2013

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (Great Britain), Vatican

Note:

These regulations were published in the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz No. 31/2015 of 15 June 2015.