§ 1 Applicability

Admission to the master's programme in Life Science (Master of Science) takes place in accordance with these regulations. The number of places is limited. If there are more applicants who meet the admission requirements (as per § 4) than places, a selection process (as per § 5) will take place. Selection decisions are made based on who has the greatest potential to meet the demands of the curriculum and the future profession.

§ 2 Application

(1) Admission to the master's programme in Life Science is possible both in the winter semester and in the summer semester. Application deadlines are 15 June (winter semester) and 15 January (summer semester).

(2) The application for admission, including the required documents, must have been received by the University of Konstanz on the date stated above (cut-off date).

(3) In duly substantiated exceptional cases applications may be possible until the start of the semester in which the student wishes to be admitted. The Examination Board Life Science decides about such exceptions.

(4) Candidates must apply for admission in the form requested by the university.

(5) The following documents have to be attached to the application:

   a) Curriculum vitae outlining the personal and professional background and development (CV)

   b) Documentation of the applicant's academic degree including details of any coursework (including ECTS credits and weekly teaching hours) completed during the bachelor's programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz or a comparable study programme. Exact description of the curricular contents of the study programme that led to this 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.

   d) Results of the GRE-Test as per § 4 no. 4 (only applies to applicants with a first university degree obtained in a country that did not sign the Lisbon Treaty, see list in the attachment)
(6) If applicants cannot present their degree certificate by the application deadline, they have to prove that they will probably meet the admission requirements (as per § 4 no. 1) by documenting all performance assessments completed so far and providing a document stating the preliminary overall grade, issued by the university. The entire final examination of the study programme which is the prerequisite for admission to the master's programme must have been completed before the start of the lecture period of the semester that was applied for. The examination certificate has to be submitted no later than two months after the start of the semester that was applied for. Enrolment can be granted on condition that the applicants submit documentation within this time limit, that they have completed their qualifying degree.

(7) Enrolment must be denied if the documents are not submitted by the due date or are incomplete.

(8) The university may request that students present the original documents mentioned above when they enrol.

§ 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

The admission requirements for the master's programme in Life Science are:

(1) Successfully completed three-year (or more) study programme in Life Science at a state, or officially recognized, institution of higher education or Berufsakademie (minimum degree: Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) or equivalent), or another study programme comparable to the bachelor’s programme in Life Science at University of Konstanz. A subject is considered comparable if the acquired competencies are similar to those that would have been acquired in the study programme in Life Science at the University of Konstanz. The competencies are considered similar if contents, learning objectives and examinations largely correspond to the requirements of the study programme at the University of Konstanz. When recognizing academic 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)
- Equivalence agreements of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Agreements with partner universities. The Examination Board Life Science decides whether applicants meet the requirements.

(2) If the bachelor's degree was not completed in 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) English skills of at least level B2 of the Common Framework of Reference for Languages are required. The requirement can be fulfilled by one of the following:

a) Five years of continuous English lessons at a German-speaking secondary school completed with at least the grade “ausreichend” (sufficient/5 points) (usually certified by the higher education entrance qualification)

b) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT): 72 points or better (internet-based)

c) International English Language Testing System (academic IELTS), test result band scale 5 or better

d) Cambridge Certificate: at least the Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)

The certificates of the language test must not be more than three years old at the time of the application.

Applicants with a secondary school degree, bachelor’s degree or at least one semester abroad spent at educational institutions from the following countries do not have to document their English language skills: Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Malta, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa or the United States.

(4) Applicants who completed their university degree in a country that did not sign the Lisbon Treaty (see attachment 1), will need to take the GRE test and complete it with an average of at least 150 points (verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning score).

§ 5 Selection process

(1) Applicants will only be entered into the selection process if

a) they apply in time, observe the correct form and

b) 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 Hochschulvergabeverordnung HVVO (regulation on university admission)).

(3) The remaining places and those not required for cases of hardship are allocated according to a ranking list, which is based on the grades of the higher education degrees (§ 4 para. 1), or, if the degree has not yet been completed, on the average grades of the performance assessments completed so far (§ 2 para. 6).

(4) In cases of parity, § 20 para. 3 in conjunction with § 16 paras. 2 and 3 HVVO applies.

(5) The admissions committee ranks the applications to be considered as per para. 1 in line with sections 3 and 4.

(6) The rector decides on admissions based on the recommendations of the Examination Board Life Science.
§ 6 Other regulations
Furthermore, the provisions of the admission and enrolment regulations of the University of Konstanz as well as of the *Hochschulvergabeverordnung* (regulation on university admission) of the state of Baden-Württemberg apply as amended.

§ 7 Coming into effect
These admission regulations came 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 procedure for the winter semester 2019/2020, replacing the admission regulations for the master's programme in Life Science from 15 June 2015 (*Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* 31/2015).

Attachment

List of countries that signed the Lisbon Treaty, from July 2018
(source: European Council, [https://www.coe.int/de/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/165/signatures](https://www.coe.int/de/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/165/signatures))

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kirghiz, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (Great Britain), United States of America, Vatican (Holy See)