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Admission Regulations for the Master's program in BIOECONOMY

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University of Hohenheim Admission Regulations for the Bioeconomy Master's Program

From 22 March 2024

On 7 February 2024, the University of Hohenheim Senate passed the following regulations based on § 63(2), § 60(2), § 59(1), § 19(1) sentence 2 no. 10 of the State Higher Education Act (LHG) of 1 January 2005 (Law Gazette (GBl. p. 1), in the version from 1 April 2014 (GBl. 99), most recently modified by Art. 8 of the Act on to Pass a Climate Protection and Climate Change Adaptation Act and to Include Climate Issues in Additional Legal Regulations from 7 February 2023 (GBl. p. 26), § 6(4), § 6a, as well as §9(2) and (3) of the State Higher Education Act (HZG) from 15 September 2005 (GBl. p. 629), most recently amended by Art. 9 of the Fourth State Higher Education Act (4th HRÄG) from 17 December 2020 (GBl. 1204, 1229).

§ 1 Scope of application

- (1) These Regulations set down provisions for admission to the Bioeconomy Master's program.
- (2) In addition, the general provisions of the University of Hohenheim's Admission and Enrollment Regulations apply to the admission procedure.

§ 2 Admission category

Depending on the previous education, admission is made according to Annex 2 in one of the following three admission categories:

- Z1: Applicants with previous education in natural sciences or engineering,
- Z2: Applicants with previous education in agriculture or forestry,
- Z3: Applicants with a previous education in social, business, or economic science

§ 3 Deadline and form

- (1) Admission to the first subject-related semester is only to be granted for the respective winter semester.
The application deadline is 15 June (cut-off date).
- (2) The application for admission must be submitted electronically to the University of Hohenheim via the website of the University of Hohenheim (online application) in accordance with the requirements stated therein and with the submission of the required proof stated in § 5 by the application deadline stated in § 3(1). To avoid undue hardship, the University of Hohenheim's Examinations Office can forgo an electronic application and permit a written application.
- (3) If the proof according to § 5 is not in German or English, a translation into German or English is required by a person or institution who is authorized to issue such translations by a court or by oath.
- (4) The University may require that the proof referred to in § 5 be submitted in the original or in officially certified form. Admission shall be refused if the documents do not meet the requirements, including the form, stipulated by the University.

§ 4 Responsibilities

- (1) The President of the University of Hohenheim decides on admission on the recommendation of the admission committee.
- (2) There is an admission committee for the Bioeconomy Master's program. This consists of the degree program coordinator, five members of the academic staff primarily employed by the University, at least three of whom must be professors, and one student member in an advisory capacity. The term of office for the primarily employed staff members is two years, for the student member one year. Reappointment is permitted. A professorial member of the admission committee chairs the committee. The chairperson, the deputy chairperson, and the members of the admission committee are appointed by the Senate of the University of Hohenheim. Each of the three faculties of the University of Hohenheim have the right to propose professorial members of the admission committee in the Bioeconomy Master's program.
- (3) The admission committee decides by a simple majority of the members present; in the event of a tie, the chairperson has the casting vote. The admission committee has a quorum if at least two voting members including one professor are present in addition to the chairperson or their deputy. The meetings of the admission committee are not open to the public.

§ 5 Admission requirements

- (1) Admission requirements are:
 - a) an initial degree in a degree program according to Annex 2 at a German or foreign university with a scope of at least 180 ECTS credits or with a standard period of study of at least three years, or an equivalent academic qualification.
 - b) English language proficiency. Further details of the proof of language proficiency are set out in Annex 3 to these regulations.
- (2) The admission committee decides on the equivalence of admission requirements stated in § 5(1). In recognizing grades and proof which were given outside of the Federal Republic of Germany, the equivalence agreements from the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and the German Rectors' Conference as well as agreements in the context of the university partnerships will be taken into consideration.
- (3) Applicants who have already been enrolled in the same Master's programs must provide proof that they have the right to be examined in this degree program and that they are not currently undergoing an examination procedure. The same applies to a related degree program. Related degree programs according to § 1 are the degree programs stated in Annex 1. In addition, the selection committee may recognize further degree programs as related and amend the list accordingly. Proof must be provided by a certificate from the university or college at which the enrollment took place.
- (4) If the final degree certificate for the first degree is not yet available by the application deadline, an overview of the examination results available up to that point must be enclosed with the application for admission. The final degree certificate must be submitted no later than 15 December for the winter semester of the year for which admission is requested.

§ 6 Entry into force

- (1) These Admission Regulations enter into force on the day after they have been published in the University of Hohenheim's Official Communications.
- (2) At the same time, the University of Hohenheim's Admission Regulations for the Bioeconomy program from 22 February 2024 (published in the Official Communications of the University of Hohenheim no. 1495) will no longer apply.
- (3) These Admission Regulations shall apply for the first time to the admission procedure for the winter semester 2024/25.

Stuttgart, dated 22 March 2024

signed,

Professor Dr. Stephan Dabbert

- President -

Annex 1

(1) Degree programs that fall under § 5(3) are:

1. Admission category Z1: All natural science and engineering Diplom and Master's degree programs at German universities and vocational academies,
2. Admission category Z2: All agricultural, forestry, and horticultural Diplom and Master's degree programs at German universities and vocational academies, as well as all Master's degree programs in the fields of agribusiness, bioeconomy, environmental, or resource economy,
3. Admission category Z3: All business administration/economics Diplom and Master's degree programs at German and foreign universities and vocational academies, as well as all Master's degree programs in the fields of management, business administration, and economics.

(2) The admission committee may establish equivalency for all degree programs stated under (1) no. 1-3 of/with degree programs other than those stated here.

Annex 2

(1) Degree programs that fall under § 5(1)a) are:

1. for the area natural science and engineering (admission category Z1):
 - Agricultural Biology
 - Biology
 - Biochemistry
 - Biotechnology
 - Bioprocess Engineering
 - Chemistry
 - Nutritional Sciences
 - Food Technology, Food Engineering, Food Chemistry
 - Process Engineering;
2. for the area of agricultural and forestry sciences (admission category Z2):
 - Agricultural Biology
 - Agricultural Sciences
 - Agriculture
 - Forest Sciences
 - Land Use
 - Farming
 - Biobased Products and Bioenergy
 - Environmental Sciences
 - a Bachelor's program in which the specialist content accounts for at least 50 % of a Bachelor's program in Agricultural Sciences;
3. for the area of business, economics and social sciences (admission category Z3):
 - Management/Business Administration
 - Economics
 - Business Administration and Economics
 - Sustainability & Change
 - a Bachelor's program in which the specialist content accounts for at least 50 % of a Bachelor's program in Business Administration and Economics;

(2) The admission committee may extend the lists of the degree programs stated under (1) 1-3.

Annex 3

Proof of English language proficiency may be rendered by providing one of the following documents:

1. Final degree certificate of a Bachelor's or Master's program provided that the program was continuously held in English at a recognized university within the EU, Switzerland, United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), or in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, or Guyana;
2. one of the language tests in the list below:

Language test	Cut-off grade / minimum score
1. TOEFL (internet based); including as home edition	90
2. IELTS	6.5
3. Cambridge EFL exam	CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)
4. Language examination UNlcert level (fully completed certificate)	II (at least "good")
5. Duolingo test	125 points

The admission committee may classify other language proof as equivalent.