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Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Chemistry and Food Chemistry

Regulations for assessing the aptitude for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biochemistry (Biochemistry Aptitude Assessment Regulations)

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(translated version)

On the basis of § 18 para. 11 of the Saxon Higher Education Act (SächsHSG) in the version published on May 31, 2023 (SächsGVBl. p.329), last amended by Article 2 of the Act of January 31, 2024 (SächsGVBl. p. 83) TU Dresden issues the following aptitude assessment regulations as statutes:

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§ 1

Scope of application

These regulations determine how the fulfillment of the special admission requirements are to be assessed (aptitude assessment) for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biochemistry at TU Dresden, based on the provisions of the applicable Act of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony.

§ 2

Admission requirements

According to § 3 of the study regulations for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biochemistry, applicants are qualified for the program and thus eligible for admission if they can demonstrate that they meet the following requirements:

1. a first university degree recognized in Germany that qualifies the holder for professional practice, or a degree from a state or state-recognized vocational academy in a scientific field such as biochemistry, chemistry, biology, life sciences, or a closely related degree program.
2. proficiency in English at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and,
3. special aptitude for studying in the consecutive Master's degree program in Biochemistry in accordance with § 5.

§ 3

Admissions Committee

(1) The Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry and Food Chemistry shall appoint an Admissions Committee Biochemistry on the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee. As a rule, this committee shall consist of at least three university lecturers from the institutions primarily responsible for teaching in the degree program.

The Admissions Committee shall decide on whether the admission requirements pursuant to § 2 have been fulfilled, invite applicants to an assessment interview if necessary, and decide on appeals against decisions made as part of this procedure. In addition, the Admissions Committee is responsible for the development and publication of the application form in accordance with § 4 para. 2 no. 1.

§ 4

Application and deadlines

(1) The form for assessing the special aptitude according to these regulations of the consecutive Master's Degree Program in Biochemistry is part of the required documents for enrollment and must be submitted in due time and in the correct form.

1. Applicants with a university degree obtained in Germany (entrance qualification for a Master's degree) are required to upload the application for the aptitude assessment procedure and all documents listed in paragraph 2 to the portal for registering for the aptitude assessment procedure at the Faculty of Chemistry and Food Chemistry after completing the online application for the degree program.
2. Applicants with a university degree obtained abroad (entrance qualification for a Master's degree) are required to apply via uni-assist e.V. and to upload the application for the aptitude

test and the documents in accordance with paragraph 2 in the portal for registration for the aptitude test of the Faculty of Chemistry and Food Chemistry.

3. Applicants must apply for the winter semester between April 1 and May 31.

(2) The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

1. A curriculum vitae in tabular form, written in English, outlining the educational and professional background (education, studies, internships, publications, etc.),
2. Copy of the first degree certificate (including Transcript of Records and Diploma Supplement) or a summary of credits issued by the relevant Examination Office with all academic and examination credits completed so far. If these documents are not available in English or German, an official German or English translation must also be submitted,
3. Proof of English language proficiency at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Proof shall be deemed provided if:
 - a) a general or subject-specific university entrance qualification with a proven language level is available,
 - b) the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL online) has been passed with a total score of at least 79 points and at least 18 points in each section, or
 - c) the IELTS test has been passed with at least level 6.0 in all sections, or
 - d) the UNICert test has been passed with at least Level II,
4. Copies of the module descriptions or comparable tables of contents with a clear assignment to the academic achievements that demonstrate aptitude in accordance with § 5. If these documents are not available in English or German, a German or English translation must be submitted.

(3) Applications that are not received in full, in due form or on time will be excluded from any further considerations.

(4) If, at the time of application, the applicant does not yet have proof of the first professionally qualifying university degree (degree certificate) in accordance with paragraph 2, number 3, the applicant will still be included in the aptitude assessment procedure in accordance with these regulations if 80 percent of the credit points achievable through the university degree have already been obtained, as certified by the university of origin. As proof of this, the applicant must submit a corresponding certificate from their university in the original or as an officially certified copy. The necessity of submitting all other evidence mentioned in para. 2 alongside the application and para. 3 remain unaffected by this.

§ 5

Proof and assessment of special aptitude

(1) The special qualification for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biochemistry according to § 2 number 3 is given if the proof has been provided in relevant modules that a sound specialized knowledge

1. of the theoretical fundamentals of biochemistry, organic chemistry, and molecular biology, and
2. the practical fundamentals of biochemistry, organic chemistry, and molecular biology.

(2) The Admissions Committee will first examine whether proof of aptitude has been provided on the basis of the documents enclosed with the application, in particular, the documents pursuant to § 4 para. 2, but only if the admission requirements pursuant to § 2 para. 2 no. 1 and 2 have been fulfilled. If the aptitude has not already been established from the applicant's documents, an assessment interview will be held by the Admissions Committee in accordance with § 6.

§ 6

Assessment interview

(1) The aim of the assessment interview is to determine and confirm whether the applicant possesses the required knowledge and skills in accordance with § 5 para. 1.

(2) The assessment interview shall take place in a uniformly structured form and shall not last longer than 20 minutes.

(3) The aptitude interview shall be conducted in person or in a suitable online format. At least two members of the Admissions Committee shall participate in the interview, whereby one of the members of the Admissions Committee must be a university professor or a qualified lecturer.

(4) The invitation to the interview shall be issued in good time in writing by the Admissions Committee in accordance with § 3, but at least one week before the date of the assessment interview. Costs that the applicant incurs cannot be reimbursed.

(5) A written record of the main content of the aptitude interview shall be prepared, which shall also state the participants, the duration and the result of the interview. The identity of the applicant is verified in the interview.

(6) If the applicant does not attend the assessment interview on the fixed date, they have no right to be granted an alternative date.

(7) If the applicant can credibly demonstrate that they are not in a position to participate in the assessment interview in the intended form due to a long-term or permanent physical disability or chronic illness, the Admissions Committee shall offer them an alternative form for determining aptitude. For this purpose, the student may be required to submit a medical certificate and, in cases of doubt, an official medical certificate by a public health officer (*Amtsarzt*).

§ 7

Notification of aptitude

(1) If the applicant demonstrates the required aptitude according to § 5, they will receive a notification of aptitude from the Admissions Committee. Applicants shall receive the notification of eligibility in electronic form (e.g. by email as a PDF document attachment). The notification of aptitude is to be presented to the Admissions Office or the International Office of TU Dresden and is the required form of proof in order to be admitted to the Master's program. It is a prerequisite for enrollment in the consecutive Master's degree program in Biochemistry.

(2) If the applicant is unable to demonstrate the required aptitude in accordance with § 5, the Admissions Committee will also issue a notification to that effect, which must be accompanied by instructions on the right of appeal and sent in electronic form (e.g. by email as a PDF document in the attachment).

(3) If the applicant is unable to present the successful completion of the university degree required in accordance with § 2 no. 1 to the Admissions Office or the International Office by the end of the enrollment period, only temporary enrollment will be granted. The duration of this temporary enrollment will be determined by the Admissions Office. Usually, it is one semester.

§ 8
Entry into force

These Aptitude Assessment Regulations shall enter into force one day after their publication in the Official Announcements of TU Dresden.

The above regulations are accordingly issued. This is to be published in the TU Dresden Official Announcement.

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