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Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Biology

**Regulations for determining aptitude
for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society
(Aptitude Assessment Regulations – Biology in Society)**

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(translated version)

Based on § 14 para. 4 and § 18 para. 11 of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the State of Saxony (*Sächsisches Hochschulgesetz - SächsHSG*) in the version of the announcement of May 31, 2023 (SächsGVBl. p. 329), last amended by Article 9 of the Act of July 6, 2023 (SächsGVBl. p. 467), Technische Universität Dresden issues the following Aptitude Assessment Regulations as statutes:

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§ 1

Scope of application

These regulations determine how the fulfilment of the special admission requirements are to be assessed (aptitude assessment) for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society at Technische Universität Dresden, based on the provisions of the applicable Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony.

§ 2

Admission requirements

(1) Pursuant to § 3 of the study regulations for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society, every applicant who has the required aptitude (qualification) for the Master's program in Biology in Society is admitted to the program.

(2) Qualified and therefore entitled to admission within the meaning of para. 1 is anyone who:

1. can provide evidence of a first qualifying university degree recognized in Germany or a qualification from an officially recognized vocational academy in biology or a comparable specialist field,
2. demonstrates proficient command of the English language at the advanced level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages,
3. provides proof of special subject knowledge that qualifies them to study in the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society in accordance with § 5, and
4. demonstrates sufficient motivation for the degree program in accordance with § 5.

§ 3

Admissions Committee

The Dean of the Faculty of Biology shall appoint an Admissions Committee for the respective application period on the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee. As a rule, this committee shall consist of at least two university lecturers from the Faculty of Biology. 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 determining the candidates aptitude according to these regulations is part of the formal application documents for enrolment and must be submitted in due time and in accordance with the form.

1. Applicants with a university degree obtained in Germany (entrance qualification for a Master's degree) must apply to the following address:
 - a) Applicants with German citizenship are to submit their application to the following address:
Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Biology
Zugangsausschuss Biology in Society
01062 Dresden
Germany

- b) Applicants with foreign citizenship are to submit their application to the following address:
Technische Universität Dresden
International Office
01062 Dresden
Germany
2. Applicants with a university degree obtained outside Germany (entrance qualification for a Master's degree) must apply via uni-assist e.V.
 3. Applicants with citizenship outside the EU who have obtained their university degree (entrance qualification for a Master's degree) at a non-German university must apply for the winter semester by May 31. All other German and international applicants must apply for the winter semester by June 5.

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

1. Formal application to determine aptitude for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society in English,
2. Copy of the applicant's first qualifying professional degree (university or vocational academy),
3. copies of certificates and proof demonstrating any special aptitude in accordance with § 5,
4. A motivation letter in English that convincingly explains the desire to study and the individual's particular aptitude and qualifications,
5. Proof of English language skills at the advanced level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in accordance with § 2 para.2 no. 2. Proof should be provided using a relevant certificate or language certificate. This can take the form of:
 - a) A certificate of a general or subject-linked university entrance qualification with an advanced course completed in English,
 - b) A certificate of a university entrance qualification completed entirely in English or a certificate of a university degree completed entirely in English, as well as
 - c) The following English certificates (listed as examples):
 - aa) TOEFL (79 internet-based)
 - bb) IELTS (6.5)
 - cc) UNlcert II.
6. Module descriptions (or comparable content summaries) of completed coursework that may be demonstrate a particular aptitude for participation in the modules 'Biology and Human Society', 'Science for Society', and 'Economically Important Animals and Plants',
7. A curriculum vitae outlining the educational background.

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

(4) If, at the time of application, proof of the first university degree qualifying the applicant for a profession (degree certificate) in accordance with para. 2. no. 2 is not yet available, the applicant will also be included in the aptitude assessment procedure in accordance with these regulations. The prerequisite is that 80% of the credit points attainable for the university degree have already been proven based on completed module examinations or the graduation thesis and, if applicable, the colloquium by means of certification from the awarding university. 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 paragraphs 2 and 3 alongside the application remain unaffected by this.

§ 5

Proof and determination of special aptitude

(1) The special aptitude for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society according to § 2 para. 2 no. 3 and 4 is given if:

1. Proof has been provided, via relevant modules, of sound knowledge of the fundamentals in the fields of zoology, botany, including physiology, as well as sound knowledge of the fundamentals in the fields of molecular biology and evolution and statistics, and
2. Motivation for the field of study and professional aptitude for the Master's degree program have been sufficiently demonstrated. Applicants must demonstrate that they possess the ability and willingness to apply their professional and scientific knowledge to socially relevant topics and that they possess interdisciplinary thinking skills.

(2) The Admissions Committee shall first examine whether proof of suitability has been provided on the basis of the documents enclosed with the application, in particular, the documents pursuant to § 4 para. 2 nos. 3 and 4, but only if the admission requirements pursuant to § 2 para. 2 nos. 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 whether the knowledge, skills or abilities required in accordance with § 5 para. 1, which provide information about the applicant's suitability, are available.

(2) The assessment interview shall take place in a uniformly structured form and shall not last longer than 30 minutes.

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

(4) A member of the Admissions Committee shall draw up minutes of the essential content of the assessment interview, which shall also include the participants, the duration and the result of the interview. The identity of the applicant is verified in the interview by official photo identification.

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

(6) 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 applicant may be required to submit a medical certificate and, in cases of doubt, an official medical certificate.

(7) If it is not possible for an international applicant to pass the assessment interview in the intended form due to reasons for which they are not personally responsible, the Admissions Committee shall offer them an alternative form for determining aptitude.

§ 7

Notification of aptitude

(1) If the applicant demonstrates the required aptitude according to § 2, they will receive a notification of aptitude from the Admissions Committee. Applicants shall receive this notification of aptitude in an electronic format. At the applicant's request, written notification will be issued simultaneously. In both cases, this notification of aptitude is to be presented to the Admissions Office / Unit International Affairs of TU Dresden and is the required form of proof to enter the Master's program. It is a prerequisite for enrollment in the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society.

(2) If the applicant cannot prove the required aptitude according to § 2, the Admissions Committee will also issue a written decision on, which must be accompanied by instructions on how to appeal.

(3) If the applicant is unable to present the successful completion of the university degree required in accordance with § 2 para. 2 no. 1 to the Admissions Office / Unit International Affairs 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 / Unit International Affairs. It is usually for one semester.

§ 8

Entry into force, expiry and publication

These Aptitude Assessment Regulations shall enter into force one day after their publication in the Official Announcements of Technische Universität Dresden. The Regulations on the Aptitude Assessment for the consecutive Master's degree program in Biology in Society of March 17, 2021 (Official Announcements of TU Dresden No. 4/2021 of March 26, 2021, p. 3) shall cease to apply.

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