



UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

University of Konstanz regulations on the admission of applicants to the master's programme in Nanoscience

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§ 1 Application

- (1) Students have the option to enrol in the master's programme in Nanoscience either in the winter semester or in the summer semester.
- (2) The application deadline is 15 January for the summer semester, and 15 June for the winter semester. The application for enrolment, including the required documents, must have been received by the University of Konstanz by the dates stated above (cut-off-date).
- (3) The application for admission must be submitted in the form requested by the university.
- (4) The following documents have to be attached to the application:
 - a) Certificate of the university degree as per § 3 no. 1
 - b) 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 Nano Science at the University of Konstanz)
 - c) Proof of English language skills as per § 3 no. 2
 - d) Results of the GRE-Test as per § 3 no. 3 (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)
- (5) 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 § 3 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 with the provision that applicants document, within this time limit, that they have completed their qualifying degree.
- (6) Enrolment must be denied if the documents are not submitted by the due date or are incomplete.
- (7) The university may request that students present the original documents mentioned above when they enrol.
- (8) In duly substantiated exceptional cases applications may be possible until the start of the semester in which the student wishes to enrol. The Examination Board Nanoscience decides on such exceptions.

§ 2 Competencies

The rector decides on admission to the master's programme based on the proposals of the Examination Board Nanoscience.

§ 3 Admission requirements

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

1. Completed Bachelor of Science degree in Nanoscience at the University of Konstanz or a three-year (or more) study programme comparable to the University of Konstanz's bachelor's programme in Nanoscience at a state, or officially recognized, institution of higher education or *Berufsakademie* (minimum degree: Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) or equivalent). A study programme is considered comparable if the acquired competencies are similar to those that would have been acquired in the bachelor's programme in Nanoscience at the University of Konstanz. There is no significant difference 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 Nanoscience decides whether applicants meet the requirements.

2. English skills of at least level B2 of the Common European 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.

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

§ 4 Coming into effect

These regulations come into effect the day after their publication in the "Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen" (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz. They apply for the first time to the entry process for the winter semester 2019/20, replacing the admission regulations for the master's programme in Nanoscience from 22 April 2014 ("Amtliche Bekanntmachungen" 16/2014).

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>)

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)