Information for Applicants for the Master's Program “Biochemistry and Molecular Biology”

Please note that the information contained herein is intended only as a general orientation for applicants. Applications and admission to the Master program is subject solely to the regulations governing admission to the respective degree course. These regulations can be accessed under www.uni-bremen.de/master. For legal reasons, the regulations governing admissions are only available in the German language.

**General Information:**
Official commencement of studies: October 1st
Language of delivery: English
Deadline for receipt of applications: The closing date for applications is January 15th

Before submitting your application, please consult the homepage of the respective department and study the information on your chosen field of study: http://www.mscbmb.uni-bremen.de/en/mscbmb/.

**Application procedure:**
Applications must be submitted online, prior to the closing date and together with all necessary admission requirements (see below).
For online applications for Master’s programs at the University of Bremen go to: https://movein-uni-bremen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php?_language=en.

Once your application has been submitted online, it is **not** necessary to submit any paper documents to the University of Bremen. You will only be requested to submit paper documents if your application is successful. In this case you will be sent a Confirmation of Enrollment together with a request to submit (either by surface mail or by hand) any further paper documents that may be necessary.

**Admission requirements:**
- Evidence of having obtained a prior academic degree (e.g. a Bachelor degree with 180 ECTS or equivalent) in Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Medicine, or another degree in an appropriately related field of study. In the event that you may not have qualified for a first degree before the closing date for applications, you may still submit your application: In this case, you must provide evidence that you have already obtained a minimum of 120 ECTS (or equivalent).
- A minimum overall grade of 2.5 (German grading system) for previous degree course.
- Evidence of having obtained at least 60 CP in undergraduate studies from one or more of the following disciplines: Biochemistry, Chemistry, Cell-Biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Mathematics, Plant Physiology, Physics.
- Competence in the English language at a level of C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This does not apply to applicants who obtained their university entrance qualification or prior academic degree in the English language.
- A Letter of Motivation stating reasons why you have chosen to apply for the Master's Program “Biochemistry and Molecular Biology”.
- *Curriculum vitae in tabular form*
- A Letter of Recommendation issued within the past two years by a college or university professor who knows you from a previous course of studies.
- Successful participation in an adjudicated written aptitude test of 120 min. on topics covered by basic courses in Biochemistry and Molecular Cell-Biology Those applicants resident outside Germany at time of application may write the test abroad in a controlled environment (University or other institution) that will be defined by the
The selection board. The test will be designed by members of the selection board and passed if more than 50% of the total number of points achieved.

The following documents may be submitted at a later date:
In the event your application is successful, documentary evidence of language competence in accordance with the admission requirements listed above and evidence of having acquired a prior academic degree may be submitted up to two weeks before the official commencement of studies. The precise deadline will be notified in the Confirmation of Enrollment. The Degree Certificate evidencing prior academic studies may be submitted up to December 31st.

Translations and authentication:
Only official authentication issued by a German public body can be accepted. All translations must be certified by an officially certified translation agency in Germany or an EU member state or a German consulate.

Award of study places:
The number of study places available may be restricted from year to year: restricted admission. All Master programs with restricted admission in force are marked “Z” in the Master Portal www.uni-bremen.de/en/master. In the absence of “Z”, all applicants who fulfill the Admission Requirements can be admitted to studies and are considered to be suitably qualified by the selection board of the respective field of study.

Admission procedure “Biochemistry and Molecular Biology”
In the event of restricted admission, the selection board will create a ranking list according to the following criteria and respective weightings. Up to 100 points may be awarded:

- Up to 50 points for the aptitude test.
- Up to 15 points: Either overall grade of previous degree, or average grade achieved up to time of application (min. 120 CP). The points are allocated in accordance with ranking list of applicants drawn up on the basis of their grades. The applicant with the best overall grade will be awarded 15 points. The candidates with subsequent positions in the ranking will each be awarded a correspondingly lower number of points; there are no points for the applicant with the lowest overall grade.
- Up to 15 points: Grades awarded in BMB-related subjects during undergraduate studies. The applicant with the best qualification will be awarded 15 points. The candidates with subsequent positions in the ranking will each be awarded a correspondingly lower number of points; there are no points for the applicant with the lowest overall grade.
- Up to 10 points: Letter of Motivation (reasons stated for interest in the program). The assessment criteria are specific reference to the program “Biochemistry and Molecular Biology”, clear presentation of personal qualifications and goals, in particular in respect of connection between choice of program and career expectations, as well as congruence of motivation with the program focus.
- Up to 10 points: Letter of Recommendation from a college or university professor who knows you from a previous course of studies. The assessment criteria encompass the quality of previous academic achievement, personal and academic potential, especially with regard to the program, relevance of previous academic achievements and, if applicable, non-university qualifications in respect of the thematic thrust of the Master program.

Further information in respect of application procedure, language competence, authentication, ECTS, “Semesterbeitrag” and more can be accessed under http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/masterportal/faqs.html.