

**Faculty of Forestry Sciences and Forest Ecology:**

Following the resolution of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Forestry Sciences and Forest Ecology of the 24.05.11, the Senate of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen passed on the 06.07.11 the Regulation on the Selection Procedure for the “Molecular Ecosystem Sciences” bachelor’s programme, § 44 Sec. 1 line 2 of the Higher Education Act of Lower Saxony as amended by the bulletin of the 26.02.07 (Lower Saxony Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 69) most recently changed by Article 1 of the Law of 29.06.11 (Lower Saxony Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 202); § 41 Sec. 1 line 1 of the Higher Education Act of Lower Saxony in conjunction with § 5 Sec. 8 of the Higher Education Admission Act of Lower Saxony as amended by the bulletin of the 29.01.98 (Lower Saxony Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 51), most recently changed by Article 2 of the Law of 29.06.11 (Lower Saxony Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 202).

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**Regulation on the Selection Procedure  
for the “Molecular Ecosystem Sciences” Bachelor’s programme  
at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen**

**§1 Scope**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (the University) awards in the “Molecular Ecosystem Sciences” Bachelor’s programme 90 per cent of the number of remaining university places after deduction of the special quotas in accordance with § 4 Sec. 1 of the Regulation on the Awarding of University Places by Institutes of Higher Education of Lower Saxony of the 22.06.05 (Lower Saxony Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 213), most recently changed by the regulation of the 20.07.06 (Lower Saxony Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 422), as amended from time to time, to prospective students after the result of a selection procedure proper to higher education. <sup>2</sup>The selection decision is made on the basis of a combination of the average grade in the university entrance qualification and a further selection criterion. <sup>3</sup>The remaining university places (10 per cent) are granted after a waiting time.

(2) If there are fewer applicants meeting the qualifications for entry than there are places available, a selection procedure in accordance with Section 1 shall not take place.

## **§2 Closing Dates**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The admissions application must have arrived at the university, with the required application documents for the winter semester as per § 3, no later than 15<sup>th</sup> July. <sup>2</sup>The application is valid only for awarding university places for the relevant admission date.

(2) <sup>1</sup>When applying for a university place under the special quota as per § 7 of the Regulation on the Awarding of University Places by Institutes of Higher Education of Lower Saxony (International Quota) notwithstanding Section 1 for the winter semester, the admissions application must have arrived at the university no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April the previous year. <sup>2</sup>The application is valid only for awarding university places for the relevant admission date.

## **§ 3 Form of the Application**

(1) Applications are to be submitted on the form provided by the University.

(2) Copies of the following documents are to be included with the application:

- a) a certificate of the general higher education entrance qualification or equivalent degree in the sense of the Higher Education Act of Lower Saxony in certified German or English translation, should the original not have been drawn up in the German or English languages,
- b) the personally signed admissions application.

(3) The University can request that the originals of the documents upon which the admissions decision is based be produced at enrolment.

(4) <sup>1</sup>Applications that do not arrive complete, or in due form and time, shall be excluded from further procedure. <sup>2</sup>The admission is rejected. <sup>3</sup>The documents submitted shall remain on file at the University.

## **§4 Selection Procedure**

- (1) Only those who fulfil the following criteria shall take part in the selection procedure:
  - a) applicants shall have applied in due form and time for a university place,
  - b) applicants shall not have obtained a university place as part of a quota that was to be deducted beforehand, and
  - c) applicants shall not have obtained a university place during the waiting time.
  
- (2) The selection decision from among the applications received shall be made according to the average grade of the university entrance qualification combined with a weighting of the performances demonstrated in the university entrance qualification in two subjects that give a particular indication of the aptitude for the selected degree programme.
  
- (3) The subjects that are to be considered for this degree programme for the selection criterion as per section 2 are set out in Appendix 1 to this Regulation.
  
- (4) The preparation of the ranking list for the selection decision occurs as per the provisions in § 5.

## **§ 5 Preparation of the Ranking List for the Selection Decision**

The ranking list is prepared on the basis of calculating a procedure score subject to the following provisions:

- a) Assessment of the University Entrance Qualification:

The sum of the points obtained in the university entrance qualification is divided by 56 or 60 (for a maximum of 15 points). The resulting score is calculated to two decimal places. It is not rounded.
- b) Assessment of the performances demonstrated in the university entrance qualification in subjects that give a particular indication of aptitude for this degree programme:

For each subject in the sense of § 4 Sec. 2, the points are calculated from the arithmetic mean of the points obtained in the university entrance qualification in the last four school years. If the subject in question was not enrolled for in at least one school year over the last four school years, 0 points are entered for this subject. The resulting score is calculated to two decimal places. It is not rounded.
- c) Should the assessment of the university entrance qualification or of a subject be shown exclusively as a grade, this is to be converted into a score as per the table given in Appendix 2. The provisions as per e) shall apply where appropriate. Should

the assessment of the university entrance qualification be shown exclusively in form of the average grade, but not through assessment of the individual subjects, the performances in a subject are to be assessed on the basis of appropriate documents that the applicant shall produce.

- d) The university entrance qualification score is multiplied by 6, the score in the two subjects specified in Appendix 1 is multiplied by 2. The totals resulting from the respective multiplications are added to each other and divided by ten. The resulting figure is calculated to two decimal places. It is not rounded.
- e) International grades are to be converted into German grades following the guidelines of the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK).
- f) In case of a tie in the selection rank, § 13 of the Regulation on the Awarding of University Places by Institutes of Higher Education of Lower Saxony shall apply where necessary.

### **§6 Entry into Force**

<sup>1</sup>This regulation enters into force the day after its promulgation in the official announcements of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. <sup>2</sup>It applies for the first time for the awards procedure for the winter semester 2011/2012.