Application for the Master of Science (Biodiversity)

The Master’s program can only be started in the winter semester. The program is open admission; however, a timely and complete application via the RUB Admissions Office is still necessary. Applicants are eligible for admission if they have a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, a Bachelor degree in a closely related subject or an equivalent degree by the time of enrollment at the latest (see below for details). Equivalency will be determined on the basis of the application documents submitted. In addition, proof of sufficient German and English language skills according to § 1 (3) and (4) of the examination regulations for the Master’s program Biodiversity at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the University of Duisburg-Essen is required.

The application and admission procedure is carried out in the following steps. All deadlines are cut-off deadlines.

1. Online application and upload of application documents / late submission deadline
   Application deadline for WS 21/22 is **15.07.2022** (activation of the applicant portal expected from the beginning of June).

   Late submission deadline (does not apply to foreign applicants): 21.07.2022

   Click here to go to the application portal: [https://bewerbung.uv.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/](https://bewerbung.uv.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/)

   Additional information for international applicants: [https://studium.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/bewerbung-fuer-internationale-studieninteressierte](https://studium.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/bewerbung-fuer-internationale-studieninteressierte)

   At the end of the online application you will receive a control sheet. Please pay attention to all information listed there.

   In addition to the online application, the following documents must be uploaded to the Admissions Office of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB). **These must be submitted in full by international applicants outside the EU by 15.07.2022. All other applicants can submit the listed documents until 21.07.2022. EU applicants must provide proof of the required German exam (e.g. DSH 2, DSH 3 or Testdaf 16 points) at the latest upon enrollment.**

   • Graduation documents (usually certificate, diploma supplement, transcript of records) of the first professional degree (B.Sc. Biology or equivalent degree) **or** a transcript of records with a preliminary overall grade, in which at least **
the grades of the first five semesters (corresponding to 150 ECTS credits) have been included. **International applicants** outside the European Union must submit final documents, a Transcript of Records with a preliminary overall grade is not sufficient.

- Proof of language skills in German, if the study qualification (usually Abitur) was not acquired at a German-speaking institution. Proof according to § 1 (3) of the examination regulations is accepted (e.g. DSH 2, DSH 3 or Testdaf 16 points usually 4 x 4).

- Proof of language skills in English, min. B2 Common European Framework of Reference (8 years of English lessons (Abitur certificate), UNIcert® II or one of the successful tests: IELS 6.0, TOEFL IBT 98, TOEFL PBT 597 or First Certificate in English (FCE)).

2. **If applicable, determination of equivalence of previous studies with a B.Sc. in Biology**
   Application documents of applicants who apply with a degree or transcript from a different study program than a "B.Sc. degree in Biology" from a German university will be subject to an equivalence check after the application deadline. During the examination it will be decided whether the present study program is equivalent to a "B.Sc. Biology" or not. If equivalence exists, admission to the M.Sc. Biodiversity will be granted. Otherwise, the applicant is eliminated from the procedure.

If the equivalence of your previous studies has already been determined in past application procedures for the M.Sc. Biodiversity at RUB/UDE, please inform us accordingly. A re-verification is not necessary.

The B.Sc. Biological Sciences of the Universities of Münster, Osnabrück, Potsdam and Kaiserslautern, B.Sc. Biological Sciences of the University of Konstanz and the B.Sc. Molecular Biology of the University of Bielefeld are equivalent to the B.Sc. Biology of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum / the University of Duisburg-Essen. Application documents of applicants of these study programs are not subject to an equivalence check.

3. **Admission**
   All applicants with an equivalent degree and a timely application will be admitted.

All information on the status of the application can be viewed online at the "Infoportal Zulassung" of the RUB: [https://zulixinfo.uv.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/](https://zulixinfo.uv.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/).

Those who are admitted to the M.Sc. program will be provided with the admission letter for download in the "Infoportal Zulassung". The letter states
the deadline for acceptance of the study place (online) and the enrollment deadline. The deadlines must be observed (cut-off deadlines).

4. **Enrollment**

Since this is a joint program of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the University of Duisburg-Essen, enrollment at both locations is required. Registration as “Ersthörer” (the term for students at their primary university) takes place at the Ruhr-University Bochum, subsequently a registration as “Zweithörer” (this is the term for students at their secondary university) at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

You will be informed of the enrollment deadlines at the RUB in your admission letter (see above). In order to enroll, you must have completed your first professional degree. The proof (certificate or degree certificate) must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office together with the usual documents.

Information on enrolment as “Ersthörer” at RUB:
http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/studierendensekretariat/studium/einschreibung/index.html.de

Information on enrolment as “Zweithörer” at UDE:
https://www.uni-due.de/studierendensekretariat/nebenhoerer.shtml

Further information on the study program:
https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/biodiversity/study_programme.html

**Dates for the application procedure WS 22/23:**

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