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Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture

**ADMISSION REGULATIONS****for the Master's Degree Program in "Fishery Science and Aquaculture"**

According to § 17 Para. 1 No. 1 of the Temporary Constitution of the Berlin Humboldt University, (Official Bulletin of the HU No. 05/2005), the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture has established the following Admission Regulations for the Master's Degree Program "Fishery Science and Aquaculture" , on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005\*.

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**§ 1 – Field of Application**

These regulations govern the admission requirements and the admission procedures for the Master's Degree Program "Fishery Science and Aquaculture" at Humboldt University, Berlin.

**§ 2 – Admissions Board**

- (1) The Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture appoints an Admissions Board, consisting of three professors, three scientific staff members, who participate in teaching and examinations within the respective program, and one student of this program.
- (2) The Admission Board makes the decision regarding the fulfilment of the admission requirements acc. to § 4. The Board recommends applicants for admission to the Admission Office of the university.

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\* These Regulations were approved by the Senatsverwaltung für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kultur on 17. Juli 2006, temporarily until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

**§ 3 – Study Places**

(1) The number of study places for the Master's Degree Program "Fishery Science and Aquaculture" is determined by the university's bodies for each effective date of admission.

(2) One tenth of the study places acc. to Para. 1 is reserved for applicants to whom the refusal of the admission could be considered as "social hardship".

**§ 4 – Admission Requirements**

- (1) Admission requirements are:
  - a) Completion of a first course of studies for professional qualification such as Agricultural Sciences or a related discipline like Horticultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, Environmental Sciences, and Economic and Social Sciences. The admittance of students with other qualifications may be possible, with certain extra conditions, to be set by the Examination Board.
  - b) The average marks of the first course of studies must be at least "good". See § 9 (3) of the examination regulations. Applicants whose degree was not rated following the German rating system have to prove an ECTS-grade of at least "C" or another comparable degree. The Admissions Board may decide upon exceptions.
  - c) Should there not be enough applicants who fulfil the requirements of Para. 1 b, in order to exhaust the study place capacity a ranking procedure in accordance with § 5 will be carried out.
  - d) Those applicants whose mother tongue is not English must prove adequate knowledge of English corresponding to the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency or equivalent knowledge of English.

e) Those applicants whose mother tongue is not German must prove their knowledge of German at the level "Grundstufe 1" (Basic Level) before the beginning of the studies.

(2) Those in Para. 1 listed documents must be presented as original as a certified copy. Application documents in the described form must be present at the Admission Office of the Humboldt University upon the end of the application period.

### **§ 5 – Admission Procedures**

(1) If the number of qualified applicants acc. to § 5 (1) exceeds the admission limit deducting the quota according to § 3 Para. 2, the Admission Board provides a ranking list. The ranking follows the average marks of the first course of studies. From this result 0.2 per awaiting semester with renewed application will be deducted. The examination office provides a list of applicants who are in awaiting semesters. The result of the deduction of 0.2 per awaiting semester from the average marks of the first qualifying study course creates the ranking list of applicants.

(2) Study places according to § 3 (2) will be given following the degree of extraordinary hardship. Extraordinary hardship exists if special reasons for the applicants such as health problems, social reasons or family affairs require an immediate start of the studies.

(3) If the use of Pares 1 or 2 leads to ranking parity, applicants get priority who fulfil the preconditions according to § 34 (1) of the Hochschulrahmengesetz. If, after application of these regulations, there is still parity, then applicants will be chosen who belong to an under-represented sex. If parity then still exists decision will be made by lottery.

### **§ 6 - Admission**

(1) The final decision about the application for admission for the Master's Degree Program "Fishery Science and Aquaculture" is made by the department of student matters of the Humboldt university in accordance with §§ 2 and 5. This decision will be based on the recommendation of the Admissions Board (§ 2).

(2) Admission is possible for winter and summer terms.

### **§ 7 – Admission Decision**

(1) Applicants who have not been chosen receive a notice of rejection by the Admissions Office of the university.

(2) Admitted applicants receive a notice of acceptance, which determines the deadline for the written acceptance of the study place and for the matriculation. Non-compliance with the deadline or cancellation by the applicant leads to an allocation of the study place in accordance with the ranking lists as described in § 4.

### **§ 8 – Effective Date**

These Admission Regulations for the Master's Degree Program "Fishery Science and Aquaculture" take effect on the day after their publication in the official bulletin of the Berlin Humboldt University.