

Regulations on the Discontinuation of the *Master Biochemistry*
Program of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the
University of Cologne
(discharge order)

from 27.06.2023

Based on §§ 2 Paragraph 4 Sentence 1, 64 Paragraph 1 Sentence 1 of the Act on the Universities of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Higher Education Act - HG) in the version of the Higher Education Act (HZG NRW) of September 16, 2014 (GV. NRW. S. 547 last amended by Article 1 of the Act concerning the Membership of University Hospitals in the Employers' Association of the State of June 30, 2022 (GV. NRW. S. 780b), the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Cologne enacts the following regulations:

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§ 1

Subject matter and scope

(1) These regulations govern the phasing out of *the* Master of *Biochemistry* degree program, according to the Master Examination Regulations of September 22, 2021 (official notification 108/2021) for this degree program, in particular with regard to new enrollment, the taking of examinations and admission to the final thesis.

(2)¹ Enrollment or admission as a second student in the first semester of the degree program according to § 1 is possible for the last time in the summer semester 2023. ²Enrollment or admission as a second student in higher semesters is possible in accordance with the corresponding regulations of the allocation ordinance of North Rhine-Westphalia, provided that free study places are available within the framework of the admission numbers set by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia for the respective study program.

§ 2

Offer of the courses

The courses provided for according to the examination regulations will be offered for the last time according to the scheduled rotation in the summer semester 2026.

§ 3

Acceptance of the examination services

(1)¹ Examinations may be taken for the last time on September 30, 2026; for repeat examinations, the deadline is extended accordingly by one semester and thus ends on March 31, 2027.² Registration for the master's thesis must be made by January 21, 2026 at the latest, and admission to repeat the master's thesis by July 20, 2026 at the latest.

(2)¹ Insofar as an examination candidate is not responsible for missing a registration in accordance with Paragraph 1 or it results in unreasonable hardship as a consequence of these regulations, the Examination Committee shall decide on exceptions. ²Not to be represented are, among others, periods of absence during the statutory maternity protection periods, during child-rearing and parental leave according to the Federal Child-rearing Allowance Act as well as the care of persons in the sense of § 64 para. 2 no. 5 HG.

§ 4

Final provisions and cancellation of the order

(1) If the student does not graduate from the Master of Biochemistry program in due time, he/she will be de-registered from the respective program.

(2)¹ Students who have not completed their studies according to the previous regulations after the end of the winter semester 2023/2024 may continue their studies according to the examination regulations for the *Master of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine* degree program of the Faculty of Mathematics *and* Natural Sciences of the University of Cologne dated June 27, 2023 (Amtliche Mitteilungen xx/2023), while having their previous examination

achievements recognized. ²The change must be applied for in writing or electronically to the chairperson of the examination board.

(3) The regulations pursuant to § 1 in the currently valid version shall be repealed with effect from 01.04.2027.

§ 5 Information duties

The students will be informed of these discontinuation regulations by the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Cologne in an appropriate manner.

§ 6 Publication and entry into force

(1) These regulations shall be published in the Official Notices of the University of Cologne.

(2) It shall enter into force on October 1, 2023.

Issued on the basis of the resolutions of the Narrow Faculty of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of 20.04.2023 and after examination of the legality by the Rectorate of 13.06.2023.

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