

## When and how will I be notified of the decision?

The application deadline is end of May of each year, for the next winter semester (i.e. May 2017 for the winter semester 2017).

The Master service center then requires 2-3 weeks to check your documents, convert your marks, request additional information if required, and provide the summarized documents to us.

Then, i.e. end of June, the study committee of the Master Biochemistry can meet and decide about the application. This will take about one more week.

Accordingly, the first round of admission or rejection is done end of June / beginning of July. We admit about 70 students in the first round for the 30 applicable slots in the Master programme, as we know many students apply for more than one Master programme and will choose.

We reject students in the first round already for whom we are confident they would have no chance for succeeding in the Master or competing for residual slots with the other students.

The students who got admission then have 2-3 weeks to decide which Master to take. Usually in the first 2 weeks of August, when the professors come back from vacation, this deadline is over and we will know how many students have accepted.

In case these are less than 30, additional students may be admitted. The decision process for this differs from year to year, so times may vary as well. In case you haven't received a decision yet, please be patient. We send out these later admissions as soon as we can, usually by mid-August.

We are aware that international students who receive an admission end of August or in September may have major problems to receive a visa and organize everything in time. Thus, there is a timepoint somewhere in September (usually upon request from the *Masterservicezentrum*) at which we reject all remaining international students unless we have clear evidence of extra slots at this time point.

Finally, about 10 days before the semester starts (at the beginning of October), we finally know how many international students will eventually make it to Germany. In case you don't, please make sure to notify us, as we can then give your slot to another student who would very much like to study in the Master Biochemistry.

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