

REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT THE NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES (UMB) with supplementary provisions

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Chapter 1. Scope of the Regulations

§ 1-1 The regulations apply to study programmes at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) that qualify for the bachelor's degree.

Chapter 2. Authority Regarding Regulations

§ 2-1 The bachelor's degree is awarded by the University Board.

§ 2-2 The University Board determines for which study programmes the bachelor's degree can be awarded.

§ 2-3 The Committee for Course Programmes can approve supplementary provisions to these regulations.

Chapter 3. Requirements for Awarding the Bachelor's Degree

§ 3-1 The bachelor's degree is awarded for passed examinations of a total of at least 180 credits.

§ 3-2 Of the 180 credits, 10 credits shall be given for a joint introductory course (ex.phil).

§ 3-3 Of the 180 credits, at least 80 credits must be taken within a specialization, which shall be specified in the educational plan.

§ 3-4 At least 15 credits should be linked to one or several individual study projects.

§ 3-5 In addition to these requirements, the Committee for Course Programmes can, following proposals by the education committees, make decisions regarding compulsory credits at various levels within each field, as well as other extraordinary regulations for awarding a bachelor's degree within a study programme.

Supplementary Provisions for Chapter 3

Ad 3-2 *The Committee for Course Programmes approves introductory courses from*

other universities, colleges and schools.

Ad 3-3 *The education committees publish sample plans which the students use when setting up their own educational plan. The education committees also approve the specializations.*

Ad 3-4 *The education committees determine the requirements for and the scope of the individual project work.*

Ad 3-5 *An example of "compulsory credits at various levels within each field" are courses in mathematics and statistics and the distribution of 100-level and 200-level courses. The education committees determine this via the study plans. Other extraordinary regulations are, for example, requirements regarding practical experience.*

Chapter 4. Diplomas

§ 4-1 On awarding bachelor's degrees, the degree's major field is shown on the diploma as:

Bachelor in <Title of study programme>, Standard <Title of standard>

§ 4-2 In order to be awarded a bachelor's degree by UMB, a student must have taken course exams amounting to a study load of at least 60 credits at UMB.

Courses totalling a study load of up to 30 credits, taken at a foreign university or college as part of a student exchange agreement with UMB, can be included in the required 60 credits mentioned above. The same applies for courses taken in relevant subjects at another Norwegian university or college, with which UMB has entered into a mutual cooperation agreement.

At least 60 of the credits included in the bachelor's degree must not already be part of a previously obtained degree or professional training. Together with or in addition to the previously taken courses, the new courses must result in the new degree having a different academic focus than the previous degree. In other words, the new degree must have at least 80 credits within the student's specialisation, or at least 120 credits taken in programme-defined courses, within another subject area than covered by the previous degree's main subject area.

The candidate must provide information about any diplomas issued by other universities or colleges.

Supplementary Provisions for Chapter 4

Ad 4-1 *Students who have completed one of the bachelor's degree programmes taught in English, will be awarded the degree 'Bachelor of Science'.*

Ad 4-2 The Committee for Course Programmes can grant exemptions from this provision.

Chapter 5. Intermediate Regulations for the Transition from Old to New Degree Structure

§ 5-1 From the autumn semester 2003 and onwards, all students that meet the requirements for the bachelor's degree, and who have not been awarded a diploma for a cand.mag degree, will be awarded a bachelor's degree, independent of when they began their studies.

Chapter 6. Provisions for Complaints

§ 6-1 Students have the right to lodge complaints against decisions, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Administration Act, Chapter 4. Complaints must normally be submitted within three (3) weeks.

Supplementary Provisions for Chapter 6

Ad 6-1 The body receiving the complaint may administratively re-evaluate the complaint. If the decision is not changed, the complaint is then forwarded to a higher administrative appeal body. Depending on the nature of the case, the complaint will be sent to the Committee for Course Programmes or the University Board's Appeals Committee.

Chapter 7. Coming into Force

§ 7-1 These regulations come into force on 1 August 2006.