School of Biology

Programme Regulations

Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation

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In this document the masculine form is used on a purely generic basis, all titles and positions should be interpreted as referring to males and females. The degrees are indicated by their shortened name of "Bachelor's" and "Master's".

SECTION I  GENERAL PROVISIONS

The website of the School of Biology offers access to all the regulations, enrolment forms, programme plans, schedules and other necessary information about the programme.

The School of Biology’s official means of communication for students is via email. Students are therefore expected to check their email regularly.

CHAPTER 1  GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Article 1

Biology studies

The biology department is structured around two successive courses

- Bachelor of Science in biology (180 ECTS credits) – Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Biology.
- One of the Master’s degrees in Science (90 ECTS credits) – Master of Science (MSc) – organised by the School of Biology.

Article 2

Structure of the Master’s degree programme

The Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation offers a subject area in the field of “Behaviour, Economics and Evolution” in collaboration with the Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC).

The student chooses the subject area upon applying for admission to the course.

The courses on a university Master of Science in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation (hereinafter “Master’s”) are divided into 4 modules:

- M1: the Semester 1 theoretical courses are focused on acquiring knowledge and key skills (compulsory and optional) 15 ECTS credits.
- M2: the Semester 1 practical courses constitute an initiation to the research work in the laboratory and/or in the field (practical introduction to research work or “first step project”) 15 ECTS credits.
- M3: theory courses in semester 2 (compulsory and optional): 15 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 21 ECTS credits (with subject area).
- M4: the Master thesis commenced in semester 2 and finished in semester 3: 45 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 39 ECTS credits (with subject area) consisting of a research project, a written thesis and an oral defence.
CHAPTER 2  DEGREE

Article 3

Degree awarded
On the proposal of the School of Biology from the Faculty of Biology and Medicine, the University of Lausanne grants the following degree:

- Master of Science in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation (90 ECTS credits) – Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation. The Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation may be obtained with or without a subject area in the “Behaviour, Economics and Evolution” specialisation.

CHAPTER 3  AWARDING THE MASTER'S DEGREE

Article 4

General conditions for obtaining a Master's degree
To obtain the Master’s degree mentioned in article 3, the candidates must:

- Taking the courses in modules 1 to 3 in the Master study plan and passing the corresponding assessments to earn 45 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 51 ECTS credits (with subject area).

- Successfully defending their Master thesis (Module 4) to earn 45 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 39 ECTS credits (with subject area).

Article 4bis

Conditions for award of the title of Master with subject area
According to article 3 of the Study Regulations, the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation may be obtained with the “Behaviour, Economics and Evolution” subject area.

The study plan provides a complete list of courses specific to the subject area, indicating whether they are optional or compulsory.

Any student wishing to pass a “Behaviour, Economics and Evolution” subject area must have acquired 30 ECTS recognised teaching credits in the field according to the study plan, including credits acquired by equivalence at the time of admission and/or as part of a mobility programme. They must also have completed the practical First Step Project (Module 2) and the Master thesis (Module 4) in the field of the subject area.

Any student wishing to obtain recognition of the credits acquired on a mobility programme and those provided by a subject area in the context of the Master must have the written agreement of the teacher responsible for the subject area concerned, as well as the written agreement of the head of the Master.

Article 5

Procedure for printing degrees
After having checked that the lawful requirements have been met, the Management of the School of biology sends the Management of the University, via the Deanship, favourable notice from the Faculty of Biology and Medicine to print the degrees awarded by the University of Lausanne.
CHAPTER 4  
ADMISSION CONDITIONS AND EQUIVALENCES

4.1 Admission to the Master's degree programme

Article 6

General conditions for admission to the Master's degree

1) Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing Regulations of the Law on the University of Lausanne, persons admitted to enrol at the University of Lausanne and who have a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Biology from the University of Lausanne are unconditionally admitted to the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation offered by the School of Biology.

2) Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing Regulations of the Law on the University of Lausanne, persons admitted to enrol at the University of Lausanne and who have a Bachelor of Science (BSc) attached to the Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities [CRUS] branch of study "biology" at a Swiss university or another qualification deemed equivalent are unconditionally admitted to the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation offered by the School of Biology.

3) Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing Regulations of the Law on the University of Lausanne, persons admitted to enrol at the University of Lausanne and who have a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in a field of biology awarded by another university institution recognised by UNIL are admitted to the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation offered by the School of Biology if they are subject to the conditions of acquiring ECTS credits which will be determined by the Admissions Committee for Master's degrees. These credits can be acquired in the course of the Master's if they are not higher than 10 ECTS credits (integrated upgrading). From 11 to 60 ECTS, the credits must be acquired before the start of the Master (prior upgrade).

4) Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing Regulations of the Law on the University of Lausanne, persons admitted to enrol at the University of Lausanne and who have a Bachelor of Science (BSc) decreed by another university institution recognised by UNIL in a field other than biology are admitted to the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation offered by the School of Biology if they are subject to the conditions of acquiring ECTS credits which will be determined by the Admissions Committee for Master's degrees. These credits can be acquired in the course of the Master's if they are not higher than 10 ECTS credits (integrated upgrading). From 11 to 60 ECTS, the credits must be acquired before the start of the Master (prior upgrade).

5) Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing regulation of the Law on the University of Lausanne, candidates with another qualification can be allowed on the basis of an equivalence of their qualification request. If necessary, they will have to subject to the conditions for acquiring ECTS credits which will be determined by the Admissions Committee for Master's degrees. These credits can be acquired in the course of the Master's if they are not higher than 10 ECTS credits (integrated upgrading). From 11 to 60 ECTS, the credits must be acquired before the start of the Master (prior upgrade).

6) Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing regulation of the Law on the University of Lausanne, if the Admissions Committee for Master's degrees proposes the admission of the candidate subject to passing set of prior upgrade studies, this one should not exceed 60 ECTS credits.

Article 7

Admission following a final failure

A student who experiences a final failure with the Bachelor of Science in biology from the School of Biology can, if he obtains a Bachelor of Science in biology from another Higher Education Institution, be admitted to a Master's degree according to the conditions in article 6.
Article 8

Admission following a failure

The admission to a second Master's degree at the School of Biology is possible after a single failure at a first Master's degree.

A student who experiences a final failure of one of the Master's degrees in biology is excluded from the Master's degree in biology programme.

4.2 Equivalences

Article 9

Conditions for granting equivalences

The Management of the School of Biology only grants valid equivalences for the course programme for which the request has been submitted.

A request can only be submitted if a year of study has been successfully completed or if a qualification has been obtained.

The course assessments for which equivalence is required must have been passed.

Article 10

Conditions for applying equivalences

To benefit from equivalences the student must acquire at least 60 ECTS credits in the Master's degree course of the School of Biology to obtain the corresponding degree issued by the Faculty of Biology and Medicine.

CHAPTER 5

GENERAL ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

5.1 Programme plans and regulations

Article 11

Programme plans

The programme plans and examinations schedules are presented in parallel to the programme regulations only during the first submission of the Regulations to UNIL Management or if their changes involve a change in the Programme Regulations.

The student must take the compulsory and optional courses set out in the study plan to acquire 45 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 60 ECTS credits (with subject area). They must also complete a Master thesis worth 45 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 30 ECTS credits (with subject area).

The programme plan specifies the way in which the courses, their number, their compulsory nature or with an option and individual nature or in series, their frequency, the distribution of the ECTS credits which are linked to them and the assessment procedures.

The student can acquire 30 ECTS credits within the framework of a progression programme (see article 17).

Article 12

Approval of the Master's Programme Regulations

The Master's Programme Regulations for the School of Biology are prepared by the Management of the School of Biology together with the Master's degree director, approved by the School Board, submitted for notice to the Deanship, approved by the Faculty Board and adopted by the Management.
5.2 **Enrolling on courses**

**Article 13**

**Enrolment on Semesters 1 and 2 courses**

For Semesters 1 and 2, enrolment on courses is compulsory to be able to be eligible for the assessments. This enrolment takes place at the start of the semester electronically according to the deadlines and the forms fixed by the School of Biology by the deadlines set out by UNIL Management.

5.3 **Organisation of optional courses**

**Article 14**

**Number minimum of students**

An optional course must be offered by the teacher if there is a minimum number of 4 students. Below this number, the organisation of the course depends on the teacher’s inclination.

Field placements organisation is not subject to this rule.

5.4 **Duration of the programme**

**Article 15**

**Duration of the programme**

The Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation corresponds to a volume of work of 90 ECTS credits.

The normal expected duration in the programme plan for obtaining a Master’s degree is three semesters. The maximum duration of the programme for obtaining a Master’s degree is five semesters.

The maximum duration of the programme is proportionally reduced for students who benefit from equivalences.

5.5 **Leave applications**

**Article 16**

**Reasons for granting and impacts on the duration of the programme**

Leave applications can be made in respect of article 85 RLUL.

In all the cases, the requests must be suitably substantiated and justified by adequate documents.

The total number of semesters of leave cannot exceed 2 semesters.

5.6 **Mobility**

**Article 17**

**Mobility**

Subject to the prior consent of the Management of the School of Biology, a student registered on the Master’s degree programme can carry out part of his modules 1 to 3 studies at another university institution for a maximum of 30 ECTS credits, while remaining registered at the University of Lausanne.
The host institution must be a partner with which UNIL or the School of Biology has signed a national or international cooperation agreement, or be an institution recognised by the University of Lausanne.

The student must meet the conditions of passing the semester prior to the exchange, to continue his course at a host institution.

Article 18

**Recognitions and equivalences**

The study programme, fixed agreement between the student, the School of Biology and the host institution, is recognised by organised assessments and, if necessary, marked according to the criteria of the host institution. ECTS credits and marks acquired at the host institution will be recognised and validated by the Faculty of Biology and Medicine in accordance with the studies contract.

CHAPTER 6

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR COURSES**

Article 19

**Extra-curricular courses**

Students have the chance to acquire additional ECTS credits in relation to the Master's degree programme in the field of biology. The courses related to these ECTS credits should be taken during the Master's programme at the University of Lausanne. They can be offered by the School of Biology, by another school of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine, another Faculty of UNIL or by any other Swiss Higher Education Institution.

The student must be able to present a certificate or a document from the competent education authority where the course was followed, certifying that the ECTS credits have been duly acquired by the student.

The courses and the additional ECTS credits acquired are listed under the heading "Extra-curricular courses" in the diploma supplement issued in the case achieving the Master's degree in biology.
SECTION II  ORGANISATION OF EXAMINATIONS

CHAPTER 1  GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 20

Types of assessment

Acquiring the ECTS credits corresponding to a course or a set of courses is subject to an assessment which can be carried out according to one or more of the following methods:

- A written examination.
- An oral examination.
- Written individual work provided within the framework of the programme.
- An oral presentation within the framework of a course.
- Practical work (laboratory, training course, etc.) provided within the framework of the programme.
- Continuous assessment within the framework of a course.

Written examinations are assessed by at least two markers, one of whom is the course teacher. Marking of the QCMs remains confidential.

The oral examinations are assessed by at least one teacher, the course coordinator and an expert. At the candidate's request, the Management of the School of Biology can accept the presence of third parties.

At the time of enrolment, the candidate can ask to do a written examination of at least two hours instead of an oral examination, if he has already failed this assessment.

Practical work, oral presentations in the course of the semester, individual work and continuous assessments are assessed by the teacher/s of the course which is the subject of the evaluation.

The type of assessment is fixed in the assessment process (which is a detailed version of the programme plan). Students are notified of the detailed procedures (durations, conditions for obtaining validations) at the beginning of year (or at the beginning of each semester for the 3rd year) by email and they are also available on the School of Biology's website.

Article 21

Assessment

The examinations are assessed with marks from 1.0 to 6.0. Only points and half-points are permitted.

The assessment is sufficient if it is recognised by a mark or an average higher than or equal to 4.0. Averages are expressed with a tenth of a point.

Mark 0 (zero) recognises unjustified absence, fraud, attempt at fraud or plagiarism. It leads to the assessment that this examination is part of being failed.

Article 22

Number of attempts

For each assessment the number of attempts is limited to two, subject to article 23.

Article 23

Sole attempt after admission following a final failure

Subject to articles 66 and following of the Implementing Regulation of the Law on the University of Lausanne, a student who has experienced a final failure at another faculty, university or school in a discipline not taught at the School of Biology only has the right to one attempt at the set of exams at the end of the first module at the School of Biology. A failure excludes the student from the programme regardless of any equivalences that have been granted.
Article 24

Assessment programmes
All students are assessed on the subjects of the courses in the programme plan of the current year.

Article 25

Examination sessions
The written examinations and the oral examinations are organised by the managers of the Master's degree working closely with the Management of the School of Biology. They take place during the following sessions:

- At the end of the courses in semester 1 (winter session).
- At the end of the courses in semester 2 (summer session).
- Before the start of the courses in semester 3 (autumn session).

The exact dates of the exam sessions are scheduled at the beginning of each academic year by the Management of the School of Biology and are approved by the School Board.

Article 26

Exam enrolment
To be able to enrol for the examinations in semesters 1 and 2 of the Master's, the student must himself be duly enrolled on the corresponding courses.

Enrolment on the examinations is done electronically according to the deadlines and the forms fixed by the School of Biology, by the deadlines set out by the Management of UNIL.

By paying a fee of CHF 200.00, the student can still enrol for 2 weeks after the deadline, with the academic secretariat. After this final deadline, not having enrolled entails a failed attempt at the examination.

Article 27

Withdrawal
A candidate who is forced to withdraw or to interrupt a session due to extenuating circumstances must inform the Management of the School of Biology immediately and in writing. If the reasons for the interruption constitute extenuating circumstances, the marks of completed assessments are acquired and the interrupted session must be continued with the next session during which the missed assessments are organised.

No backdated justification will be taken into account.

Any withdrawal not validly unjustified involves a failure of the examination.

Article 28

Notification of results
Students are notified of the results of the assessments electronically or by post. Decisions over final failures of the course are also communicated by post with acknowledgement of receipt.

Article 29

Appeal deadlines and conditions
The results of the examinations can be the subject of a first instance appeal to the Management of the School of Biology. Students should find out their results in the three days which follow the date of official notification. The appeal deadline of 30 days thus takes effect as from the fourth day.

This appeal, duly justified, must be addressed in writing within the deadlines set.

To be accepted, the appeal must be based on precise and admissible reasons, such as non-compliance with the regulations, procedural fault or arbitrariness complaint. The appeal must be written by the student or be accompanied by proof of power of attorney granted by the student if it is written by a third person.
In the event of an obviously unfounded appeal, the Management of the School of Biology will decide without consultation and reject the appeal. In the event of rejecting the appeal, the student will be notified of the procedures for higher level appeals.

If it is considered to be acceptable, the appeal is processed by the Appeals Committee no later than two months after its lodging.

**Article 30**

**Consequences of lodging an appeal to continue with the programme**

Lodging an appeal does not suspend the examination result. As a result, the student cannot follow the course for the following year until the verdict of the Appeals Committee has been pronounced.

The Management of the School of Biology can, exceptionally and with the agreement of the Appeals Committee, authorise a student to follow the course of the following year, with a special dispensation of the preceding paragraph.

**Article 31**

**Appeals Committee decisions**

The Appeals Committee may not change a mark that has been awarded, unless a marking error has been identified.

In the event of acceptance of the appeal, the Appeals Board may, on the other hand, cancel the disputed assessment. In this case, the School of Biology shall organise a new assessment as soon as possible.

**Article 32**

**Notification of decisions**

Decisions are notified by the Management of the School of Biology. In the event of rejecting the appeal, the student will be notified of the procedures for higher level appeals.

**CHAPTER 2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES**

**Article 33**

**Assessment procedures**

Semesters 1 and 2 are each the subject of a separate examination session.

The programme and the assessment procedures are presented to the students via email at the beginning of each semester.

**Article 34**

**Obligation to attend**

Modules 1 to 3 are examined either by continuous assessment, or in the session which immediately follows the courses. The autumn session is a re-sit session.

Except for duly justified cases, the student is obliged to attend the first attempt at his examinations at the time of the session which immediately follows the semester. Failure to do so is comparable to a failure.

**Article 35**

**Conditions for passing 1 and 2**

The final result of the theoretical course assessments (Module 1) is the average weighted by coefficients of marks for the compulsory and optional courses.

The final result of the practical course assessments (Module 2) is the arithmetic average of marks for the practical courses.

Modules 1 and 2 have been passed and the corresponding ECTS credits are awarded if the student obtains a final result for the Module 1 assessment higher than or equal to 4.0, and a final result for the Module 2 assessment higher than or equal to 4.0.
In the event of failure, the following re-sit conditions apply:

1) The student is allowed to continue his programme (Module 3 "Semester 2 theoretical courses") without necessarily being able to start his Master's thesis, if he achieves a final result for the Module 1 assessment higher than or equal to 4.0, and if the final result for the Module 2 assessment is less than 4.0. In this case, the conditions for re-sitting the practical part (Module 2) are defined collectively by the head of the Master's programme and the Management of the School of Biology. In the case where re-sitting the practical part is not possible before the start of Semester 2, the student is allowed to begin his Master's thesis.

2) The student is allowed to continue his programme (Module 3 "Semester 2 theoretical courses" and Module 4 "Master's Thesis"), if he achieves a final result for the Module 1 assessment of less than 4.0, and if the final result for the Module 2 assessment is higher than or equal to 4.0. In this case, the student is entitled to one last second attempt at the series of Module 1 assessments. He must attend the failed assessment/s according to the methods of the first attempt, in accordance with the arrangements for the assessments schedule.

3) The student is not permitted to continue his course, if the two final results (assessments for Modules 1 and 2) are less than 4.0. In this case, the conditions for re-sitting the practical part (Module 2) are defined collectively with the coordinator of the Master's programme and the Management of the School of Biology and the student is entitled to one last second attempt at the series of Module 1 assessments.

**Article 36**

Conditions for passing Module 3

Each course is worth the number of ECTS credits set out in the study plan, which are acquired if the grade obtained at the corresponding assessment is above or equal to 4.0. The student must obtain a minimum of 15 ECTS credits (without subject area) or 30 ECTS credits (with subject area).

If a student fails the second attempt at a course, he has the option of choosing another course and this opportunity is available to him twice, subject to compliance with the maximum duration of the programme.

**CHAPTER 3**

**MASTER'S THESIS**

3.1 Enrolling for the Master's thesis

**Article 37**

Enrolling for the Master's thesis

The Master thesis, of a maximum duration of 2 semesters, is a personal research activity placed under the responsibility of a director (faculty member or, with the permission of the School of Biology, any person holding a doctorate involved in education). For those who seek to obtain the Master (without subject area), except in cases duly agreed by the School of Biology, the topic of the Master thesis must be different from that of the semester 1 project and must take place under the supervision of another director. For those who seek to obtain the Master (with subject area), the topic of the Master thesis may be the same as that of the semester 1 project (Module 2) and must take place under the supervision of the same director. With the agreement of the School of Biology, the thesis may take place at another Faculty or university institution. In this case, it must be directed jointly by a UNIL co-director and an external director. The external director must hold the rank of doctor as a minimum. The UNIL co-director ensures that the UNIL requirements are met.

The Master's thesis leads to the drafting of a written report which is the subject of an oral defence in the language the Master's degree is taught in, i.e. English. A French summary must be incorporated into the report.
Article 38

**Enrolment procedures**

Right from the start of the Master's degree and before 30 November, the student is responsible for finding a teacher who agrees to supervise his Master's thesis. He is enrolled according to the methods and the times indicated by the Management of the School of Biology. In the event of an unsuccessful approach, the School of Biology will assign a supervisor to him.

If the Master's thesis is planned at another Higher Education Institution, the agreement of the School of Biology Board is required. The enrolment deadlines are then moved forward to 1 November. Enrolment must be accompanied by a short description of the project, as well as the curriculum vitae of the external supervisor for the thesis.

3.2 **Master's thesis defence**

Article 39

**Special conditions**

To be allowed to defend his Master's report, the student must have passed the examinations for Semesters 1 and 2 and to have submitted his report to his supervisor (respectively his co-supervisors) by the deadlines set.

Article 40

**Report submission and examination procedure**

1) The student sends 1 specimen of his report to each member of the panel, no later than 5 weeks before the Semester 2 courses start again.

2) Upon receipt of the report, the supervisor (respectively the UNIL co-supervisors if the thesis is carried out externally to UNIL) immediately informs the secretariat of the School of Biology and also notifies it of:

   a) The date of the defence, which must take place no later than 2 weeks before the courses for the next semester start again.

   b) The composition of the panel which must include at least the supervisor (respectively the UNIL co-supervisor if the thesis is carried out externally to UNIL) and an external expert with a doctorate. The external expert must be external and independent of the research group of the graduate and his supervisor (respectively of his co-supervisors), but it is not necessary for the expert to be recruited externally to UNIL or the host institution. If necessary, the external supervisor can either attend the defence, or communicate his evaluation based on the written report. The entire panel must be present at the defence of the Master's report. Video-conferencing is permitted.

3) The secretariat of the School of Biology will forward to the supervisor (respectively to the UNIL co-supervisor) the assessment procedure by which the panel will award 3 marks: one for the research project, one for the report and one for the defence. If necessary, any changes to be made to the report will be also noted on the assessment procedure.

4) The original of the assessment procedure is returned as soon as possible after the examination to the secretariat of the School of Biology by the supervisor (respectively UNIL co-supervisor).

5) The candidate has 2 weeks to correct the report and to submit the final version to the supervisor (respectively UNIL co-supervisor). This submission must thus take place no later than before the courses of the next semester start again. The supervisor (respectively UNIL co-supervisor), after having given his consent for this version, forwards one final bound copy to the secretariat of the School of Biology. If the thesis is carried out externally to UNIL, the external supervisor must also give his final agreement.
Article 41

**Conditions for passing the Master's thesis**

The Master's thesis is recognised by 3 assessments relating to the written report, oral defence and the practical research work. Each one of these assessments awards a mark.

The Master's thesis is passed if the arithmetic average of the marks is higher or equal to 4.0 out of 6.0.

The submission of the report after the deadline constitutes a failure.

The second attempt must take place no later than before the end of the next semester. Exceptions apply for extenuating circumstances.

**CHAPTER 4**

**CONDITIONS FOR THE FINAL FAILURE OF THE MASTER'S**

Article 42

**Final failure of the Master's**

A student will finally fail the Master's if he:

- Fails the second attempt at the examinations for the courses for modules 1 to 3,
- Finally fails the assessment of the 3 courses in Semester 2
- Fails the second attempt at the defence of his Master’s report (Module 4),
- Has not complied with the maximum duration of the programme.

Article 42bis

**Change of course**

The student has the opportunity to change course during their studies, provided that the maximum duration of the studies allows it and that the application is made before the start of the academic year of the 3rd semester. Any student who definitively fails the "Behaviour, Economics and Evolution" subject area definitively fails the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation.
### SECTION III

#### FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

**Article 43**

**Changes to the School of Biology Programme Regulations**

Any change to the Programme Regulations must be regularly entered in the agenda of the School Board. It must be the subject of a debate and be approved by a vote, then subjected to the approval of the Faculty Board and the adoption by Management.

**Article 44**

**Applicable texts**

The Law on the University of Lausanne, its Implementing Regulations and the Faculty of Biology and Medicine Regulations are applicable to any issues not dealt with in these regulations.

**Article 45**

**Entry into force**

These regulations come into force on 14 September 2015 and apply to all students commencing a year of studies for the Master of Science (MSc) in Behaviour, Evolution and Conservation in September 2015.

**Article 46**

**Transitional arrangements**

Students who have begun a Master in the field of biology before the academic year starting on 14 September 2015 and only need to defend their thesis remain subject to the regulations adopted by the Directorate on 16 July 2012 and 18 August 2014 subject to the provision on the appeal period to which Article 29 of these Regulations applies.