

# **Study and Exam Regulations of the University of Tübingen for the degree course of Master of Arts (MA) in the field of Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology to be completed with academic final exam – Special Section –**

In accordance with Paragraph 19 Sec. 1 Clause 2 Item 9, 34 Sec. 1 of the University Law of Baden-Württemberg (LHG) of 1 January 2005 (GBl. 2005, 1), last amended by Article 2 of the Student Representative Organization (Verfasste-StudierendenschaftsG) of 10 July 2012 (GBl. p. 457), in its session dated 31 January 2013 the Senate of the University of Tübingen adopted the following Special Section of the Study and Exam Regulations of the University of Tübingen for the degree course of Master of Arts (MA) in the field of Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology to be completed with academic final exam.

The President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tübingen approved this on 6 February 2013.

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### **§ 1 Validity of the General Section**

The Study and Exam Regulations of the University of Tübingen for the MA degree courses in the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies – General Section – are part of the Regulations, based on their current version, unless more specific rules are stated.

## **I. Goals, Content and Structure of the Degree Courses**

### **§ 2 Course content and goals, prescribed minimum period, scope of study, and the beginning of the study**

(1) 1. The Master's program is a research-oriented degree course which builds on study at degree level. 2. The MA degree program in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology allows individuals to systematically acquire a breadth of academic knowledge and also provide knowledge-oriented qualifications that provide students in the field of Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology with general scientifically-sound professional skills. 3. The discipline includes research and teaching of a wide range of subjects and covers anthropological theories and methodologies and their practical application. It also covers region-specific knowledge, especially within South Asia and Central Asia. 4. In the first academic year of the MA degree program theoretical approaches in anthropology, especially in regard to current developments, will be taught. 5. Students will gain an insight into research areas that are the focus of the Department of Anthropology, or in neighboring social sciences and humanities disciplines, and in the third semester of their study will prepare research projects and / or undertake an internship. 6. For the research project or internship, students will be given an in-depth introduction to geographical areas where the department is undertaking research, especially in South and Central Asia, as well as to the most up-to-date research methods used. 7. At the same time, students will have an opportunity to learn about the fields of application of Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology within occupations. 8. To assist with the projects to be undertaken in the third semester from the beginning of the course students will be involved in learning a relevant language or languages from the regions of South or Central Asia. 9. In the second academic year students will prepare research projects or undertake an internship within, as a rule, one of the countries of South or Central Asia. 10. The project can be either on institutional or practical collaboration, or be one's own field study with independent collection of empirical data. 11. The length of the research projects or internship should last at least three months. 12. At the end of the Master's degree program students should be able to master basic theoretical principles in anthropology, have an overview of the scientific correlations between each area studied, and be able to practically apply the methods and knowledge gained. In addition, individuals should also be qualified to work professionally in fields related to anthropology.

(2) 1. The standard duration of the Master's degree program in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology is regulated by Paragraph 1 Sec. 5 in the General Section of these Regulations. 2. The acquisition of a total of 120 credit points is a prerequisite for a successful completion of the MA degree program. 3. The beginning of the study (in either the winter or summer semester) is regulated by the current admission and enrollment requirements of the University of Tübingen.

(3) 1. The requirements for studying in the Master's degree program result in students having a Bachelor's degree majoring or minoring in anthropology with a minimum grade of 2.5. In exceptional cases, a student who has a BA degree in related disciplines (especially humanities and social sciences, or economics) can be accepted if the student has already acquired regional language skills and/or knowledge about the regions they are studying, or has previously completed courses related to anthropology. The decision on whether this is possible is made by the University's Examination Board.

(4) For studying in the MA degree program in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology it is a requirement that the applicant has a good knowledge and grasp of the English language.

### § 3 Study design

(1) 1. The Master's degree program in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology is designed to be completed over two academic years, culminating in a final examination module.

(2) 1. Students must complete a program of 120 credit points, which consists of the following modules:

Semester	Module No.	The Title of the Module	Credit Points
1	ETH-MA-01	Theoretical Approaches	9
	ETH-MA-02	Research Methods	9
	ETH-MA-03	Theories of Culture and Society	9
1-2	ETH-MA-04	Languages	6
2	ETH-MA-05	South and Central Asia	9
	ETH-MA-06	Immersion Module	9
	ETH-MA-07	Project Preparation Module	6
3	ETH-MA-08	Research Project or Internship	30
4	ETH-MA-09	Examination Module (Master's thesis of 20 credit points, oral assessment 10 credit points, and colloquium of 3 credit points)	33

## II. Teaching and Assessment

### § 4 Types of classes in the modules

1. The following types of classes are regularly offered:

1. Lecture
2. Seminar
3. Exercise
4. Reading course
5. Colloquium
6. Research project or internship
7. Working group
8. Language course

2. For classes which consist wholly or predominantly of elements indicated in items 2 to 8 of clause 1 above (seminar, exercise, reading course, colloquium, research project or internship, working group and language course), the number of participants may be limited. Exceptional cases are when proper training could not be provided or when there are limitations due to research, teaching or health-related reasons. 3. These classes will focus on subject-specific working techniques as well as occupational interdisciplinary fieldwork-oriented skills. 4. Students should have an opportunity in small groups to develop their ability to reflect the knowledge they have acquired, both orally and in writing. 5. The right to participate in classes may be restricted or access to a study section might depend on the proof of attendance at certain subject-relevant coursework. Exceptional cases are when proper training could not be provided or when there are limitations due to research, teaching or health-related reasons.

## **§ 5 Study and examination languages**

1. The language used in the study and examination of the Master's degree program is English. 2. Therefore, students are required to have good English language skills.

## **§ 6 Forms of assessed coursework**

The specific requirements for assessed coursework for each module are set out in the module handbook.

## **III. Organization of Teaching and Study**

### **§ 7 Scope of study**

The study program is derived from the General Section of the Study and Exam Regulations and the study structure and modules, particularly, the modules based on paragraph 3 (Study design) in the Special Section of the Study and Exam Regulations or the module handbook.

## **IV. Examinations and Final Grades for the MA Degree**

### **§ 8 Type of examinations for the MA degree**

Requirements for writing a Master's thesis and for completing an oral examination at the end of the study period are set out in § 15 of the General Section. In addition to the requirements of the General Section, the following two points should be noted:

1. Regular and successful participation in the provided courses is required in semesters 1 to 3 (cf. Summary § 3).
2. The documentation of 87 credit points.

### **§ 9 Oral assessments**

The oral examination normally takes 30 minutes. Further regulations for oral examinations can be found in § 12 of the General Section of these Regulations.

### **§ 10 Master's thesis**

The Master's thesis should be approximately 50 pages long with about 350 words per page. Further regulations for the Master's thesis can be found in § 17 of the General Section of these Regulations.

### **§ 11 Calculation of the overall grade for the MA degree**

Under the rules and conditions of § 21 of the General Section of these Regulations, the final Master's grade is calculated in the following way: 30% comes from the grade of the module "Examination Module" (Master's thesis and further activities for this module, provided in the table in § 3) and 70% derives from the credit points of the weighted average of all marks from the remaining graded modules.

## **V. Final Provisions**

### **§ 12 Entry into force**

1. These regulations come into force on the day after their publication in the Official Bulletin of the University of Tübingen. 2. These regulations shall be applicable starting from the summer semester of 2013.

3. Students, who have studied for their Master's degree in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology before the aforementioned semester, are entitled to sit for a Master's degree exam in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Tübingen, according to the currently applicable regulations, within three years after these regulations come into force. 4. Students, who have studied for their Master's degree in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology before the aforementioned semester, are entitled to sit for a Master's degree exam in Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Tübingen according to these Study and Exam Regulations, which came into force and are effective from the summer semester 2013. The request should be in writing and be submitted to the Examinations Office of the Faculty of Humanities by 30 September 2013. 5. The previous study achievements and assessed coursework will be taken into account in accordance with these newly applicable regulations. 6. There is no chance to acquire an additional right to examination based on these newly applicable regulations. Failed attempts to complete the assessed coursework in accordance with the currently applicable regulations will be taken into account.

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