

University of Tübingen exam regulations for Department of Economics degree programs culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree - Special Provisions for the degree program International Business culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.)

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§ 1 Validity of General Provisions

University of Tübingen exam regulations for Department of Economics degree programs culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.) degree - – General Provisions – as amended are part of these exam regulations, insofar as no other special provisions have been made.

I. Goals, contents and structure of the program

§ 2 Contents and goals, regular duration of study, volume of studies, and start date of program

(1) ¹The Master's program is a research-oriented program following on from a six-semester Bachelor's degree in the Department of Economics. ²The M.Sc. in International Business program enables students to obtain in-depth knowledge business management in an international context. ³A particular focus of this degree program is the obtaining of comprehensive specialist knowledge at selected partner universities abroad which are among the leading institutions of the respective countries. ⁴Along

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with the obtaining of this specialist knowledge, it is the express goal of the program to prepare students for their later professional dealings with other cultures, societies, languages and organizations and their members with a one-year period of study abroad. ⁵Students are to learn in-depth scientific methods and be able to apply the knowledge gained in order to conduct basic analyses of economic practice including a variety of theoretical and practical aspects and contexts, to develop alternative paths of action and to take responsibility for the implementation of these alternatives.

(2) ¹The regular duration of study in the International Business Master's program is set out in § 1 (5) of the General Provisions of these exam regulations. ²A total of 120 ECTS credit points must be obtained to successfully complete this M.Sc. degree program. ³The start of the program (winter or summer semester) is set out in the regulations governing admission and enrollment at the University of Tübingen, as amended.

(3) ¹A prerequisite for enrollment in this Master's program is a first professional higher education qualification (Bachelor's degree) in the subject of Economics or an equivalent degree with a grade of 2.5 or better. ²The board of examiners will decide on the equivalency of a degree.

(4) For studies in this M.Sc. in International Business program, applicants must additionally document, for example with their first higher education degree, advanced knowledge of

1. Business management
2. Political economy
3. Mathematics and statistics.

(5) ¹Two semesters abroad are to be completed within the framework of the M.Sc. International Business program. ²A place at an institution of higher education abroad is not guaranteed. ³The semesters abroad may be completed at one or two of the partner institutions. ⁴The material to be studied in the area of Language and Culture is determined by the country or countries in which the semesters abroad are to be completed, if required under §3b.

§ 3 Structure

(1) ¹The International Business Master's program is structured over two years. ²It concludes with the Master's examination.

(2) ¹Students complete a program of 120 credit points. ²The program is made up of compulsory modules, compulsory elective modules, elective modules, and the Master's thesis. ³Classes in the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules are assigned to at least one of the following focus areas:

1. Banking
2. Corporate Finance
3. Finance
4. Industry Economics
5. International Business Management
6. International Accounting and Auditing
7. Marketing
8. Econometrics
9. HRM and Organization
10. Taxation
11. Business Accounting and Controlling

⁴Classes must be taken in two focus areas; compulsory modules must be taken within each focus selected. ⁵Focus area 5 must be selected.

(3) ¹The compulsory modules teach knowledge necessary for advanced academic training in the area of business management. ²A total of 18 ECTS credits must be obtained from compulsory modules. ³The compulsory modules are to be completed in the first year of study. ⁴Compulsory module classes comprising 9 ECTS credits must be taken in each focus area selected. ⁵Each compulsory module class is assigned to at least one focus area. ⁶Which classes belong to which compulsory modules is set out in the module handbook.

(4) ¹The compulsory elective modules focus on business management. ²Admission to individual classes within the compulsory-elective and elective modules may be made dependent on regular and successful participation in other classes. ³A total of 18 ECTS credits must be obtained from compulsory-elective modules. ⁴Compulsory elective classes must be selected from at least one and at most two focus areas. ⁵Each class selected from the compulsory elective modules must be allocated to a focus area in which at least one compulsory module class has been selected. ⁶Compulsory elective module classes comprising 6 ECTS credits must be taken in each focus area selected. ⁷The compulsory elective modules and/or which classes are part of compulsory-elective modules is set out in the module handbook. ⁸In at least one of the compulsory elective module classes selected, there must be one expressly described in the module handbook as a Master’s seminar.

(5) ¹The elective modules aim to give students greater in-depth knowledge in core areas, which they can choose themselves. ²A minimum of 33 and a maximum of 42 ECTS credits are obtained from elective modules. ³Which classes belong to which elective modules is set out in the module handbook.

(6) ¹Failed attempts in a class will be counted even if that class is taken again as part of another module or part-module or in another area (compulsory /compulsory-elective /elective). ²Classes which a student has already successfully completed may not be taken again as part of another module or part-module, or in another area (compulsory /compulsory-elective /elective).

(7) ¹The Master’s thesis is to be written and completed in the second year of study. ²It must be supervised by a professor of the Department of Economics at the University of Tübingen and focus on a topic from the field of business management.

Recommended Semester	Module description	ECTS credits	Total	
1-2	Compulsory modules	18 or 27 cf. §3b (2)	60	120
	Compulsory elective modules	18 or 33 cf. §3b (2)		
	Language and culture	0 or 24 cf. §3b		
3-4	Elective modules	33-42 cf. §3 (5)	60	
	Language and culture	0-9 cf. §3b		
	Master's thesis	18		

(8) ¹The M. Sc. program in International Business may also be completed with a clearly indicated PhD orientation. ²For the entry “mit PhD-Orientierung” (PhD orientation) to be made on the degree certificate, the following additional requirements must be met:

a) at least 18 of the ECTS credits obtained in compulsory electives or electives must have been obtained in classes specified in the module handbook as “PhD oriented”. They may be obtained in classes taken at the partner universities, if such classes are documented as PhD oriented. The decision rests with the doctoral examination committee

and

b) the writing of a Master’s thesis with the potential for publication in a relevant academic journal and for presentation within the framework of an event open to the department. Such potential must be expressly confirmed by both examiners of the thesis.

§ 3b Language and culture

(1) ¹The Language and Culture area is comprised of classes in which language skills and knowledge of other countries are taught. ²The modules to be taken in the area of Language and Culture depend on the country or countries in which the semesters abroad are completed and are to be selected in consultation with the subject-related counselling service. ³The modules of the Language and Culture area, and/or which classes belong to the Language and Culture area, are set out in the module handbook.

(2) ¹Students must report their existing knowledge relevant to the area of Language and Culture before they commence their studies. ²Decisions on which material students with prior knowledge are to study in the area of Language and Culture will be made in consultation with the subject-related counselling service. ³The obligation to take classes in the area of Language and Culture may not apply if:

- a) due to comprehensive existing knowledge, it is not possible to take further modules in the area of Language and Culture.
- b) the Language and Culture area does not provide for a module for the country in which the semesters abroad are planned.

⁴In such cases, contrary to the provisions in §3 paragraphs (2-4), classes from three focus areas must be selected. ⁵They must be compulsory modules from three focus areas comprising a total of 27 ECTS credits and compulsory-elective modules from two to three focus areas comprising a total of 33 ECTS credits. ²A total of 42 ECTS credits must be obtained from elective modules.

II. Teaching of material

§ 4 Types of classes within the modules

¹Classes of the following types are scheduled:

1. Lectures
2. Seminars and colloquia
3. Exercises and practical experience
4. Tutorials

² For classes which are wholly or largely made up of elements of the types listed in (1)(2-4) above, participant numbers may be limited if training could not otherwise be guaranteed in accordance with the regulations or if a limitation is necessary for other reasons of research, teaching or patient care. ⁴In addition, students are to have the opportunity to work in small groups to develop the ability to present the knowledge obtained both verbally and in written form. ⁵In addition, the right to participate in classes may be restricted or admission to part of the course may be made dependent on the completion of certain coursework, if training could not otherwise be guaranteed in accordance with the regulations or a limitation is necessary for other reasons of research, teaching or patient care.

§ 5 Languages of instruction and examination

¹German and English are the languages of instruction and examination in this degree program. ²Classes and exams may be conducted in German or English; exams are usually conducted in the language in which the relevant classes were held; students are required to be sufficiently competent in German and English. ³Classes at the partner universities attended during the semesters abroad may be conducted in the respective language of the country.

§ 6 Types of assessment

The assessed coursework required in each of the modules is set out in the module handbook.

III. Organization of program

§ 7 Volume of material

The required volume of study arises from the General Provisions of the exam regulations, the structure of the program and the modules - particularly from § 3 of the Special Provisions of the exam regulations.

IV. Master's examination and overall grade

§ 8 Nature and execution of Master's examination

In addition to the prerequisites set out in the General Provisions of these exam regulations, a prerequisite for admission to the Master's thesis process and other possible oral examinations to be completed in the final phase of the program under § 16 of the General Provisions is:

- regular and successful participation in the compulsory and/or compulsory elective module (cf. § 3) classes, obtaining thereby a total of 30 ECTS credits.

§ 9 Master's thesis

Provisions governing the Master's thesis are set out in § 18 of the General Provisions and § 3 (7) of the Special Provisions of these exam regulations.

§ 10 Calculation of the overall grade

The overall grade of the Master's examination is calculated from the average (as weighted by credit points) of all grades given in the graded modules in accordance with § 3 of the Special Provisions of these exam regulations, including the Master's thesis module, and taking account of the further provisions in § 22 of the General Provisions of these exam regulations.

V. Closing remarks

§ 11 Effective date

¹These exam regulations come into effect on the date of their publication in the University of Tübingen's official bulletin, the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen. ²Their first semester of validity is the winter semester 2013-14.

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