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## **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 Management & Economics culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.)**

In accordance with the law governing institutions of higher education in the state of Baden-Württemberg, LHG (GBl. 2005, 1), the University of Tübingen Senate on 08.03.2012 passed the Special Provisions of these exam regulations for the study program in Management & Economics at the University of Tübingen culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree.

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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) <sup>1</sup>The Master's program is a research-oriented program following on from six- or seven-semester Bachelor's degrees in the Department of Economics. <sup>2</sup>The M.A. in Management & Economics program allows students to obtain long-term skills aimed at obtaining and increasing knowledge in a systematic and critical way, and justifying a general scientifically-based occupational qualification for students in economic professions and particularly in the field of business strategy. <sup>3</sup>Students 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) <sup>1</sup>The regular duration of study in the Management & Economics Master's program is set out in § 1 (5) of the General Provisions of these exam regulations. <sup>2</sup>A total of 90 ECTS credit points must be obtained to successfully complete this M.Sc. degree program. <sup>3</sup>The 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) <sup>1</sup>A 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. <sup>2</sup>The board of examiners will decide on the equivalency of a degree.

(5) For studies in this M.Sc in Management & Economics program, applicants must additionally document, for example with their first higher education degree, advanced knowledge of

1. Quantitative methods of Economics, and
2. Microeconomics.

### **§ 3 Structure**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Management & Economics Master's program is structured over one and a half years of study. <sup>2</sup>It concludes with the Master's examination.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Students complete a program of 90 credit points. <sup>2</sup>The program is made up of compulsory modules, compulsory elective modules, elective modules, the PhD-oriented seminar module and the Master's thesis.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The compulsory modules teach knowledge necessary for advanced academic training in the area of management and economics. <sup>2</sup>A total of 27 ECTS credits must be obtained from compulsory modules. <sup>2</sup>The compulsory modules are to be completed in the first year of study. <sup>4</sup>Which classes belong to which compulsory modules is set out in the module handbook.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The compulsory elective modules focus on management and economics. <sup>2</sup>Admission to individual classes within the compulsory-elective and elective modules may be made dependent on regular and successful participation in other classes. <sup>3</sup>A minimum of 18 and a maximum of 33 ECTS credits are obtained from compulsory-elective modules. <sup>4</sup>Which classes belong to which compulsory-elective modules is set out in the module handbook. <sup>5</sup>In

at least one of the compulsory elective modules selected, there must be one expressly described in the module handbook as a Master's seminar.

(5) <sup>1</sup>The elective modules aim to give students deeper knowledge in core areas, which they can choose themselves. <sup>2</sup>A maximum of 15 ECTS credits must be obtained from elective modules. <sup>3</sup>Which classes belong to which elective modules is set out in the module handbook.

(5a) <sup>1</sup>Six ECTS credits are to be obtained in the "PhD oriented seminar" module. <sup>2</sup>The "PhD oriented seminar" is intended to introduce students to in-depth analysis of issues in Management & Economics. <sup>3</sup>Which classes belong to which the "PhD oriented seminar" module is set out in the module handbook.

(6) <sup>1</sup>Failed 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/ PhD oriented seminar). <sup>2</sup>Classes 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/ PhD oriented seminar).

(7) <sup>1</sup>The Master's thesis is to be written and completed in the third semester. <sup>2</sup>It 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 Management & Economics.

Recommended semester	Module description	ECTS credits		Total
1-3	Compulsory modules	27		90
	Compulsory elective modules	18-33	33	
	Elective modules	0-15	cf. § 3(4, 5)	
	PhD oriented seminar	6		
	Master's thesis	24		

(8) <sup>1</sup>The M. Sc. program in Management & Economics may also be completed with a clearly indicated PhD orientation. <sup>2</sup>For the entry "mit PhD-Orientierung" (PhD orientation) to be made on the degree certificate, the following additional requirements must be met:

- a) At least 12 of the ECTS credits obtained in compulsory electives or electives must have been obtained in classes specified in the module handbook as "PhD oriented." 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.

## II. Teaching of material

### § 4 Types of classes within the module

<sup>1</sup>Classes of the following types are scheduled:

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

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>In 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**

<sup>1</sup>English is the language of instruction and examination in the Management & Economics Master's degree program. <sup>2</sup>Classes and exams in the elective modules may, however, be held in German; in such cases the degree may be obtained in the parts of the program which are offered in 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.

### **§ 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**

<sup>1</sup>These exam regulations come into effect on the date of their publication in the University of Tübingen's official bulletin, the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen.

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