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Phase-Out Planning Regulations

for

Science Communication & Bionics B.A. and **Science Communication & Bionics B.Sc.**

Faculty of Technology and Bionics

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

Dated 26 March 2020

In accordance with Section 2 (4) sentence 1 and Section 64 (1) in connection with Section 22 (1) no. 3 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia [*Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW*] of 16 September 2014 (Law and Regulations Gazette of NRW – GV. NRW p. 547); which entered into force on 1 October 2014 ([GV. NRW p. 547](#)); as amended by Article 1 of the Law of 12 July 2019 ([GV. NRW p. 425 amended p. 593](#)), which entered into force on 1 October 2019, the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences has enacted the following regulations:

Section 1 **Purpose and scope**

These regulations govern the phase-out of the degree programmes Science Communication & Bionics B.A. and Science Communication & Bionics B.Sc. of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences with the express purpose of ensuring protection of legitimate expectations and a suitable range of services such that currently enrolled students and visiting students within the meaning of Section 52 (2) HG NRW (“students”) may continue their studies for up to the standard duration of study plus four semesters.

Section 2 **Phasing out the degree programmes**

The undergraduate degree programmes Science Communication & Bionics B.A. and Science Communication & Bionics B.Sc. will be discontinued.

New enrolment in these degree programmes is no longer permitted.

Section 3

Repeal of the examination regulations

The examination regulations for the discontinued degree programmes Science Communication & Bionics B.A. and Science Communication & Bionics B.Sc. of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences dated 20 April 2015 (Official Notice 03/2015), as amended by the first amending statutes (Official Notice 23/2018), shall be repealed with the end of the winter semester 2024-25 and expire on 28 February 2025.

Students who have not graduated from these degree programmes by 28 February 2025 shall lose their right to sit for examinations and shall be de-registered from Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in accordance with Section 51 (1) no. 3 HG NRW, provided they do not enrol in a different degree programme of the University. Section 5 (3) remains unaffected.

Section 4

Continued allocation of teaching and examination resources; registering for the thesis

Teaching and examination resources in these degree programmes shall be phased out gradually. These resources shall ultimately remain for a period of four semesters after the final cohort of students has completed this semester (see annex).

The final deadline to register for the thesis in these degree programmes is 31 August 2024.

The Examination Board shall decide on any exceptions to standing rules for examinations in these degree programmes, in particular if students themselves are not responsible for failing to register for an examination; or if the examination regulations contain deviating provisions with regard to when examinations or other graded coursework are intended to occur; or if students would face undue hardship as a consequence of these regulations. Exceptions should respect, in particular, legal entitlements to maternity protection, deadlines for parental leave, and leaves of absence taken in order to care for spouses, registered civil partners, immediate family or in-laws with a care dependency.

Section 5

Concluding provisions

Students in the discontinued degree programmes Science Communication & Bionics B.A. and Science Communication & Bionics B.Sc. shall be notified of the concluding planning for these degree programmes by the Faculty of Technology and Bionics via public display and as soon as possible.

Section 6

Entry into force

These regulations shall enter into force on the day after their publication in the Official Notices of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

Note: *These phase-out regulations entered into force on 21 August 2020.*

Phase-out planning for teaching and examination resources in the degree programmes Science Communication & Bionics B.A. and Science Communication & Bionics B.Sc. of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (see Section 4 (2) as well).

	Last possible enrolment in 1 st semester		Degree programmes discontinued				End of standard duration of study *				End of phase-out period **
Semester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Modules in semester	WS	SoSe	WS	SoSe	WS	SoSe	WS	SoSe	WS	SoSe	WS
	2019/2020	2020	2020/2021	2021	2021/2022	2022	2022/2023	2023	2023/2024	2024	2024/2025
1	LV/P+T		/P+T		/P+T						
2		LV/P+T		/P+T		/P+T					
3	LV/P+T		LV/P+T		/P+T		/P+T				
4		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		/P+T		P+T			
5	LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		/P+T		P+T		
6						PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	BT/K
Thesis										End of SoSe 2024 is the final opportunity to register for the thesis	
Colloquium											

* The degree programmes are being phased out; neither admission nor new enrolment are possible (see Section 2)

** The degree programmes will cease to exist with the end of the semester; existing students can no longer register for a new semester (see Section 3)

LV = Lehrveranstaltung (Lecture) / P = Prüfung (Examination) / T = Erteilung von Testaten (Certificates) / PS = Praxissemester (Practical Semester) / BT = Bachelor-Thesis (Thesis) / K = Kolloquium (Colloquium)

