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**Phase-Out Planning Regulations**  
**for**  
**Mechanical Engineering B.Sc.**  
**of the Faculty of Technology & Bionics at**  
**Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences**

**Dated 17 October 2024**

The following regulations were enacted on the basis of Section 2 (4) sentence 1 and Section 64 (1) of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (*Hochschulgesetz*, HG NRW), in the version dated 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW. p. 547), which was last amended on 29 October 2024 (GV. NRW. p. 704) and entered into force on 8 November 2024:

**Section 1**  
**Purpose and scope**

These regulations govern phase-out planning for the degree programme Mechanical Engineering B.Sc. of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, and are intended to protect legitimate expectations and ensure a suitable range of university services so that currently enrolled and visiting students within the meaning of Section 52 (2) HG NRW (hereinafter: “students”) can continue their studies until the end of the standard duration of study plus four semesters.

**Section 2**  
**Discontinuation of the degree programme**

(1) Mechanical Engineering B.Sc. will be discontinued.

(2) First-semester enrolment for this degree programme is no longer possible from winter semester 2024-25 onwards. Existing students in the Faculty of Technology and Bionics may enrol in a higher semester until winter semester 2025-26 (application deadline: 15 July 2025). Sentence 2 does not apply to students who are simultaneously enrolled in a different degree programme of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics.

### **Section 3**

#### **Expiration of the examination regulations**

(1) The examination regulations for the discontinued degree programme Mechanical Engineering B.Sc. of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences dated 9 January 2018 (Official Notice 18/2018), as amended by the third amending statutes (Official Notice 15/2024), will expire on 28 February 2030.

(2) Students in this discontinued degree programme who have not graduated by 28 February 2030 will lose their right to sit for examinations and be de-registered from Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in accordance with Section 51 (1) number 3 HG NRW, provided they do not switch to a different degree programme at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. Section 4 (2) and (3) remain unaffected.

### **Section 4**

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

(1) Teaching and examination resources in this degree programme will be phased out gradually.

(2) Students must register for the thesis by no later than 30 September 2029. If the thesis and/or colloquium were not passed on the first attempt, students will have a maximum of five months after expiration of the examination regulations in effect at the time of registration to complete their second attempt. The examination law referred to in Section 3 (2) will continue to apply to the assessment and implementation of these examination procedures beyond the date of discontinuation. Students will remain enrolled for the duration of their second attempt.

(3) The Examination Board will decide on any exceptions, for example if students fail to register for an examination on time for reasons beyond their control; or if the examination regulations contain deviating provisions on when examinations or other graded coursework must 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 to care for spouses, registered civil partners, or immediate family members and in-laws with care dependency.

### **Section 5**

#### **Concluding provisions**

The Faculty of Technology and Bionics will inform students currently enrolled in Mechanical Engineering B.Sc. of the discontinuation of their degree programme.

### **Section 6**

#### **Entry into force**

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

*Note: These regulations entered into force in their present version on 10 December 2024.*

Phase-out planning for teaching and examination resources in the degree programme Mechanical Engineering B.Sc. of the Faculty of Technology and Bionics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (see Section 4 (1)).

	Final first-semester intake		Degree programme discontinued				End of standard duration of study for final intake						End of phase-out period **
Semester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Module offered in semester:	<b>WS 2023-24</b>	<b>SS 2024</b>	<b>WS 2024-25</b>	<b>SS 2025</b>	<b>WS 2025-26</b>	<b>SS 2026</b>	<b>WS 2026-27</b>	<b>SS 2027</b>	<b>WS 2027-28</b>	<b>SS 2028</b>	<b>WS 2028-29</b>	<b>SS 2029</b>	<b>WS 2029-30</b>
1	<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>						
2		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>					
3	<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>				
4		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>			
5					<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>LV/P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>		<i>P+T</i>		
6						<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	
7							<i>LV/P+T/BT/K</i>	<i>BT/K</i>	<i>LV/P+T/BT/K</i>	<i>BT/K</i>	<i>P+T/BT/K</i>	<i>BT/K</i>	<i>P+T/BT***K</i>

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

\* The degree programme has been officially discontinued; new admission or enrolment is no longer possible (see Section 2).

\*\* The degree programme will cease to exist at the conclusion of this semester; existing students can no longer register for a new semester (see Section 3).

\*\*\*Final opportunity to register for the thesis (see Section 4 (2)).