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Examination Regulations

International Relations, B.A.
Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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Section 1

Scope

These examination regulations shall apply to International Relations, B.A., offered in English by the Faculty of Society and Economics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, in conjunction with the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes ("RPO") of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

Section 2

Academic objectives; purpose of examination; degree awarded

- (1) The bachelor's examination concludes this degree programme and entitles graduates to continue their studies in a master's degree programme. Academic aims and objectives are defined in Section 3 RPO. A strong command of English is key to success in this degree programme, as it provides the essential basis for the programme's continuous objective of expanding and honing students' professional language skills.
- (2) The academic degree "Bachelor of Arts", abbreviated as "B.A.", is awarded for successfully completing the bachelor's examination.

Section 3

Admission requirements

- (1) General admission requirements are defined in Section 4 RPO.
- (2) Applicants are ineligible for admission if they have previously failed the final attempt at a mandatory examination in a degree programme at a university that is subject to German Basic Law which shares a significant overlap in content with the degree programme governed by these Examination Regulations.
- (3) Acceptable proof of English proficiency is defined in Section 4 (5a) RPO.

Section 4

Basic internship

The basic eight-week internship defined by Section 4 (3) sent 3) RPO should occur within the context of the curriculum, be completed at an external company, public office or other organisation, and familiarise students with questions and matters relating to the fields of politics and economics.

Section 5

Programme structure; volume of instruction hours; progression of studies

- (1) This degree programme has a total volume of instruction of 124 SWS (total weekly contact hours, or *Semesterwochenstunden*).
- (2) The modules of this degree programme comprise a total sum of 210 ECTS credits.
- (3) Modules and examinations are offered in the degree programme's official language of instruction.

(4) Additional information about the breakdown of this degree programme and the type, form and scope of modules is available in the study and examination plan at the end of this document. Students in this degree programme may submit a written request to earn up to 10 credits in modules not included in this degree programme's elective catalogue. Up to 10 credits may be earned in modules offered by other degree programmes of the Faculty of Society and Economics, and up to 5 credits from modules offered by other faculties. Requests will be approved if the content of these other modules aligns with the main emphasis or can be considered a suitable supplement for the elective catalogue of this degree programme. Additional information about learning outcomes, qualification aims, teaching contents and types of examinations can be found in the module guide, which is published on the homepage of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

(5) (Intentionally omitted)

(6) The module IR 1 6102 (Fundamentals of Economics) as well as all seventh-semester modules are offered each semester so that students have the option of speeding up their graduation progression.

Section 5a

Internship semester; semester abroad

(1) In accordance with Section 5 (3) RPO, the internship semester may be subdivided into parts. Requests to subdivide the internship semester must be submitted to the Examination Board and adhere to the following restrictions: the internship semester may only be subdivided once, with the two parts each consisting of at least eight uninterrupted weeks and having a combined total length of at least 20 weeks.

(2) During a semester abroad, at least 20 of the required 30 CP must be obtained from the host university.

Section 6

Scope of examinations

(1) The time allotted to students for a written examination is based on the credit value of the respective course and shall not exceed 120 minutes. As a general rule, 20 to 30 minutes will be allotted for every one credit point.

(2) An oral examination generally lasts at least 15, but no more than 30 minutes per student.

(3) The text portion of an assignment, term paper or project should not exceed 30 pages (DIN A4).

(4) (Intentionally omitted)

(5) (Intentionally omitted)

(6) (Intentionally omitted)

Section 7

Scope and form of the thesis

(1) The text portion of the thesis should generally be between 40 and 60 pages (DIN A4) in length. The thesis may also be supplemented with other media, provided the use of said media as additional documentation is appropriate and helpful within the context of the assigned task. In this case, the length of the text portion of the thesis may deviate from the aforementioned minimum requirement.

(2) The thesis can also be submitted as group work if each student's individual contribution fulfils the requirements set forth in Section 23 (1) RPO and is clearly distinguishable (and thus assessable) due to clear and distinct delimitation by sections, page numbers or other criteria.

Section 8

Admission to the thesis and colloquium

(1) In addition to the thesis admission requirements defined under Section 24 (1) RPO, students must also have obtained at least 175 credits.

(2) In addition to the colloquium admission requirements defined under Section 27 (2) RPO, students must also have obtained at least 207 credits.

Section 9

Credit values for the thesis and colloquium

(1) Twelve credits are awarded for passing the bachelor's thesis.

(2) Three credits are awarded for passing the colloquium.

Section 10

Awarding of the bachelor's degree

The bachelor's degree specified in Section 2 (2) is officially conferred upon issuing of the bachelor's degree certificate defined in Section 30 (1) RPO.

Section 11

Entry into force and transitional provisions

(1) These Examination Regulations shall enter into force on the day after publication of the German-language original as an Official Notice of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. They apply to students who first enrolled in International Relations B.A. of the Faculty of Society and Economics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in or after winter semester 2025-2026.

(2) Students who first enrolled in International Relations B.A. before winter semester 2021-22 may continue their studies according to the examination regulations from 28 March 2018 (Official Notice 5/2019) until 28 February 2027 at the latest. Accordingly, the examination regulations from 28 March 2018 (Official Notice 5/2019) will expire on 1 March 2027. Students who first enrolled in International Relations B.A. before winter semester 2024-25 may continue

their studies according to the examination regulations amended by the first amending statutes from 24 November 2020 (Official Notice 4/2021) until 31 August 2029 at the latest. The examination regulations amended by the first amending statutes will expire on 1 September 2029.

(3) Students currently studying under the examination regulations from 28 March 2018 (Official Notice 5/2019) may submit a written request to the Examination Board to switch to the examination regulations amended by the first amending statutes or the present examination regulations. Students studying according to the examination regulations amended by the first amending statutes can request in writing to switch to the present examination regulations. The Examination Board is responsible for all credit recognition decisions for modules and examinations completed under previous examination regulations. Upon expiry of the examination regulations from 28 March 2018 or the examination regulations as amended by the first amending statutes from 24 November 2020, any students still studying according to said examination regulations are considered to have switched to the present examination regulations automatically. Students who first enrolled before winter semester 2025-26 and have requested to continue their studies under the present examination regulations may obtain more than 10 elective credits in modules offered by other faculties of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in accordance with Section 5 (4).

Note: These examination regulations entered into force in their present version on 19 February 2025.

Annex

Prüfungs- und idealtypischer Studienverlaufsplan für den grundständigen Bachelorstudiengang International Relations, B.A.

Nr. No.	Module Modules	CH	V	S	Ü	Pra	Pro	Ex	CP	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7
IR 1 6141	Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen Introduction to International Relations	4	3		1			P	5	5						
IR 1 6102	Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre Introduction to Economics	6	4		2			P	5	5						
IR 1 6101	Theorien der Internationalen Beziehungen Theories of International Relations	4	2		2			P	5	5						
IR 1 6104	Einführung in die Statistik Introduction to Statistics	4	2		2			P	5	5						
IR 1 6142	Der Staat und seine Institutionen The State and its Institutions	4	3		1			P	5	5						
IR 1 6143	Verfassungsrecht (mit akademischem Schreiben) Constitutional Law (with Academic Writing)	4	2		2			P	5	5						
IR 2 6107	Qualitative und quantitative Methoden empirischer Sozialforschung Qualitative and quantitative Methods of Social Science	4	2		2			P	5		5					
IR 2 6144	Politische Philosophie Political Philosophy	4	3		1			P	5		5					
IR 2 6109	Europäische Integration European Integration	4	4					P	5		5					
IR 2 6145	Zeitgenössische Geschichte Contemporary History	4	2		2			P	5		5					
IR 2 6111	Public Choice Theorie Public Choice Theory	4	2		2			P	5		5					
IR 2 6146	Regionale Integration und Internationale Organisationen Regional Integration and International Organisations	4	2		2			P	5		5					
IR 3 6113	Internationale Wirtschaft International Economics	4	3		1			P	5			5				
IR 3 6147	Nachhaltigkeit und Ressourcenkonflikte Sustainability and Resource Conflicts	4	2		2			P	5			5				
IR 3 6116	Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik Peace Studies and Security Policy	4	4					P	5			5				
IR 3 6148	Gesellschaft und Kultur Society and Culture	4	4					P	5			5				
IR 3 6117	Völkerrecht Public International Law	4	2		2			P	5			5				
IR 3 6118	Interdisziplinäres Projekt Interdisciplinary Project	2					2	P	5			5				
IR 4 6149	Spieltheorie und Aspekte des Entscheidens Game Theory and Decision-Making	4	2		2			P	5				5			
IR 4 6150	Politikberatung und Verhandlungsführung Policy Advice and Negotiation Skills	4	2		2			P	5				5			
IR 4 6151	Menschenrechte Human Rights	4	2		2			P	5				5			
IR 5 6153	Außenpolitikanalyse Foreign Policy Analysis	4	2		2			P	5					5		
IR 5 6154	Entwicklung Development	4	2		2			P	5					5		
IR 5 6125	Forschungsprojekt Research Project	2					2	P	5					5		
IR 6 6037	Wahlpflichtfächer Elective Subjects	24	24					P	30				15	15		
IR 7 6158	Praxissemester oder Auslandsstudiensemester Internship or Semester Abroad								30						30	
IR 7 6159	Karrierestrategien Career Strategies	2				2		T	5							5
IR 7 6159	Simulationsprojekt Simulation Project	2				2		P	5							5
IR 7 6159	Exposéprojekt Exposé Project	2					2	P	5							5
IR 7 6041	Bachelorarbeit Bachelor Thesis							P	12							12
IR 7 6042	Kolloquium Colloquium							P	3							3
Gesamt Total		124	80	2	32	4	6		210	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Sommersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Summer Term)	CH	Ex	CP
IR 4 6126	Analyse von politischen und ökonomischen Krisen Analysis of Political and Economic Crises	4	P	5
IR 4 6127	Aktuelle Probleme der Internationalen Beziehungen/der internationalen politischen Ökonomie Current Issues in International Relations and International Political Economy	4	P	5
IR 4 6110	Europarecht European Union Law	4	P	5
IR 4 6029	Gerechtigkeit und Fairness in der Marktwirtschaft Justice and Fairness in the Market Economy	4	P	5
IR 4 6119	Wettbewerb und Regulierung Competition and Regulation	4	P	5
IR 4 6152	Nationalismus und Globalisierung Nationalism and Globalisation	4	P	5

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Wintersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Winter Term)	CH	Ex	CP
IR 5 6156	Wirtschafts- und Fiskalpolitik Economic and Fiscal Policy	4	P	5
IR 5 6130	Aktuelle Probleme des internationalen Rechts Current Issues in International Law	4	P	5
IR 5 6131	Internationale Genderstudien International Gender Studies	4	P	5
IR 5 6156	Führung Leadership	4	P	5
IR 5 6116	Internationale Finanzmärkte International Financial Markets	4	P	5
IR 5 6157	Digitale Transformation von Gesellschaften Digital Transformation of Societies	4	P	5

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Winter- und Sommersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Winter and Summer Term)	CH	Ex	CP
IR 4 6036	Fremdsprache Foreign Language*	4	P	5

*Englisch nur ab CEFR-Sprachniveau C1
*English only from CEFR level C1

Abkürzungen / Abbreviations

Ex Art der Prüfung / Type of examination
CH Semesterwochenstunden / Contact hours per week
WS Wintersemester / Winter semester
SS Sommersemester / Summer semester
CP Kreditpunkte / Credit points (ECTS)
V Vorlesung / Lecture
S Seminar
Ü Übung / Exercise
Pra Praktikum / Practical training
Pro Projekt / Project
P Prüfung / Examination
T Testat / Certificate