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Examination Regulations

Economics and Finance M.Sc.
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Section 1

Scope

These examination regulations apply to the degree programme Economics and Finance M.Sc., offered in English by the Faculty of Society and Economics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, and are valid 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; Master's degree

(1) This degree programme concludes with a final overall assessment, referred to as the "master's examination" (*Masterprüfung*). Academic aims and objectives are defined in Section 3 RPO. In particular, this master's degree programme aims to empower students to apply economic methodology and develop practice-oriented solutions that are not restricted to traditional disciplinary boundaries.

(2) The degree "Master of Science", abbreviated as "M.Sc.", is awarded for passing the master's examination.

Section 3

Admission requirements

(1) General admission requirements are defined in Section 4a RPO.

(2) A "related field" within the meaning of Section 4a (1) RPO is defined as any undergraduate degree programme in:

- a. Economics or business sciences;
- b. Business mathematics;
- c. Industrial engineering;
- d. Business informatics; or
- e. Business psychology.

Further, the examination board can also confirm the relevancy of undergraduate degrees in either political science or the social sciences, provided it can be shown that the degree programme had an economic or business focus.

(3) A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on the German grading scale, or alternatively an A or B on the ECTS grading scale, must have been awarded for the applicant's undergraduate degree according to subsection (2).

(4) English proficiency requirements are defined in Section 4a (6a) RPO.

(5) Intentionally omitted.

Section 4

Standard duration of study; programme structure; volume of instruction hours

- (1) This degree programme has a total volume of instruction of 50 SWS (total weekly contact hours, or *Semesterwochenstunden*).
- (2) 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. The study and examination plan is a recommendation for students on how to complete the degree programme effectively within the standard period of study. 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.
- (3) Students in this degree programme may earn up to 5 elective credits in modules offered by other faculties of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. 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.
- (4) The faculty reserves the right to require a minimum number of participants for an elective module. The possibility of obtaining the required number of credit points for graduation will remain unaffected. An elective choice will always be available.
- (5) The modules M-EF 1 7004 (Econometrics), M-EF 1 7023 (Theoretical and Applied Quantitative Methods), M-EF 2 7008 (Research in Economics and Finance) and M-EF 3 7020 (Current Topics in Economics and Finance) are offered each semester to give students the option of shortening the duration of their studies.

Section 5

Scope of examinations

- (1) The time allotted to students for a written examination is based on the credit value of the respective course and will not exceed 120 minutes. As a general rule, 20 to 30 minutes will be allotted for every one credit point.
- (2) When registering for the first examination attempt in an elective module, students must make a binding decision as to whether the examination will be credited towards their degree or registered as a voluntary additional examination in accordance with Section 31 RPO.
- (3) Intentionally omitted.
- (4) Intentionally omitted.
- (5) Intentionally omitted.
- (6) Intentionally omitted.
- (7) As a rule, an assignment, term paper or project must be completed before the end of the semester. The text portion of an assignment, term paper or project should not exceed 30 pages (DIN A4).

(8) An oral examination within the meaning of Section 18 (2) RPO will be at least 20, but no more than 30 minutes in duration.

Section 6

Scope and form of the thesis

(1) As a rule, the text portion of the thesis should be between 60 and 100 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) Students will be given a period of four months (from date of assignment to submission deadline) to complete the thesis. The thesis cannot be submitted within eight weeks of the assignment date.

Section 7

Admission to the thesis and the colloquium

(1) In addition to the thesis admission requirements set forth in Section 24 (1) RPO, students must have obtained at least 50 CP.

(2) In addition to the colloquium admission requirements set forth in Section 27 (2) RPO, candidates must have obtained 87 CP.

Section 8

Credit values for the thesis and colloquium

(1) Twenty-two (22) credits are awarded for passing the master's thesis.

(2) Three (3) credits are awarded for passing the colloquium.

Section 9

Awarding of the master's degree

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

Section 10

Entry into force and transitional provisions

(1) These examination regulations will enter into force on the day after the 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 Economics and Finance, M.Sc. at 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 Economics and Finance, M.Sc. before winter semester 2025-2026 may continue their studies under the examination regulations amended by the second amending statutes from 1 September 2023 (Official Notice 33/2023) until 28 February 2029 at the latest. The examination regulations amended by the second amending statutes from 1 September 2023 will expire on 1 March 2029.

(3) Students currently studying under the examination regulations amended by the second amending statutes from 1 September 2023 (Official Notice 33/2023) may submit a written request to the Examination Board to switch to the examination regulations defined herein. 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 amended by the second amending statutes from 1 September 2023, any students still studying under said examination regulations are considered to have switched to the present examination regulations automatically.

Note: *These regulations entered into force in their present version on 5 March 2025.*

Annex

Prüfungs- und idealtypischer Studienverlaufsplan für den Masterstudiengang Economics and Finance, M.Sc.

Nr. No.	Module Modules	CH	V	S	Ü	Pra	Pro	Ex	CP	CH WT	CH ST	CH WT/ST
M-EF 1 7021	Advanced Microeconomics and Managerial Economics Weiterführende Mikroökonomie und Managerial Economics	4	3		1			P	5	4		
M-EF 1 7022	Industriökonomie Industrial Organisation	4	3		1			P	5	4		
M-EF 1 7002	Weiterführende Finanzwissenschaft Advanced Public Finance	4	2		2			P	5	4		
M-EF 1 7006	Internationale Ökonomie und Nachhaltige Entwicklung International Economics and Sustainable Development	4	2	2				P	5	4		
M-EF 1 7004	Ökonometrie Econometrics	4	2		2			P	5			4
M-EF 1 7023	Theoretische und Angewandte Quantitative Methoden Theoretical and Applied Quantitative Methods	4	2		1	1		P	5			4
M-EF 2 7003	Bankmanagement und Risikotheorie Banking and Risk Theory	4	2		2			P	5		4	
M-EF 2 7007	Angewandte Unternehmensfinanzierung Applied Corporate Finance	4	2		2			P	5		4	
M-EF 2 7008	Forschung in Ökonomie und Finanzwirtschaft Research in Economics and Finance	6		2			4	P	10			6
	Wahlpflichtfächer Elective Subjects	8	8					P	10	4	4	
M-EF 3 7020	Aktuelle Themen der Ökonomie und Finanzierung Current Topics in Economics and Finance	4		2		1	1	P	5			4
M-EF 3 7121	Masterarbeit Master Thesis							P	22			
M-EF 3 7122	Kolloquium Colloquium							P	3			
Gesamt Total		50	26	6	11	2	5		CH CP	20 30	12 30	18 30

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Wintersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Winter Term)	CH	Ex	CP
M-EF 1 7010	Einfluss von Besteuerung auf Finanzentscheidungen Tax Impact on Financial Decision Making	4	P	5
M-EF 1 7011	Angewandte Spieltheorie und Auktionen Applied Game Theory and Auctions	4	P	5
M-EF 1 7012	Anreizorientierte Regulierungsökonomie Incentive Based Regulatory Economics	4	P	5
M-EF 1 7024	Unternehmensbewertung Business Valuation	4	P	5
M-EF 1 7025	Künstliche Intelligenz: Umgestaltung von Finanzwesen, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Artificial Intelligence: Reshaping Finance, Economy and Society	4	P	5

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Sommersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Summer Term)	CH	Ex	CP
M-EF 2 7014	Ökonomische Analyse der Rechnungslegung Economic Analysis of Accounting	4	P	5
M-EF 2 7026	Finanzmärkte und Institutionen Financial Markets and Institutions	4	P	5
M-EF 2 7027	Institutionen- und Organisationsökonomie Institutional and Organisational Economics	4	P	5
M-EF 2 7017	Innovationsmanagement und Investitionen in Emerging Technologies Innovation Management and Investment in Emerging Technologies	4	P	5
M-EF 2 2028	Verhaltensorientierte Ökonomie und Mechanismus Design Behavioural Economics and Mechanism Design	4	P	5

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