

Phase-Out Planning Regulations

for “Nachhaltiger Tourismus B.A.”

of the Faculty of Society and Economics at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

From 4 February 2025

The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Society and Economics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences enacted the following regulations 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 19 December 2024 (GV. NRW. p. 1222) and entered into force on 1 January 2025:

Section 1

Purpose and scope

These regulations govern the phase-out planning for the bachelor's degree programme “Nachhaltiger Tourismus” of the Faculty of Society and Economics at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences and are intended to protect legitimate expectations and ensure a suitable range of university services for the remainder of the degree programme. This should allow currently enrolled students and visiting students within the meaning of Section 52 (2) HG NRW (hereinafter: “students”) to complete their studies within the standard duration of study plus a maximum of four additional semesters.

Section 2

Discontinuation of the degree programme

- (1) The degree programme “Nachhaltiger Tourismus” is hereby discontinued.
- (2) First-semester enrolment for this degree programme is no longer possible from winter semester 2024-25 onwards.

Section 3

Expiration of the examination regulations

- (1) The examination regulations for the discontinued degree programme “Nachhaltiger Tourismus” of the Faculty of Society and Economics at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences dated 28 March 2018 (Official Notice 06/2019), as amended by the first amending statutes from 9 December 2020 (Official Notice 06/2021), will expire on 1 March 2029.
- (2) Students in this discontinued degree programme who have not graduated by 28 February 2029 will lose their right to sit for examinations from 1 March 2029 onwards and be de-registered 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

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 their thesis in a timely manner, such that the submission date for the thesis – including any possible extensions granted during the main working phase – occurs no later than 28 February 2029. If the first thesis attempt was unsuccessful, students must complete their second and final attempt within five months of 1 March 2029. The right of examination named in Section 2 (1) will continue to apply to the assessment and implementation of these examination procedures beyond the date of discontinuation.
- (3) The Examination Board will decide on any exceptions in relation to these degree programmes, in particular if a student fails to register for an examination due to circumstances beyond their control; or if the examination regulations contain deviating provisions with regard to when examinations or other graded coursework are 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 for the purpose of caring for a spouse, registered civil partner, or immediate family members and in-laws with care dependency.

Section 5

Concluding provisions

The Faculty of Society and Economics will inform students currently enrolled in “Nachhaltiger Tourismus, B.A.” 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 15 March 2025.*

Phase-out planning for teaching and examination resources in the degree programme “Nachhaltiger Tourismus, B.A.” of the Faculty of Society and Economics at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (see Section 4 (1)).

	Last possible enrolment in 1 st semester of study				German-taught degree programme discontinued		End of standard duration of study				
Semester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Semester of study	WS 23-24	SS 24	WS 24-25	SS 25	WS 25-26	SS 26	WS 26-27	SS 27	WS 27-28	SS 28	WS 28-29
1	LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		P+T		P+T		
2		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		P+T		P+T	
3	LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		P+T		P+T		
4		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		P+T		P+T	
5	LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		LV/P+T		P+T		P+T
6						PS	PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	PS/BT/K	BT/K
Thesis										Final opportunity to register for the thesis (see Section 4 (2), (3)).	
Colloquium											

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