

Entrance Examination Regulations for Prospective International Students

for International Business and Management, B.A

at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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On the basis of Section 2 (4) sentence 1 number 3 and Section 49 (5) of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (*Hochschulgesetz*, HG NRW) from 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, as well as on the basis of the Regulations on University Admission for Prospective Students with Foreign Qualifications (*Bildungsausländerhochschulzugangsverordnung*, BAHZVO) from 28 February 2013 (GV.NRW., p. 42), which was last amended on 20 March 2018 (GV.NRW., p. 197) and entered into force on 14 April 2018, the Senate of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences enacted the following Entrance Examination Regulations in its session on 24 September 2025:

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Section 1

Purpose of the entrance examination

In accordance with Section 49 (5) HG NRW in conjunction with BAHZVO (see above), the entrance examination serves as a way to ascertain whether prospective students from non-EU countries possess the required knowledge and methodological skills to successfully complete the degree programme International Business and Management, B.A.

Section 2

Admission requirements

The entrance examination is offered exclusively for prospective students from non-EU countries who have earned the necessary academic qualifications to study at a higher education institution in their home country, but do not have a university entrance qualification for Germany within the meaning of Section 49 (1) to (4) of the Higher Education Act NRW.

There is no legal entitlement to participate in the entrance examination.

Section 3

Admission to the entrance examination

- (1) Prospective students must submit to Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences a digital application for admission to the entrance examination for the indicated degree programme. Applications must be submitted before the official deadline announced on the website of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. The date of the entrance examination is set by the Examination Board.
- (2) Up to 20 applicants will be admitted to the entrance examination, provided the Examination Board of the Faculty of Society and Economics has not set a different limit to the number of applicants to be admitted. Prospective students with an Articulation Agreement or who are in a double degree programme will be given priority registration.
- (3) Applicants are selected based on the GPA of their last school transcripts. Deviating from the previous sentence, applicants with an Articulation Agreement or who are in a double degree programme will be selected according to their current GPA at the respective partner university. The Examination Board is responsible for decisions on admission requests for the entrance examination.
- (4) All applications for admission must include the following:
 - a) School-leaving certificate, the last school transcripts or, in the case of an Articulation Agreement or double degree programmes, the current transcripts from the partner university in German or English. Documents in a language other than German or English must be translated into German or English by a publicly certified translator.
 - b) A motivation letter in the language of instruction for the intended degree programme explaining both the reasons for participating in the entrance examination and for studying at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

Section 4

Examination Board

- (1) The Examination Board of the Faculty of Society and Economics is responsible for all tasks arising from these Entrance Examination Regulations.
- (2) In particular, the Examination Board will ensure that the entrance examination is conducted properly and the provisions contained within these regulations are adhered to. The fundamental responsibilities of the dean, set forth in Section 27 (1) HG NRW, remain unaffected. Section 7 of the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences will apply with regard to all other matters of responsibility.

Section 5

Examination procedure

- (1) All teaching staff at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences are authorised to act as examiners. Examiners and observers are appointed by the Examination Board. They are not bound by any outside instruction in the execution of their duties.
- (2) The examination procedure will be conducted in English.
- (3) A written examination covering the fields of mathematics, economics and English will be used to ascertain applicants' knowledge and methodological aptitude for this degree programme. The written examination may be conducted electronically as well.
- (4) Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences can delegate the entrance examination to a third party, provided said third party is capable of conducting examination procedures with comparable content on behalf of the university.

Section 6

Assessment criteria for the entrance examination

Section 11 (1) to (5) of the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences will apply with respect to the assessment of the entrance examination. Each subject area defined in Section 5 (3) sentence 2 of these Entrance Examination Regulations will be assessed separately. The entrance examination is considered passed if a final grade of "sufficient" or better ("*ausreichend*" on the German grading scale) was achieved.

Section 7

Results of the entrance examination

A certificate detailing the individual parts of their examination and achieved scores will be issued. This certificate, which contains an explanation of available legal recourse, will be sent to each applicant by the chairperson of the Examination Board by post or digitally.

Section 8

Starting the degree programme

Successfully passing the entrance examination only opens the way to International Business Administration, B.A. at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. Formal admission to HSRW is still required to enrol in the degree programme. The rules and regulations governing admission remain inasmuch unaffected. The Enrolment Regulations of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences apply accordingly to the enrolment of prospective students who have passed the entrance examination.

Section 9

Switching to a different university

In accordance with Section 5 of BAHZVO NRW, students who have been admitted to International Business and Management, B.A. at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences may switch to the same degree programme at a different university (subject to the admission regulations in place at the other university) only after completing all mandatory study and examination requirements in the first four semesters of study.

Section 10

Withdrawal / Academic dishonesty / Repeating the entrance examination / Period of validity

- (1) If an applicant withdraws from the entrance examination or commits any act of academic dishonesty in connection with the entrance examination, Section 13 of the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences will apply analogously.
- (2) Applicants who do not pass the entrance examination may repeat it twice. Each subsequent attempt requires a new application for admission in accordance with Section 3 above. As a general rule, the results of the entrance examination are valid for the next two intake windows. In justified cases, the chairperson of the Examination Board can extend the period of validity.

Section 11

Fees

There are no fees to participate in the entrance examination.

Section 12
Entry into force

These Entrance Examination Regulations will enter into force on the day after publication of the German-language original as an Official Notice of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

Note: *The present regulations entered into force on 11 October 2025.*