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# Examination Regulations

for

## International Business Administration, B.A.

Faculty of the Faculty of Communication and Environment  
Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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## **Section 1 Scope**

These examination regulations apply to the bachelor's degree programme International Business Administration, B.A., which is offered in English by the Faculty of Communication and Environment 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. They govern the full-time, seven-semester mode of study.

## **Section 2 Academic objectives; purpose of examination; degree awarded**

(1) The bachelor's examination (*Bachelorprüfung*) concludes this degree programme and qualifies graduates for admission to a master's degree programme. The degree programme aims to impart knowledge and skills in economics and adjacent fields through a decidedly international lens, as well as to improve students' proficiency in English. As a result, graduates of this degree programme are both qualified and prepared to work in both large-scale international companies as well as small and medium-sized enterprises with international business partners. They are able to discuss and appraise current business solutions with a critical eye as well as selectively and context-appropriately employ applied research methods to develop new ideas and concepts

(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) A degree programme with a "significant overlap in content" within the meaning of Section 4 (6) RPO is defined as any bachelor's or *Diplom* degree programme at a German university (*Universität*) or university of applied sciences (*Fachhochschule*), the content of which is primarily attributable to the field of economics.

(3) For English language requirements, refer to Section 4 (5a) RPO.

## **Section 4 Basic internship**

Students in this degree programme are required to complete an eight-week preparatory internship at an extramural company, public agency or other organisation in a context relevant to the curriculum. The internship should familiarise the student with questions and matters relating to economics or social sciences. Section 4 (3) to (5) RPO apply analogously to the basic internship.

## Section 5

### Programme structure; Volume of instruction hours; Progression of studies

(1) The total volume of instruction for this degree programme is 130 contact hours per week (CH, or SWS in German).

(2) The modules of this degree programme comprise a total sum of 210 ECTS credits.

(3) All modules and examinations are conducted in English.

(3a) Curricular excursions, internships or modules with a large percentage of practical exercises can include mandatory attendance as one of their completion requirements. The affected courses are designated in the curriculum as "AM" (attendance mandatory). Mandatory attendance according to sentence 1 is defined as attending at least 75% of the course. Successful completion is confirmed by certificate/attestation as defined by Section 20 (2) RPO. If a student is unable to fulfil the attendance requirement due to a long period of absence for justified reasons (e.g., illness, pregnancy or parental leave), the responsible instructor can decide, upon request, if and how the student can make up for the absences. Section 16 (4) RPO applies with regard to compensatory arrangements.

(4) Intentionally omitted.

(5) Intentionally omitted.

(6) 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. In the fourth and fifth semesters, at least four elective modules will be offered each. Details about learning outcomes, qualification aims, teaching contents and types of examinations can be found in the module guide, which is accessible via internal, electronic process software and on the website of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

(7) Students can begin their internship semester after having earned 90 credits. Internships must be full-time and completed without interruption. Internships may be part-time or completed in parts only and insofar as the knowledge and skills acquisition goals are ensured and the total internship time is equal to a full-time internship semester. Part-time internships should involve a minimum of 18 hours per week. Students can also opt for a study abroad semester instead of an internship.

(7a) As part of the internship semester, students may opt to found their own start-up or operate an existing business instead of working at a company. The decision to found a start-up or operate a business must provide suitable opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills for which the internship semester is intended. In addition to the final internship semester report, students who found a start-up or operate a business must also submit a rough business and financial plan or a project plan (for existing businesses) as well as monthly interim reports for the first five months of the internship semester which show how the founding process or project is progressing. A certificate within the meaning of Section 21 (6) RPO is not required.

(8) Students can define the specialisation of their degree through their choice of electives. Eligible electives are defined in the study and examination plan in the annex of these Examination Regulations. With permission of the Examination Board, students may select modules from other degree programmes of the university worth a maximum of ten credits (ECTS). Students in International Business Administration, B.A. may only complete elective

modules from other degree programmes of the university which are taught in German on a case-by-case basis and with permission from the Examination Board. Furthermore, students may choose a language course as one of the six elective modules, provided it is not an English course. Only one language course can be recognised for credit towards the ten credits (ECTS) allotted to students for their choice of elective subjects.

## **Section 6 Scope of examinations**

- (1) Within a module, the completion of individual pass/fail certificates (refer to Section 20 RPO) can be required to attend the final written examination. This applies to modules which require both a pass/fail certificate and a graded examination.
- (2) 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. For combined examinations (Section 14 (3) RPO), the time allotted can be reduced accordingly.
- (3) An oral examination generally lasts at least 15, but no more than 30 minutes per student.
- (4) The text portion of an assignment, term paper or project should generally not exceed 30 pages (DIN A4).
- (5) Assignments, term papers or projects also be approved as group work if each student's individual contribution fulfils the requirements above and is clearly distinguishable – and thus assessable – due to distinct separation by section, page numbers or other criteria. In this case, the text portion for each participating group member should not exceed 20 pages (DIN A4).

## **Section 7 Scope and form of the thesis**

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

## **Section 8 Admission to the thesis and colloquium**

- (1) In addition to the thesis admission requirements set forth in Section 24 (1) RPO, students must have earned 175 credits.
- (2) In addition to the colloquium admission requirements set forth in Section 27 (2) RPO, students must have earned 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**  
**Conferral of the bachelor's degree**

The academic 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 / 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 International Business Administration, B.A. of the Faculty of Communication and Environment of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in or after winter semester 2026-27.
- (2) Students who enrolled in International Business Administration B.A. before winter semester 2020-21 may continue their studies according to the examination regulations dated 19 June 2013 (Official Notices 21/2013), in the amended version produced by the Third Amending Statutes dated 6 March 2018 (Official Notices 25/2019), until no later than 28 February 2027. The examination regulations dated 19 June 2013 (Official Notice 21/2013), in the amended version produced by the Third Amending Statutes dated 6 March 2018 (Official Notice 25/2018), will expire on 1 March 2027. Students who enrolled in International Business Administration, B.A. before winter semester 2026-27 may continue their studies under the examination regulations dated 19 June 2013 (Official Notice 21/2013), in the version produced by the Fourth Amending Statutes dated 29 January 2020 (Official Notice 4/2020), until no later than 31 August 2031. The examination regulations dated 19 June 2013 (Official Notice 21/2013), in the version produced by the Fourth Amending Statutes dated 29 January 2020 (Official Notice 4/2020), will expire on 1 September 2031.
- (3) Students currently studying under the examination regulations dated 19 June 2013, in the amended version dated 6 March 2018, may submit a written request to the Examination Board to switch to the examination regulations dated 29 January 2020 or the present examination regulations. Students studying under the examination regulations dated 29 January 2020 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 in the version produced by the Third Amending Statutes dated 6 March 2018 or the examination regulations in the version produced by the Fourth Amending Statutes dated 29 January 2020, any students studying thereunder will officially and automatically continue their studies under the present examination regulations.

(4) All students in International Business Administration, B.A., regardless of their examination regulations, may attend the modules defined in the elective catalogue of the present examination regulations. A written request per subsection (3) is not required.

Note: *These examination regulations entered into force in their present version on 13 March 2026.*

Annex

Recommended full-time study and examination plan for International Business Administration B.A.

Code No (Kennnummer)	Module	SW (SWS)	Type (Veranstaltungsart)						TE (Prüf)	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7	CP (CP)
			L (V)	SL (SL)	S (S)	Ex (Ü)	Pro (Pro)										
8911	Fundamentals of Business Administration	4	2				2	E	4								5
8912	Economics	4	2				2	E	4								5
8913	Financial Accounting	4	2				2	E	4								5
8914	International Business Law	4	4					E	4								5
8915	Business Mathematics	4	2				2	E	4								5
8916	Scientific Working AM	4		4				C+E	4								5
8921	Operations and Supply Chain Management	4	2				2	E		4							5
8922	Marketing	4	2				2	E		4							5
8923	Management Accounting	4	2				2	E		4							5
8924	International Economics	4	2				2	E		4							5
8925	Project Management	4	2				2	C		4							5
8926	Statistics	4	2				2	E		4							5
8931	Human Resource Management	4	2				2	E			4						5
8932	Strategic and Corporate Management	4	2				2	E			4						5
8933	Fundamentals of Corporate Social Responsibility	4	4					E			4						5
8934	Economic and Social Policies	4	2				2	E			4						5
8935	Entrepreneurship and Business Planning	4	2				2	E			4						5
8936	Research Methods in Management	4	2				2	E			4						5
8941	Corporate Finance and Investment	4	2				2	E				4					5
8942	Communication and Cooperation	4		4				E				4					5
8943	Innovation Management	4	2				2	E				4					5
8980 – 8994	Elective courses I	12	4	4			4	E					4				15
8951	Digital Management	4	2				2	E						4			5
8009	Interdisciplinary Project	6						6	E					6			10
8980 – 8994	Elective courses II	12	4	4			4	E					12				15
8961	Internship or semester abroad	0						C							0		30
8971	Bachelor Workshop 1: Advanced Structuring and Writing Skills AM	4					4	C								4	5
8972	Bachelor Workshop 2: Data Analysis and Presentation AM	4					4	C								4	5
8973	Bachelor Workshop 3: Advanced Seminar	4					4	C								4	5
8901	Bachelor Thesis	0						E								0	12
8902	Colloquium	0						E								0	3
		Total	130	52	16	12	44	6		24	24	24	24	22	0	12	210

AM = attendance mandatory

Code No (Kennnummer)	Elective Courses (Wahlpflichtkurse) *1)	SW	Type	TE	CP
8980	Trend Research and Strategy Formulation	4	L+Ex	E	5
8981	Advanced Finance and Accounting	4	L+Ex	E	5
8982	Marketing Communications	4	L+Ex	E	5
8983	Corporate Governance and Applied Finance and Accounting	4	SL	E	5
8984	Paradigms in Economics	4	L+Ex	E	5
8985	Political Economy of European Integration	4	SL	E	5
8986	Consumer Psychology	4	L+Ex	E	5
8987	Business Ethics	4	L+Ex	E	5
8988	Advanced Statistics	4	L+Ex	E	5
8989	Culture and Diversity	4	L+Ex	E	5
8990	Human Resource Development	4	L+Ex	E	5
8991	Advanced Corporate Social Responsibility	4	L+Ex	E	5
8992	Digital Technology and Data Analytics Marketing	4	L+Ex	E	5
8993	Design Thinking AM	4	L+Ex	C+E	5
8994	International Relations	4	L+Ex	E	5
8995	Language Course (other than English)	4	L+Ex	E	5

List of abbreviations	
SW	Semester hours per week (Semesterwochenstunden)
L	Lecture (Vorlesung)
SL	Seminaristic lecture (Seminaristische Lehrveranstaltung)
S	Seminar (Seminar)
Ex	Exercise (Übung)
Pro	Project (Projekt)
TE	Type of examination (Prüfungsform)
CP	Credit Points
WS	Winter semester (Wintersemester)
SS	Summer semester (Sommersemester)
E	Examination (Prüfung)
C	Certificate (Testat)