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# Examination Regulations

for

## Agribusiness, B.A.

Faculty of Life Sciences

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## **Section 1**

### **Scope**

These examination regulations apply to the degree programme Agribusiness, B.A., which is offered in English by the Faculty of Life Sciences 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 standard seven-semester mode of study (full-time) as well as the nine-semester, part-time mode of study for working professionals.

## **Section 2**

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

(1) The bachelor's examination (*Bachelorprüfung*) forms the basis for the professionally qualifying nature of this bachelor's degree. The academic aims and objectives of this degree programme are outlined in Section 3 RPO. This degree programme aims to empower students to apply agricultural, agro-economic, social scientific and natural scientific methodologies as well as develop practical and feasible solutions that are not restricted to traditional disciplinary boundaries. 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 failed the final attempt at a mandatory examination in a previous degree programme that was very similar content-wise to this degree programme and offered by a university subject to German Basic Law.

(3) Section 4 (5a) RPO governs English language proficiency requirements.

(4) Applicants may request an exemption from the proof of proficiency requirement defined in subsection (3). These requests are justified, for example, for persons applying on the basis of a professionally-qualifying undergraduate degree that was taught in English and in a majority English-speaking country as defined in Annex 1. The Examination Board will decide on these requests.

## **Section 4**

### **Basic internship**

Proof of completion of a basic internship within the meaning of Section 4 (3) RPO is not required.

## **Section 5**

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

- (1) The total volume of instruction for this degree programme is 128 contact hours per week (CH, or SWS in German).
- (2) Curricular excursions, language courses, practical training courses or tutorials have mandatory attendance. Courses with mandatory attendance are marked with an asterisk (\*) in the study and examination plan for the degree programme.
- (2a) Mandatory attendance per subsection 2 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 nursing leave), the responsible instructor can decide, upon request, if and how the student can make up for the period of absence. Section 16 (4) RPO applies with regard to compensatory arrangements.
- (3) In accordance with the European Credit Transfer Accumulation System (ECTS), one credit point (CP) in this degree programme is equivalent to a workload of 30 hours. The modules of this degree programme comprise a total sum of 210 CP in accordance with Section 6 (5) RPO.
- (4) Intentionally omitted.
- (5) The part-time version of this degree programme allows working professionals to pursue a degree alongside their career. The standard period of study for the part-time degree programme is nine semesters.
- (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. Additional information about learning outcomes, qualification aims, contents and forms of examination is available in the module guide, which is available for viewing in the faculty's central office.
- (7) Examinations are completed over the course of study. Registration for examinations requires proof of completion of any prerequisites, in particular module examinations, insofar as these are defined in the annex as prerequisites in order to complete a specific module and/or register for lectures in a specific module.
- (8) In addition to the general prerequisites for admission to the internship or semester abroad (Section 21 (2) RPO), students in this degree programme must have successfully completed all modules and module examinations in the first year of study.

## **Section 6**

### **Scope of examinations**

- (1) The time allotted for a written examination depends on the number of contact hours (SWS) for the corresponding lecture. As a rule, 60 minutes are allotted for every two contact hours (SWS).
- (2) An oral examination generally takes between 30 and 45 minutes.
- (3) The text portion of an assignment, term paper or project should not exceed 30 pages (DIN A4).

(4) In justified cases and upon request, specific module examinations can be completed in German. Requests must be submitted to the Examination Board no later than when registering for admission to the thesis. The decision will be issued together with the permission to attend the exam in question.

### **Section 7**

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

(1) The text portion of the thesis should generally be between 40 and 100 pages (DIN A4) 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.

(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) thanks to clear and distinct separation by sections, page numbers or other criteria.

(3) Contrary to Section 25 (2) RPO, the allotted period for completing the thesis for part-time students is six months.

(4) In justified cases and upon request, the thesis can be submitted in German. Requests must be submitted to the Examination Board no later than when registering for admission to the thesis. The decision will be issued together with the permission to begin the thesis.

### **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 obtained at least 180 credits.

(2) In addition to the colloquium admission requirements set forth in Section 27 (2) RPO, students must have obtained 207 CP.

### **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 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 / transitional provisions**

(1) These examination regulations will enter into force on the day after publication of the German-language original in the Official Notices of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. They apply to students who first enrolled in Agribusiness B.A. At the Faculty of Life Sciences of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in or after winter semester 2019-20.

(2) Students who first enrolled in Agribusiness B.A. before winter semester 2019-20 may continue their studies under the examination regulations dated 9 July 2014 (Official Notices 26/2014) until no later than 28 February 2026. Accordingly, the examination regulations from 9 July 2014 (Official Notice 26/2014) will expire on 1 March 2026.

(3) Alternatively, students currently studying under the examination regulations dated 9 July 2014 (Official Notice 26/2014) may submit a written request to the Examination Board 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 dated 9 July 2014, any students still studying thereunder will officially and automatically continue their studies under the present examination regulations.

*Note: These examination regulations entered into force in their present version on 21 February 2026.*

## **Annex 1**

### **Countries defined as “English-speaking”**

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Canada
- New Zealand
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

## Recommended study and examination plan for Agribusiness, B.A. (full-time)

Module Code	Modules	Module Requirements	CH	Type						Exam graded	Exam attestation	ECTS points*	CH								
				L	S	E	LC	Pro	WT 1				ST 2	WT 3	ST 4	WT 5	ST 6	WT 7			
AB 1 4001	Marketing		4	2		2			P		5	4									
AB 1 4002	Sustainable Learning - Learning Sustainability		3	1	1	1			P		5	3									
AB 1 4003	Agronomy I and Animal Husbandry		5	2	1		2		P	T	5	5						*			
AB 1 4004	Principles of Economics		4	1	1	2			P		5	4									
AB 1 4005	Analysis and Interpretation of Data I		4	2		2			P		5	4									
AB 1 4018	Extension and Communication		4	2	1	1			P	T	5	4						*			
AB 2 4021	Strategy and Management		4	1	2	1			P	T	5		4					*			
AB 2 4022	Agronomy II and Horticulture		5	2	1		2		P	T	5		5					*			
AB 2 4023	Financial Accounting		4	1	1	2			P		5		4								
AB 2 4024	Rural Development and Sustainable Behaviour		4	1	2	1			P	T	5		4					*			
AB 2 4025	Agricultural Economics and Farm Management		4	1	1	2			P		5		4								
AB 2 4026	Supply Chain Management		4	1	1	2			P		5		4								
AB 3 4041	International Markets, Trade and Agricultural Policy		4	1	3				P	T	5			4				*			
AB 3 4042	Quality of Plant and Animal Products		4	2		2			P		5			4							
AB 3 4043	Environmental, Agricultural and Food Law		4	2	2				P		5			4							
AB 3 4044	Natural Resource and Environmental Economics		4	1	1	2			P		5			4							
AB 3 4045	Analysis and Interpretation of Data II		4	2		2			P		5			4							
AB 3 4046	Management Accounting		4	1	1	2			P		5			4							
AB 4 4072	Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management		4	2	1	1			P		5				4						
AB 4 4073	Market Research		4	1	1	2			P		5				4						
AB 4 4074	Project		4					4		T	5				4						
AB 4 4083	Sustainable Land Use Systems		4	2	1	1			P		5				4						
	Elective Modules		24						P		30				8	8		8			
AB 5 4121	Ethics in Life Sciences		3	1	2				P		5					3					
AB 5 4122	Sustainability and Agri-food Chains		4	1		1		2	P		5					4					
AB 5 4123	Food Processing and Human Nutrition		4	2			2		P	T	5					4		*			
AB 5 4124	Integrated Management Systems		4	1	1	2			P		5					4					
AB 6 4191	Internship or Study Abroad	min. 90 ECTS points**								T	30						X				
AB 7 4193	Bachelor Thesis	min. 180 ECTS points							P		12							X			
AB 7 4194	Colloquium	207 ECTS points							P		3							X			
AB 7 4195	Applied Excursions									T	5				X						
<b>total credit hours</b>			<b>128</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>210</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>			
											<b>ECTS points</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>
													<b>150</b>						<b>210</b>		

total	1.Sem	2.Sem	3.Sem	4.Sem	5.Sem	6.Sem	7.Sem
CH	128	24	25	24	24	23	8
ECTS points	210	30	30	30	30	30	30

### Abbreviations:

CH = credit hours per week  
 E = exercise  
 ECTS points = European Credit Transfer System of Credit Points  
 L = Lecture  
 LC = lab course  
 P = examination (graded)  
 Pro = project  
 S = seminar  
 ST = summer term  
 T = attestation (passed)  
 WT = winter term

\* ECTS points are only credited after all module parts have been successfully completed.

\*\* In addition to the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's Degree Programmes regarding the admission to the internship or study abroad the student has to show the successful completion of all modules/module examinations of the first study year of the study programme.

## Elective subjects

Module Code	Elective modules	Module Requirements	CH	Type					Exam graded	attestation	ECTS points*	CH		
				L	S	E	LC	Pro				ST	WT	
AB 4 4091	Human Resource Management		4	2		2			P		5	4		
AB 4 4094	Macroeconomics and Policy		4	2	2				P		5	4		
AB 4 4095	Research Methods		4	2		2			P		5	4		
AB 4 4118	Tourism and Regional Marketing		4	2	1	1			P		5	4		
AB 4 4119	Corporate Finance in Agribusiness		4	2		2			P		5	4		
AB 4 4811	Biology and Biodiversity		4	2			2		P	T	5	4		*
AB 4 4827	Organic and Biochemistry, Biotechnology		4	2			2		P	T	5	4		*
AB 2 4828	Agricultural Engineering II and Agrotechnology		4	2		2			P		5	4		
AB 4 4837	Basics of Animal Anatomy, Physiology and Nutrition		4	2	1		1		P	T	5	4		*
AB 4 4876	Horticulture and Agroforestry		5	3			2		P	T	5	5		*
AB 5 4141	Commercial Law		4	2	2				P		5		4	
AB 5 4142	Business Management		4	2	1	1			P		5		4	
AB 5 4144	Current Sustainability Issues in Agribusiness		4	2	2				P		5		4	
AB 5 4169	Interactive Agribusiness Project		4	1	1	2			P		5		4	
AB 5 4807	Basics of Biology and Agroecology		5	2	1		2		P	T	5		5	*
AB 5 4808	Agricultural Engineering I and Energy Use in Agriculture		4	2		2			P		5		4	
AB 5 4809	Agricultural Chemistry		4	2			2		P	T	5		4	*
AB 5 4810	Soil Science		6	3		1	2		P	T	5	4	2	*
AB 5 4847	Climate Change and Water Management		4	4					P		5		4	
AB 3 4848	Crop Physiology and Nutrition		5	3			2		P	T	5		5	*
AB 5 4862	Crop Health and Agrobiodiversity		4	2		2			P		5		4	
AB 5 4925	Animal Welfare		4	2		2			P		5		4	
AB 7 4171	Project reg. Academic Principles and Methods in preparation of Bachelor Thesis		8							T	10		8	
AB 7 550	Language Course		4							T	5		4	***
AB 7 4192	Academic Methods and Principles		4		2	2				T	5		4	
AB 4 WPF_1	Module from any other Bachelor Study Course at Faculty of Life Sciences at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5	4		***
AB 5 WPF_2	Module from any other Bachelor Study Course at Faculty of Life Sciences at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5		4	***
AB 7 WPF_3	Module from any Bachelor study Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5		4	***
AB 7 WPF_4	Module from any bachelor study Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5		4	***
<b>5-6 elective modules amount to</b>			<b>24</b>								<b>30</b>			

The faculty reserves the right to determine a minimum number of participants for offering an elective subject. Admission to mandatory modules is subject to available capacity. The possibility to obtain the required number of credit points remains unaffected.

In case of new developments in the different fields of Agribusiness, the faculty reserves the right to expand the range of elective modules by further study courses over the time.

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Elective modules 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1		CH	Ex	ECTS points
AB 4 4091	Focus Field Business Management I Schwerpunkt Unternehmensführung I	4	P	5
AB 4 4092	Focus Field Sustainable Development I Schwerpunkt Nachhaltige Entwicklung I	4	P	5
AB 4 4093	Focus Field Business Economics I Schwerpunkt Betriebswirtschaftslehre I	4	P	5
AB 4 4094	Focus Field Macroeconomics and Policy Schwerpunkt Makroökonomie und Politik	4	P	5
AB 4 4095	Focus Field Research Methods Schwerpunkt Forschungsmethoden	4	P	5
AB 4 4096	Area of Specialization Sustainable Agriculture I Vertiefungsbereich Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft I	4	P	5
AB 4 WPF_1	Module from any other Bachelor Study Course at Faculty of Life Sciences at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot Fakultät Life Sciences Bachelorstudiengänge	4	P	5
<b>2 elective modules amount to</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>10</b>

In order to take this area of specialization a module from the following module catalog must be selected.  
Für die Belegung des Vertiefungsbereichs muss ein Modul aus dem dem folgenden Modulkatalog gewählt werden.

SA 1 4810	Soil science and tillage Bodenwissenschaften und Bodenbearbeitung
SA 2 4811	Biology and Biodiversity Biologie und Biodiversität
SA 2 4829	Basics of Animal Sciences Grundlagen der Nutztierwissenschaften
SA 4 4876	Horticulture and Agroforestry Gartenbau und Agroforst

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Elective modules 2 Wahlpflichtkatalog 2		CH	Ex	ECTS points
AB 5 4141	Focus Field Law Schwerpunkt Recht	4	P	5
AB 5 4142	Focus Field Business Management II Schwerpunkt Unternehmensführung II	4	P	5
AB 5 4143	Focus Field Business Economics II Schwerpunkt Betriebswirtschaftslehre II	4	P	5
AB 5 4144	Focus Field Sustainable Development II Schwerpunkt Nachhaltige Entwicklung II	4	P	5
AB 5 4145	Area of Specialization Sustainable Agriculture II Vertiefungsbereich Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft II	4	P	5
AB 5 WPF_2	Module from any other Bachelor Study Course at Faculty of Life Sciences at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot Fakultät Life Sciences Bachelorstudiengänge	4	P	5
<b>2 elective modules amount to</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>10</b>

In order to take this area of specialization a module from the following module catalog must be selected.  
Für die Belegung des Vertiefungsbereichs muss ein Modul aus dem dem folgenden Modulkatalog gewählt werden.

SA 1 4807	Basics of Biology and Agroecology I Grundlagen der Biologie und Agroökologie I
SA 1 4808	Agricultural Engineering I and Energy Use in Agriculture Agrartechnik I und Energienutzung in der Landwirtschaft
SA 1 4809	Agricultural Chemistry Agrikulturchemie
SA 3 4847	Climate Change and Water Management Klimawandel und Wassermanagement
SA 3 4849	Crop Health I Pflanzengesundheit I

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Elective modules 3 Wahlpflichtkatalog 3		CH	Ex	ECTS points
AB 7 4171	Project reg. Academic Principles and Methods in preparation of Bachelor Thesis Projekt zum Wissenschaftlichen Arbeit in der Vorbereitung der Bachelorarbeit	8	T	10
550	Language Course Sprachkurs	4	T	5
AB 7 WPF_3	Module from catalogue 1 and 2 of study programme Wahlmöglichkeit aus Wahlpflichtkatalog 1 und 2 des Studiengangs	4	P	5
AB 7 WPF_4	Module from any Bachelor Study Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot HRW Bachelorstudiengänge	4	P	5
<b>1-2 elective modules amount to</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>10</b>

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In case of new developments in the different fields of Agribusiness, the faculty reserves the right to expand the range of elective modules by further study courses over the time. // Die Fakultät behält sich vor, das Wahlpflichtangebot im Laufe der Zeit bei neuen Entwicklungen in verschiedenen Feldern des Agribusiness durch weitere Fächer zu erweitern.

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AB 5 WPF_2	Module from any other Bachelor Study Course at Faculty of Life Sciences at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5		4***	
AB 7 WPF_3	Module from any Bachelor Study Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5		4***	
AB 7 WPF_4	Module from any Bachelor Study Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences		4						P		5		4***	
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