

Examination Regulations

for

Agribusiness B.A.

at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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Section 1

Scope of application

These examination regulations shall apply to the English-taught bachelor's degree programme Agribusiness of the Faculty of Life Sciences of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, in conjunction with the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's Programmes [Rahmenprüfungsordnung; hereinafter "RPO"] of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. These examination regulations govern the standard seven-semester mode of study (full-time study), the nine-semester dual-vocational mode of study (dual study), and the nine-semester part-time mode of study for working professionals [berufsbegleitendes Studium].

Section 2

Aims and objectives; purpose of examination; degree awarded

(1) The bachelor's examination concludes the degree programme and constitutes a first academic and scientific qualification towards a career. The general aims and objectives for bachelor's programmes are outlined in Section 3 RPO. This degree programme is designed to produce graduates who can apply complex methods from numerous fields – in particular agriculture, agroeconomics, economics, social science and natural science – and who can use these methods to develop practical, interdisciplinary solutions. A strong command of the English language is key to achieving success in this degree programme, as it provides the essential basis for this programme's continuous goal of broadening and deepening students' technical language and communication skills.

(2) The academic degree "Bachelor of Arts", abbreviated as "B.A.", shall be awarded for successfully completing the bachelor's examination.

Section 3

Entry requirements

(1) The general entry requirements for bachelor's degree programmes are outlined in Section 4 RPO.

(2) A "related or comparable programme of study" within the meaning of Section 4 (6) RPO is defined as any undergraduate (bachelor's or German 'Diplom') degree programme at a university or university of applied sciences in Germany if that programme's content predominately falls under the umbrella of agricultural science and economics.

(3) Sufficient proficiency in English can be demonstrated by submitting a valid and recognised language certificate equivalent to CEFR level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Generally, the following language tests and scores are accepted as valid proof:

- IELTS: 6.0 or better
- TOEFL (iBT): minimum 80
- TOEFL (PBT): minimum 550
- TOEFL (CBT): minimum 213

(4) Exempted from this language certificate requirement are applicants who have acquired English language abilities equivalent to level B2 over the course of earning their university entrance qualification [Hochschulreife] at a secondary school in Germany. This is considered the case when an applicant has successfully completed at least seven years of English at a German secondary school and earned a final cumulative mark of at least “sufficient” (4.0 or better) for the subject.

Section 4 Preparatory internship

Students in this degree programme are required to complete an eight-week preparatory internship (within the meaning of Section 4 (3) RPO) at an extramural company, public authority, organisation (for-profit or nonprofit) or other institution and in a context relevant to the curriculum. The internship should familiarise the student with questions and matters relating to agricultural science and engineering, as well as business administration and organisation. The internship can also extend to manufacturing/production, the service sector or the commercial/trade sector.

Section 5 Programme structure; volume of studies; progression of studies

(1) This degree programme has a total volume of study of 121 credit hours [Semesterwochenstunden – SWS].

(2) In accordance with the framework outlined in Section 6 (5) RPO, the modules of this programme comprise a total sum of 210 credit points (hereinafter “CP”).

(3) Before commencing the dual study programme, a vocational training period of 14.5 months must be completed through a company and a vocational school in Germany. The dual study programme begins after this period. In the initial phase of study, the student attends lectures at the University full-time. A second vocational training period then commences in the third semester and eventually concludes with a vocational qualification examination. Both the vocational training position and the company providing the training must have a clear thematic relevance to the course of study. The Faculty of Life Sciences shall be responsible for assessing the relevance of a proposed training position or company. The vocational training portion of the dual study programme generally concludes by the start of the fifth semester with a comprehensive examination, in German, conducted by the respective German Chamber of Agriculture. The student studies part-time in the fourth and fifth semesters, attending four days of lectures at the University and one day at the vocational school per week. In the sixth semester the student is required to complete a work placement or an exchange semester at a university abroad. Contrary to Section 5 (1) sentence 2 RPO, the dual mode of study for Agribusiness has a standard duration of seven semesters.

(4) The part-time mode of study [berufsbegleitendes Studium] allows working individuals to continue their profession while studying on a part-time basis. In this mode of study, the regular content of the first two semesters is taught over the course of four semesters instead. During this time, the part-time student’s work week is divided into two days of study at the University and three days at their place of employment.

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(5) Additional information about the structure and progression of the programme, as well as about the type, form and scope of modules, can be found in the study and examination schedule in the annex of these examination regulations. For details about a module's qualification aims, content and most commonly offered mode of examination, please refer to the descriptions in the module guide, which is available in the dean's office for all students and staff to review.

Section 6

Scope of examinations

- (1) The time allotted to students for a written examination is based on the CP value of the respective course unit(s). As a general rule, 60 minutes shall be allotted for every two CP.
- (2) An oral examination generally lasts at least 30 minutes, but no more than 45 minutes.
- (3) The text portion of an assignment, term paper or project should not exceed 30 DIN A4 pages in length (not including annexes).

Section 7

Scope and form of the bachelor's thesis

- (1) As a rule, the text portion of the bachelor's thesis should be between 40 and 100 DIN A4 pages in length (not including annexes). The thesis may also be supplemented with other media, provided they are appropriate and helpful for the documentation of the thesis in accordance with the assigned task. In this case the text portion of the thesis (not including annexes) may have less pages than the minimum requirement defined in sentence 1.
- (2) The bachelor's thesis can also be admitted as group work if each student's individual contribution fulfils the requirements in Section 23 (1) RPO and is clearly distinguishable and thus assessable due to clear delimitation by section, page numbers or other criteria that ensure distinct identification of each student's separate contribution.

Section 8

Admission to the bachelor's thesis and colloquium

- (1) In conjunction with the general prerequisites for admission to the bachelor's thesis (Section 24 (1) RPO), students must show that they have acquired 175 CP.
- (2) In conjunction with the general prerequisites for admission to the colloquium (Section 27 (2) RPO), candidates must show that they have acquired 202 CP.

Section 9

Credit points for the bachelor's thesis and colloquium

- (1) Twelve CP shall be awarded for successfully passing the bachelor's thesis.
- (2) Eight CP shall be awarded for successfully passing the colloquium.

Section 10
Conferment of the bachelor's degree

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

Section 11
Entry into force

(1) These examination regulations shall enter into force on the day after their publication in the Official Notices [Amtliche Bekanntmachungen] of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. These regulations apply to all students who first enrolled in the Agribusiness B.A. programme of the Faculty of Life Sciences of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in or after winter semester 2014-2015.

(2) Students who first enrolled in the Agribusiness B.A. programme before winter semester 2014-2015 are permitted to continue studying under the previous examination regulations from 22 January 2013 (published in the Official Notices on 02/2013), but must graduate before 28 February 2019.

(3) By written request submitted to the Examination Office, students who are currently studying under the previous examination regulations from 22 January 2013 may opt instead to study under these updated examination regulations. In this case, the examination board shall be responsible for decisions on the transfer and recognition of credit points earned under the previous examination regulations.

Annex

Recommended study and examination schedule for Agribusiness B.A.

Version from 13 June 2014

Curriculum Agribusiness, B.A. // Agribusiness, B.A.																
Module No. // Modul-Nr.	Module /Subjects	CH SWS	Type					Ex/Prü	CP	CH / SWS					SS ST 6	WS WT 7
			L/V	S	E/Ü	LC/Pr	Pro			WS / WT 1	SS / WT 2	WS / WT 3	SS / ST 4	WS / WT 5		
AB_1	Sustainable Learning - Learning Sustainability Nachhaltiges Lernen - Nachhaltigkeit lernen	4	2		2			T	5	4						
AB_2	Sales and Marketing in Agribusiness Vertrieb und Marketing im Agribusiness	4	2	2				P	5	4						
AB_3	Basics of Agricultural Production Systems Grundlagen landwirtschaftlicher Produktionssysteme	5	3			2		P	5	5						
AB_4	Economics and Logistics Ökonomie und Logistik	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_5	Analysis and Interpretation of Data Analyse und Interpretation von Daten	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_6	Strategy and Management Strategie und Management	4	2	2				P	5	4						
AB_7	Basics of Horticulture Grundlagen des Gartenbaus	5	3			2		P	5	5						
AB_8	Business Economics Betriebswirtschaftslehre	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_9	Rural Development Ländliche Entwicklung	4	2	2				P	5	4						
AB_10	Accounting, Book Keeping and Taxation Rechnungswesen, Buchhaltung und Steuerlehre	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_11	Project Projekt	4		1			3	P	5	4						
AB_12	International Markets, Trade and Agricultural Policy Internationale Märkte, Handel und Agrarpolitik	4	3	1				P	5	4						
AB_13	Quality Management of Food and Flowers Qualitätsmanagement für Lebensmittel und Blumen	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_14	Environmental, Agricultural and Food Law Umwelt-, Agrar- und Lebensmittelrecht	4	2	2				P	5	4						
AB_15	Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences Ethik und Philosophie in den Lebenswissenschaften	3	1	2				P	5	3						
AB_16	Current Issues in Agribusiness Aktuelle Themen im Agribusiness	4		4				P	5	4						
AB_17	Management Accounting Controlling	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_18	Interpersonal and Intercultural Communication Interpersonelle und interkulturelle Kommunikation	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_19	Agricultural Extension and Consulting Landwirtschaftliche und Unternehmensberatung	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_20	Social and Labour Policy Arbeits- und Sozialpolitik	4	2	2				P	5	4						
AB_21	Supply Chain Management and Logistics Versorgungskettenmanagement und Logistik	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_22	Market Research and Marketing Marktforschung und Marketing	4	2		2			P	5	4						
AB_23	Elective Modules 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1	6	6					P	9	6						
AB_24	Human Resource Management Personalmanagement	4	2	2				P	5	4						4
AB_25	Food Processing and Human Nutrition Lebensmittelverarbeitung und Ernährung	4	2		2			P	4	4						4
AB_26	Resource Economics and Risk Assessment Ressourcenökonomie und Risikobewertung	4	2		2			P	5	4						4
AB_27	Analysis of International and Regional Supply Chains Analyse internationaler und regionaler Wertschöpfungsketten	4					4	P	5	4						4
AB_28	Integrated and Sustainable Management Systems Integrierte und nachhaltige Managementsysteme	4	2	2				P	5	4						4
AB_29	Elective Modules 2 Wahlpflichtkatalog 2	6	6					P	9	6						6
total credit hours // Semesterwochenstunden		121	62	22	24	6	7			21	25	27	22	26		
									Credit points					30	28	
									152					58		
									210							

AB_30: Internship or Study abroad (30 CP) // Auslandsstudiensemester oder Praxissemester (30 CP)
AB_31: Project with excursion // Projekt mit Exkursion (8 CP); AB_32: Bachelor Thesis // Bachelorarbeit (12 CP); AB_33: Colloquium // Kolloquium (8 CP)

Abbreviations: // Abkürzungen
 CH = credit hours per week // SWS = Semesterwochenstunden
 WS = winter term // Wintersemester
 SS = summer term // Sommersemester
 Ex/Prü = type of examination // Prüfungsart
 CP = credit points (= ECTS-points)
 L/V = Lecture // Vorlesung
 S = seminar // Seminar
 E/Ü = exercise // Übung
 LC/Pr = lab course // Praktikum
 Pro = project // Projekt
 T = certificate // Testat (unbenotet)
 P = examination (graded) // benotete Prüfung

	total	1.Sem	2.Sem	3.Sem	4.Sem	5.Sem	6.Sem	7.Sem
CH	121	21	25	27	22	26		
CP	210	25	30	35	29	33	30	28

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Elective Catalogue*

Elective modules 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1		CH	CP	Ex
AB_23.1	Conflict Management and Moderation Konfliktmanagement und Moderation	2	3	P
AB_23.2	Advanced Logistics in Agribusiness Fortgeschrittene Logistik im Agribusiness	2	3	P
AB_23.3	Innovations in Agricultural Products, Food and Flowers Innovationen in landwirtschaftlichen, gartenbaulichen und Zierpflanzenprodukten	2	3	P
AB_23.4	Traceability of Agricultural Products Rückverfolgbarkeit landwirtschaftlicher Produkte	2	3	P
AB_23.5	Methods of Qualitative Social Research Methoden der qualitativen Sozialforschung	2	3	P
AB_23.6	Corporate Finance I Unternehmensfinanzierung I	2	3	P
AB_23.7	Module from any other Bachelor Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot HRW (Bachelorstudiengänge)	2	3	P
AB_23.8	Module from any other Bachelor Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot HRW (Bachelorstudiengänge)	2	3	P
3 elective modules amount to		6	9	

Ökonomie/ Recht Economics / Law
Agrarwissenschaft Agricultural Sciences
Sozialwissenschaften Social Sciences

Elective modules 2 Wahlpflichtkatalog 2		CH	CP	Ex
AB_29.1	Alternative Tourism Alternativer Tourismus	2	3	P
AB_29.2	Company Law Gesellschaftsrecht	2	3	P
AB_29.3	Corporate Finance II Unternehmensfinanzierung II	2	3	P
AB_29.4	Regional Marketing Regionalmarketing	2	3	P
AB_29.5	Entrepreneurship Existenzgründung	2	3	P
AB_29.6	Agribusiness Project Agribusinessprojekt	2	3	P
AB_29.7	Module from any other Bachelor Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot HRW (Bachelorstudiengänge)	2	3	P
AB_29.8	Module from any other Bachelor Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit Angebot HRW (Bachelorstudiengänge)	2	3	P
3 elective modules amount to		6	9	

Die Fakultät behält sich das Recht vor, eine Mindestteilnehmerzahl für das Zustandekommen eines Wahlpflichtkurses festzulegen. Die Möglichkeit des Erreichens der vorgeschriebenen Kreditpunktzahl bleibt unberührt. / The faculty reserves the right to determine a minimum number of participants for offering an elective subject. The possibility to obtain the required number of credit points remains unaffected.

Die Fakultät behält sich vor, das Wahlpflichtangebot im Laufe der Zeit bei neuen Entwicklungen in verschiedenen Feldern des Agribusiness durch weitere Fächer zu erweitern. / The faculty reserves the right to offer additional elective subjects according to new developments in the various fields of agribusiness.

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