

Examination Regulations

for

International Business and Social Sciences B.A.

at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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In accordance with Section 2 (4) sentence 1 and Section 64 (1) of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia [Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW], in the amended form produced by the Greater Liberty for Higher Education Institutions Act [Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz] of 31 October 2006 (Law and Regulations Gazette of NRW – GV.NRW. 2006, p. 474), last amended by Article 6 of the Recognition Act of North Rhine-Westphalia of 28 May 2013 (GV.NRW. 2013, p. 272) and by the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's Programmes (RPO) of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences of 22 October 2012 (published in the Official Notices 11/2012 on 29 October 2012), the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Communication and Environment of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences has issued the following examination regulations:

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Section 1

Scope of application

These examination regulations shall apply to the English-taught bachelor's degree programme International Business and Social Sciences of the Faculty of Communication and Environment 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, constitutes a first academic and scientific qualification towards a career, and entitles the holder to continue their studies in a master's degree programme. The aims and objectives for this bachelor's programme are outlined in Section 3 RPO. 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 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 proficiency 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 or other organisation and in a context relevant to the curriculum. The internship should familiarise the student with questions and matters relating economics and social sciences. Section 4 (3) to (5) RPO shall apply correspondingly to the preparatory internship requirement.

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

(1) This degree programme has a total volume of study of 130 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) All modules and examinations shall be conducted in English. An exception to this rule applies to elective modules, for on a case-by-case basis and with the consent of the Examination Board, students enrolled in International Business and Social Sciences B.A. may be permitted to complete German-taught elective modules from other degree programmes of the University.

(4) An integral part of the dual study programme is on-the-job vocational training that occurs over the first four semesters of study and is subject to contractual agreement between the student and the company providing the training. Both the vocational training position and the company must have a clear relevance to this field of study. The Faculty of Communication and Environment shall be responsible for assessing the relevance of a proposed dual study contract. In the ‘dual phase’ of study, the regular content of the first two semesters is taught over the course of four semesters instead. During this phase, the dual study student spends two weekdays studying at the university and three weekdays receiving vocational training at the company. The dual phase concludes with a comprehensive examination, in German, conducted by the respective German Chamber of Industry and Commerce before the start of the fifth semester.

(5) The part-time mode of study [berufsbegleitendes Studium] allows working individuals to continue their profession while studying on a part-time basis. Students who enrol with this mode of study are able to follow the dual study progression. In other words, 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. After these first four semesters of study, the part-time student becomes responsible for organising the remaining study requirements around his/her work schedule.

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(6) 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 modes 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) and generally will not exceed 120 minutes. If a module uses a combination of examination types within the meaning of Section 14 (3) RPO, then the allotted time shall be reduced accordingly.

(3) An oral examination generally lasts at least 15 minutes, but no more than 30 minutes per student.

(4) 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 thesis should be between 40 and 60 DIN A4 pages in length (not including annexes). The thesis may also be supplemented with other media, provided they are appropriate and helpful for documenting the thesis contents 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 thesis can also be permitted in the form of 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 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 207 CP.

Section 9
Credit points for the bachelor's thesis and colloquium

- (1) Twelve CP shall be awarded for successfully passing the thesis.
- (2) Three 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

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.

Issued on the basis of a resolution from 19 June 2013 put forth by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Communication and Environment of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

Kleve, 26 August 2013

Professor Dr Marie-Louise Klotz

President of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

Recommended study and examination schedule for International Business and Social Sciences B.A. (full-time)

Version from 19 June 2013

Code No (Kennnummer)	Module	SW (SWS)	Type (Veranstaltungsart)						TE (Prü)	CP (CP)	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7
			L (V)	SL (SL)	S (S)	Ex (Ü)	PT (Pra)	Pro (Pro)									
IBSS_1.01	Fundamentals of Business Administration (Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaft)	4	2			2			E (P)	5	4						
IBSS_1.02	Economics (Volkswirtschaftslehre)	4	2			2			E (P)	5	4						
IBSS_1.03	Accounting (Rechnungswesen)	4	2			2			E (P)	5	4						
IBSS_1.04	Basics of International Business Law (Grundlagen des internationalen Wirtschaftsrechts)	4	2			2			E (P)	5	4						
IBSS_1.05	Mathematics (Mathematik)	4	2			2			E (P)	5	4						
IBSS_1.06	Introduction to Scientific Working (Einführung in das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten)	4		4					C (T)	5	4						
IBSS_2.01	Production (Produktion)	4	2			2			E (P)	5		4					
IBSS_2.02	Marketing (Marketing)	4	2			2			E (P)	5		4					
IBSS_2.03	Controlling (Controlling)	4	2			2			E (P)	5		4					
IBSS_2.04	International Economic Development (Internationale Wirtschaftsentwicklung)	4	2			2			E (P)	5		4					
IBSS_2.05	Project Management and Intercultural Competence (Projektmanagement und interkulturelle Kompetenz)	4	2			2			C (T)	5		4					
IBSS_2.06	Business Information Systems (Betriebliche Informationssysteme)	4		4					C (T)	5		4					
IBSS_3.01	Human Resource Management (Personalmanagement)	4	4						E (P)	5			4				
IBSS_3.02	Strategic Management and Business Planning (Strategisches Management und Businessplanung)	4	2			2			E (P)	5			4				
IBSS_3.03	Procurement and Logistics (Beschaffung und Logistik)	4	4						E (P)	5			4				
IBSS_3.04	Social and Labor Policy (Sozial- und Arbeitspolitik)	4	4						E (P)	5			4				
IBSS_3.05	Statistics (Statistik)	4	2			2			E (P)	5			4				
IBSS_3.06	Communication and Cooperation (Kommunikation und Kooperation)	4		4					C (T)	5			4				
IBSS_4.01	Corporate and Investment Finance (Finanzierung und Investition)	4	2			2			E (P)	5				4			
IBSS_4.02	International Relations (Internationale Beziehungen)	4	2			2			E (P)	5				4			
IBSS_4.03	Culture and Diversity (Kultur und Vielfalt)	4	2			2			E (P)	5				4			
IBSS_4.04	Project (Projekt)	4						4	C (T)	5				4			
IBSS_5.01	Quality and Risk (Qualitäts- und Risikomanagement)	4	2			2			E (P)	5					4		
IBSS_5.02	Corporate Aspects of International Business Law (Internationales Unternehmensrecht)	4	2			2			E (P)	5					4		
IBSS_5.03	Interdisciplinary Project (Interdisziplinäres Projekt)	6						6	E (P)	10					6		
	Elective courses*	16								20				8	8		
	Semester hours per week (total)	118								150	24	24	24	24	22	30	30

IBSS_6.01 Internship or semester abroad (30 CP; TE: C (T))
(Praxis- oder Auslandssemester)IBSS_7.01 Workshop 1: Research Methods (Forschungsmethoden) (4 SW; 5 CP; type: S; TE: C (T))
IBSS_7.02 Workshop 2: Scientific Writing (Wissenschaftliches Schreiben) (4 SW; 5 CP; type: S; TE: C (T))
IBSS_7.03 Workshop 3: Advanced Seminar (Hauptseminar) (4 SW; 5 CP; type: S; TE: C (T))
IBSS_7.04 Bachelor Thesis (Bachelorarbeit) (12 CP) and Colloquium (Kolloquium) (3 CP)

150 CP

118 SW

12 SW

60 CP

210 CP

Allocation	SW	total	130	24	24	24	24	22	-	12
	CP	total	210	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

Elective catalogue*, **

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IBSS_W.01	Trend Research and Strategy Formulation (Trendforschung und Strategieentwicklung)	4	5	E (P)
IBSS_W.02	Advanced Finance and Accounting (Vertiefung Investition und Rechnungswesen)	4	5	E (P)
IBSS_W.03	Marketing Communications (Marketingkommunikation)	4	5	E (P)
IBSS_W.04	Corporate Governance and Current Topics in Finance and Accounting (Corporate Governance und aktuelle Themen der Finanzierung und des Rechnungswesens)	4	5	E (P)
IBSS_W.05	Theories of Political Economy (Theorien der Politischen Ökonomie)	4	5	E (P)
IBSS_W.06	Political Economy of European Integration (Politische Ökonomie der europäischen Integration)	4	5	E (P)

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Pro	Project (Projekt)
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C (T)	Certificate (Testat)

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Recommended study and examination schedule for International Business and Social Sciences B.A. (dual study)

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