

# Examination Regulations

for

## International Relations 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 Society and Economics 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 Relations of the Faculty of Society and Economics 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.

## **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 mantle of political science.

(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 organisation and in a context relevant to the curriculum. The internship should familiarise the student with questions and matters relating to political science and economics.

#### **Section 5**

##### **Programme structure; volume of studies; progression of studies**

(1) This degree programme has a total volume of study of 126 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) Modules and examinations are conducted in the degree programme’s official language of instruction (English).

(4) 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. As a general rule, 20 to 30 minutes shall be allotted for every one CP.

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

(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 60 DIN A4 pages in length (not including annexes). The thesis may also be supplemented with other media as well, provided they are appropriate and helpful tools for documenting the material 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 207 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) 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 and transitional provisions**

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. Students who commenced their studies before said day may complete more than 6 CP worth of elective modules offered by other degree programmes at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, subject to the approval of the Examination Board.

Note: These examination regulations entered into force on 4 September 2013.

## Recommended study and examination schedule for the bachelor's programme International Relations B.A. (full-time)

Version from 28 November 2012

Nr. No.	Module Modules	CH	Typ Type					Ex	CP	Sum	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7
			V	S	U	Pra	Pro										
IR_1	<b>Grundlagen der Internationalen Beziehungen Basics of International Relations</b>																
IR_1.1	Entwicklung politischer Doktrinen und Ideen History of Doctrines and Political Ideas	2	2					P	2	5	2						
IR_1.2	Theorien der Internationalen Beziehungen Theories of International Relations	4	3		1				3		4						
IR_2	<b>Grundlagen der Volkswirtschaftslehre Basics of Economics</b>																
IR_2.1	Mikroökonomie Microeconomics	4	3		1			P	3	5	4						
IR_2.2	Makroökonomie Macroeconomics	2	2						2		2						
IR_3	<b>Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaftslehre und der Sozialwissenschaften Basics of Business Administration and Social Sciences</b>																
IR_3.1	Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaftslehre Basics of Business Administration	2	2					P	3	5	2						
IR_3.2	Grundlagen der Sozialwissenschaften Basics of Social Sciences	2	2						2		2						
IR_4	<b>Deskriptive Statistik Descriptive Statistics</b>	4	2		2			P	5	5	4						
IR_5	<b>Innenpolitik Domestic Policy</b>	4	3		1			P	5	5	4						
IR_6	<b>Konstitution von Staaten Constitution of States</b>																
IR_6.1	Verfassungs- und Verwaltungsrecht Constitutional and Administrative Law	2	2					P	2	5	2						
IR_6.2	Konkurrierende Politische und Wirtschaftssysteme Competing Political and Economic Systems	2	2						3		2						
IR_7	<b>Methodische Grundlagen Basic Methods</b>																
IR_7.1	Projekt- und Kampagnenmanagement Project and Campaign Management	2	1		1			P	3	5		2					
IR_7.2	Wissenschaftliche Kompetenzen und Präsentationsgrundlagen Scientific and Presentation Skills	2	1			1		T	2			2					
IR_8	<b>Internationale Angelegenheiten International Affairs</b>	4	3		1			P	5	5		4					
IR_9	<b>Europäische Integration European Integration</b>																
IR_9.1	Europäische Institutionen und Politik European Institutions and Policy	4	3		1			P	3	5		4					
IR_9.2	Ökonomie der Europäischen Erweiterung Economics of European Enlargement	2	2						2			2					
IR_10	<b>Europarecht European Union Law</b>	4	2		2			P	5	5		4					
IR_11	<b>Public Choice Theorie Public Choice Theory</b>	4	2		2			P	5	5		4					
IR_12	<b>Regionale Integration Regional Integration</b>	4	3		1			P	5	5		4					
IR_13	<b>Wirtschaftspolitik im internationalen Kontext Economic Policy in an International Environment</b>																
IR_13.1	Handelstheorie und -politik Trade Theory and Policy	4	3		1			P	4	6			4				
IR_13.2	Finanzwissenschaften Public Finance	2	2						2				2				
IR_14	<b>Internationale Organisationen International Organisations</b>	4	3		1			P	5	5			4				
IR_15	<b>Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik Peace Studies and Security Policy</b>																
IR_15.1	Internationale Sicherheitspolitik International Security Policy	2	2					P	2	5			2				
IR_15.2	Friedens- und Konfliktforschung Peace and Conflict Studies	2	2						3				2				
IR_16	<b>Entwicklung und Menschenrechte Development and Human Rights</b>																
IR_16.1	Internationale Menschenrechte International Human Rights	2	2					P	2	6			2				
IR_16.2	Internationale Entwicklungspolitik International Development Policy	4	3		1				4				4				
IR_17	<b>Völkerrecht Public International Law</b>	4	2			2		P	5	5			4				
IR_18	<b>Projekt Project</b>	2					2	P	5	5			2				
IR_19	<b>Wettbewerb und Regulierung Competition and Regulation</b>	4	2		2			P	5	5				4			
IR_20	<b>Soziokulturelle Faktoren Sociocultural Factors</b>																
IR_20.1	Soziologie internationaler Beziehungen Sociology of International Relations	2	2					P	3	5				2			
IR_20.2	Interkulturelles Management Intercultural Management	2	2						2					2			
IR_21	<b>Internationales Recht International Law</b>																
IR_21.1	Internationale Besteuerung International Taxation	2	2					P	3	5				2			
IR_21.2	Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht International Business Law	2	2						2					2			
IR_22	<b>Energie- und Umweltpolitik Energy and Environmental Policy</b>	4	2		2			P	5	5				4			

IR\_28 Praxissemester oder Auslandsstudiensemester / Internship or Semester Abroad (30 CP)

 IR\_31 Projekt / Project (5 CP)  
 IR\_30 Angewandtes Projekt / Applied Project (5 CP)  
 IR\_33 Kolloquium / Colloquium (3 CP)  
 IR\_32 Bachelorarbeit / Bachelor Thesis (12 CP)

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IR_23	Internationale Finanzmärkte International Financial Markets	4	2		2			P	5	5						4	
IR_24	Neue politische Entwicklungen und Bedrohungen New Trends and Threats in Politics																
IR_24.1	Globalisierung Globalisation	2	2					P	4	6						2	
IR_24.2	Terrorismus und internationale Politik Terrorism and International Politics	2	2						2							2	
IR_25	Diplomatische Fertigkeiten Diplomatic Skills																
IR_25.1	Politische Führung Political Leadership	2	2					P	4	6						2	
IR_25.2	Entscheidungen und Spieltheorie Decisions and Game Theory	2	2						2							2	
IR_26	Projekt Project	2					2	P	5	5						2	
IR_27	Wahlpflichtfächer* Elective Subjects*	16	16						16	16					8	8	
	Gesamt Total	126	97	0	22	3	4		CP	150	28	26	26	24	22	30	30
										126	28	26	26	24	22		
										210	30	30	32	28	30	30	30

## Elective catalogue\*\*

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Sommersemester) List of Elective Subjects (summer semester)	CH	CP
IR_27.1	Analyse von politischen Krisen Analysis of Political Crises	2	2
IR_27.2	Internationale Reaktionen auf Bürgerkriege International Responses to Civil Wars	2	2
IR_27.3	Public Governance Public Governance	2	2
IR_27.4	Konfliktmanagement Conflict Management	2	2
IR_27.5	Internationaler Handel International Commerce	2	2
IR_27.6	Analyse von Wirtschaftskrisen Analysis of Economic Crises	2	2
IR_27.7	Internationale Marktforschung International Market Research	2	2
IR_27.8	Verhaltensökonomie Behavioural Economics	2	2
Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Wintersemester) List of Elective Subjects (winter semester)	CH	CP
IR_27.9	Industriepolitik Industrial Policy	2	2
IR_27.10	Wachstumspolitik und Technischer Wandel Growth Policy and Technological Change	2	2
IR_27.11	Demografische Entwicklungen Demographic Developments	2	2
IR_27.12	Internationale Genderstudien International Gender Studies	2	2
IR_27.13	Sozialtheorie und -politik Social Theory and Policy	2	2
IR_27.14	Verhandlungsstrategien Negotiation Strategies	2	2
IR_27.15	Religion und internationale Beziehungen Religion and International Relations	2	2
IR_27.16	Unternehmerische Sozialverantwortung Corporate Social Responsibility	2	2

## Abkürzungen Abbreviations:

Ex	Art der Prüfung, <i>Type of examination</i>
CH	Semesterwochenstunden, <i>Contact hours per week</i>
WS	Wintersemester, <i>Winter semester</i>
SS	Sommersemester, <i>Summer semester</i>
CP	Kreditpunkte, <i>Credit points</i> (= ECTS points)
V	Vorlesung, <i>Lecture</i>
S	Seminar, <i>Seminar</i>
Ü	Übung, <i>Exercise</i>
Pra	Praktikum, <i>Practical training</i>
Pro	Projekt, <i>Project</i>
P	Prüfung, <i>Examination</i>
T	Testat, <i>Certificate</i>

\* Im Wahlpflichtbereich können mit Zustimmung des Prüfungsausschusses maximal 6 CP aus dem gesamten Studienangebot der Hochschule Rhein-Waal belegt werden.

\* As elective subjects, a maximum of 6 CP can be chosen with the consent of the Examination Board from any degree programme at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

\*\* Die Fakultät behält sich das Recht vor eine Mindestteilnehmerzahl für das Zustandekommen eines Wahlpflichtkurses festzulegen. Die Möglichkeit des Erreichens der vorgeschriebenen Kreditpunktzahl aus dem Wahlpflichtbereich bleibt unberührt.

\*\* The faculty reserves the right to determine a minimum number of participants for offering an elective subject. The possibility of obtaining the required number of credit points remains unaffected.

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