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Examination Regulations

International Relations B.A.

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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Section 1 Scope

These examination regulations shall apply to the undergraduate degree programme International Relations, offered in English by the Faculty of Society and Economics of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, in conjunction with the General Examination Regulations for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degree Programmes of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (“RPO”).

Section 2 Academic objectives; purpose of examination; degree awarded

(1) The final undergraduate assessment concludes this degree programme and qualifies graduates to continue their studies in a postgraduate degree programme. Academic aims and objectives 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 expanding and honing students’ technical language and communication skills.

(2) The academic degree “Bachelor of Arts”, abbreviated as “B.A.”, is awarded upon successful completion of the final undergraduate assessment.

Section 3 Admission requirements

(1) General admission requirements are defined in Section 4 RPO.

(2) Applicants are ineligible for admission if they have irrevocably failed their final attempt at a mandatory examination in the same degree programme at a university within the jurisdiction of the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany; this also applies to previous degree programmes sharing a significant overlap in content with this degree programme.

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

- IELTS: minimum 6.0
- TOEFL (iBT): minimum 80
- TOEFL (paper based test): minimum 550
- TOEFL (computer based test): 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 on the German grading scale) for the subject.

Section 4 Basic internship

The basic eight-week internship defined by Section 4 (3) sent 3) RPO should occur within the context of the curriculum, be completed at an external company, public office or other organisation, and familiarise students with questions and matters relating to the fields of politics and economics.

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

- (1) This degree programme has a total volume of instruction of 126 contact hours (SWS).
- (2) The modules of this degree programme comprise a total of 210 credits and conform to the ECTS framework defined in Section 6 (5) RPO.
- (3) Modules and examinations are offered in the degree programme’s official language of instruction.
- (4) Additional information about the breakdown of this degree programme and about the type, form and scope of modules can be found in the attached study and examination plan. Additional information about learning outcomes, qualification aims, contents and forms of examination can be found in the corresponding module guide, which is available for viewing in the faculty’s central office.
- (5) In accordance with Section 5 (3) RPO, the internship semester may be subdivided into parts. Requests to subdivide the internship semester must be submitted to the Examination Board and adhere to the following restrictions: the internship semester may only be subdivided once, with the two parts each consisting of at least eight uninterrupted weeks and having a combined total length of at least 20 weeks.

Section 6 Scope of examinations

- (1) The time allotted to students for a written examination is based on the credit value of the respective course and shall not exceed 120 minutes. As a general rule, 20 to 30 minutes shall be allotted for every one credit.
- (2) An oral examination generally lasts at least 15, 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.

(4) Students who have failed an attempt at an examination in the modules IR_1 to IR_18 and not registered for a new attempt within two semesters shall be automatically registered for a new attempt on a compulsory basis in accordance with subsection (5).

(5) Students who have not undertaken another attempt at a failed examination nor registered to do so before the deadline shall be registered on a compulsory basis by the Examination Board for the final remaining examination opportunity before the deadline. This applies even if the examination in question had not yet been offered again before the deadline. Students who register for the final remaining examination opportunity before the deadline are not permitted to withdraw from this examination under Section 15 (6) RPO. Student who do not appear to this examination and cannot provide a good reason for their absence shall receive a failing mark (5.0). The Examination Board must be notified in writing immediately of any mitigating circumstances for missing this examination and credible supporting evidence must be provided. In cases of illness, the Examination Board reserves the right to request a medical certificate from a doctor of its choosing. If the Examination Board deems the presented reasons valid, the deadline will be extended until the next opportunity to sit for this examination.

(6) Students are exempted from compulsory registration if they are on an official leave of absence in accordance with Section 9 of the Enrolment Regulations of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences or are currently undertaking an internship or study abroad semester per Sections 21 and 22 RPO, respectively. In exceptional cases, students in other circumstances can also apply for an exemption from compulsory examination registration, in particular those who:

- a) are responsible for the care and upbringing of minors within the meaning of the German Federal Education and Training Assistance Act, Section 25 (5), or
- b) are acting as elective representatives in executive bodies of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, the student body or their faculty, or
- c) are currently assuming the duties of Equal Opportunities Officer at the University, or
- d) have an impairment or are suffering from a serious illness which prolongs their duration of study.

Exemption requests must be submitted by no later than four weeks before the start of the examination phase. In the case of a), an exemption should generally not exceed three semesters; in the cases of b) and c), it should generally not exceed two semesters.

Section 7

Scope and form of the thesis

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

(2) The undergraduate thesis can also be admitted 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 delimitation by sections, page numbers or other criteria.

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

(1) In addition to the thesis admission requirements defined under Section 24 (1) RPO, students must also have obtained at least 175 credits.

(2) In addition to the colloquium admission requirements defined under Section 27 (2) RPO, students must also have obtained at least 207 credits.

Section 9 **Credit values for the thesis and colloquium**

(1) Twelve credits are awarded for passing the undergraduate thesis.

(2) Three credits are awarded for passing the colloquium.

Section 10 **Awarding of the bachelor's degree**

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

Section 11 **Entry into force and transitional provisions**

These examination regulations shall enter into force on the day after the publication of the German-language original the Official Notices of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. Students who commenced their studies before said date 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 1 March 2018.

Annex

Recommended study and examination plan for International Relations B.A. (full-time)

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Nr. No.	Module Modules	CH	Typ Type					Ex	CP	Sum	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7
			V	S	Ü	Pra	Pro										
IR_1	Grundlagen der Internationalen Beziehungen Basics of International Relations																
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	Grundlagen der Volkswirtschaftslehre Basics of Economics																
IR_2.1	Mikroökonomie Microeconomics	4	3		1		P	3	5	4							
IR_2.2	Makroökonomie Macroeconomics	2	2					2		2							
IR_3	Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaftslehre und der Sozialwissenschaften Basics of Business Administration and Social Sciences																
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	Deskriptive Statistik Descriptive Statistics	4	2		2		P	5	5	4							
IR_5	Innenpolitik Domestic Policy	4	3		1		P	5	5	4							
IR_6	Konstitution von Staaten Constitution of States																
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	Methodische Grundlagen Basic Methods																
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	Internationale Angelegenheiten International Affairs	4	3		1		P	5	5		4						
IR_9	Europäische Integration European Integration																
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	Europarecht European Union Law	4	2		2		P	5	5		4						
IR_11	Public Choice Theorie Public Choice Theory	4	2		2		P	5	5		4						
IR_12	Regionale Integration Regional Integration	4	3		1		P	5	5		4						
IR_13	Wirtschaftspolitik im internationalen Kontext Economic Policy in an International Environment																
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	Internationale Organisationen International Organisations	4	3		1		P	5	5			4					
IR_15	Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik Peace Studies and Security Policy																
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	Entwicklung und Menschenrechte Development and Human Rights																
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	Völkerrecht Public International Law	4	2			2	P	5	5			4					
IR_18	Projekt Project	2					P	5	5			2					
IR_19	Wettbewerb und Regulierung Competition and Regulation	4	2		2		P	5	5				4				
IR_20	Soziokulturelle Faktoren Sociocultural Factors																
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	Internationales Recht International Law																
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	Energie- und Umweltpolitik Energy and Environmental Policy	4	2		2		P	5	5				4				
IR_23	Internationale Finanzmärkte International Financial Markets	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_29 Workshop: Wissenschaftliches Schreiben / Academic Writing (5 CP)

IR_32 Bachelorarbeit / Bachelor Thesis (12 CP)

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
										CH	Total	126	28	26	26	24	22	
										CP	Total	210	30	30	32	28	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

Abbreviations:

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

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