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Examination Regulations

International Business and Social Sciences 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 Business and Social Sciences, 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”). They regulate the standard seven-semester mode of study (full-time); the nine-semester, dual-vocational mode of study (dual study); and the nine-semester, part-time mode of study for working professionals.

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) (Intentionally omitted)
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- (4) (Intentionally omitted)

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 economics and social science.

Section 5

Programme structure; Volume of instruction hours; Progression of studies

- (1) This degree programme has a total volume of instruction of 124 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) On-the-job vocational training is an integrated part of the dual study programme and occurs concurrently over the course of the first four semesters of study. Both the vocational training position and the training company must share the same field as this degree programme. The faculty is responsible for judging the relevance of a proposed dual study arrangement. In the "dual" phase of study, the contents of the first two full-time semesters are instead taught over four semesters. During this phase, the dual study student will spend two weekdays at the University and three at the company where he or she is undergoing vocational training. The dual phase usually concludes before the start of the fifth semester with a comprehensive examination (in German) at the regional Chamber of Industry and Commerce.
- (5) In the part-time mode of study, working professionals can study on a part-time basis while continuing their career. Here, the content of the first two full-time semesters is instead taught over the course of four semesters. During this period, part-time students spend two weekdays at the University and three at their place of employment.
- (6) 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.

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 examination attempt in the modules IB_1 to IB_18 and not registered for a new attempt within two semesters shall be automatically registered on a compulsory basis for a new attempt 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 / final grade certificate

- (1) 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.
- (2) In addition to Section 29 RPO, students who have obtained 207 credits may request that their bachelor's degree certificate be issued as "International Business and Management" instead of "International Business and Social Sciences".

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 12 March 2019.

Annex

Recommended study and examination plan for International Business and Social Sciences B.A. (full-time, 7 semesters)

Version dated 3 December 2012

Nr. No.	Module Modules	CH	Typ Type					Ex	CP	Sum	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7
			V	S	Ü	Pra	Pro										
IB_1	Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaftslehre und der Sozialwissenschaften Basics of Business Administration and Social Sciences																
IB_1.1	Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaftslehre Basics of Business Administration	2	2				P	3	5	2							
IB_1.2	Grundlagen der Sozialwissenschaften Basics of Social Sciences	2	2					2		2							
IB_2	Zivil- und Wirtschaftsrecht Civil and Business Law																
IB_2.1	Zivilrechtliche Grundlagen Basics of Civil Law	2	2				P	2	5	2							
IB_2.2	Grundlagen des Wirtschaftsrechts Basics of Business Law	2	2					3		2							
IB_3	Wirtschaftsmathematik Business Mathematics	4	2		2		P	5	5	4							
IB_4	Deskriptive Statistik Descriptive Statistics	4	2		2		P	5	5	4							
IB_5	Grundlagen der Volkswirtschaftslehre Basics of Economics																
IB_5.1	Mikroökonomie Microeconomics	4	3		1		P	3	5	4							
IB_5.2	Makroökonomie Macroeconomics	2	2					2		2							
IB_6	Informationstechnologien und angewandte Software Information Technologies and Applied Software	4	2		2		P	5	5	4							
IB_7	Externes Rechnungswesen und Jahresabschluss Financial Accounting																
IB_7.1	Buchführung Bookkeeping	2	2				P	2	5		2						
IB_7.2	Bilanzierung und Jahresabschluss Financial Accounting	2	2					3			2						
IB_8	Internes Rechnungswesen Management Accounting	4	2		2		P	5	5		4						
IB_9	Ethik und Kultur Ethics and Culture																
IB_9.1	Interkulturelles Management Intercultural Management	2	2				P	2	5		2						
IB_9.2	Ethik und Soziale Normen Ethics and Social Norms	2	2					3			2						
IB_10	Internationales Recht International Law																
IB_10.1	Internationale Besteuerung International Taxation	2	2				P	3	5		2						
IB_10.2	Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht International Business Law	2	2					2			2						
IB_11	Methodische Grundlagen Basic Methods																
IB_11.1	Projektmanagement Project Management	2	1		1		T	3	5		2						
IB_11.2	Wissenschaftliche Kompetenzen und Präsentationsgrundlagen Scientific and Presentation Skills	2	1			1	T	2			2						
IB_12	Personalmanagement und Logistik Human Resource Management and Logistics																
IB_12.1	Personalmanagement Human Resource Management	2	2				P	3	5		2						
IB_12.2	Logistik Logistics	2	2					2			2						
IB_13	Unternehmensfinanzierung Corporate Finance	4	2		2		P	5	5			4					
IB_14	Internationale Rechnungslegung und Unternehmensentwicklung International Accounting and Corporate Development																
IB_14.1	Internationale Rechnungslegungsstandards International Accounting Standards	2	2				P	3	5			2					
IB_14.2	Organisation und Unternehmensentwicklung Organisation and Corporate Development	2	2					2				2					
IB_15	Empirische Forschungsmethoden Empirical Research Methods																
IB_15.1	Induktive Statistik Inductive Statistics	2	2				P	3	5			2					
IB_15.2	Empirische Marktforschung Empirical Market Research	2	1		1			2				2					
IB_16	Internationale Organisationen International Organisations	4	3		1		P	5	5			4					
IB_17	Projekt Project	2					2	P	5	5			2				
IB_18	Marketing Marketing	4	3					P	5	5			4				

IB_28 Praxissemester oder Auslandsstudiensemester / Internship or Semester Abroad (30 CP)

IB_31 Projekt / Project (5 CP)
IB_30 Unternehmensplanspiel / Business Simulation (5 CP)
IB_32 Bachelorarbeit / Bachelor Thesis (12 CP)
IB_33 Kolloquium / Colloquium (3 CP)

IB_19	Wettbewerb und Regulierung Competition and Regulation	4	2		2			P	5	5					4			
IB_20	Konfliktmanagement und Wirtschaftspsychologie Conflict Management and Business Psychology																	
IB_20.1	Konfliktmanagement Conflict Management	2	1		1			P	2	6					2			
IB_20.2	Wirtschaftspsychologie Business Psychology	4	3			1			4						4			
IB_21	Controlling und integrierte Management Systeme Controlling and Integrated Management Systems																	
IB_21.1	Controlling und Risikomanagement Controlling and Risk Management	4	2		2			P	4	6					4			
IB_21.2	Integrierte Managementsysteme Integrated Management Systems	2	2						2						2			
IB_22	Entscheidungs- und Spieltheorie Decision and Game Theory																	
IB_22.1	Entscheidungstheorie Decision Theory	2	2					P	2	5					2			
IB_22.2	Spieltheorie Game Theory	2	1		1				3						2			
IB_23	Unternehmensanalyse Business Analysis	4	2			2		P	6	6							4	
IB_24	Wirtschaftspolitik im internationalen Kontext Economic Policy in an International Environment																	
IB_24.1	Handelstheorie und -politik Trade Theory and Policy	4	3		1			P	4	6							4	
IB_24.2	Finanzwissenschaft Public Finance	2	2						2								2	
IB_25	Soziale Aspekte in der Wirtschaft Social Aspects in Economics																	
IB_25.1	Management sozialer Einrichtungen Management of Social Facilities	2	2					P	3	5							2	
IB_25.2	Unternehmerische Sozialverantwortung Corporate Social Responsibility	2	2						2								2	
IB_26	Projekt Project	2					2	P	5	5							2	
IB_27	Wahlpflichtfächer* Elective Subjects*	16	16						16	16					8		8	
	Gesamt Total	124	94	0	21	4	5		CP	150	26	24	22	28	24	30	30	
	CH	Total						124		26	24	22	28	24			30	30
	CP	Total						210		30	30	30	30	30			30	30

Elective catalogue**

Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Sommersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Summer Semester)	CH	CP
IB_27.1	Unternehmenstransaktionen Mergers and Acquisitions	2	2
IB_27.2	Industrieökonomie Industrial Organisation	2	2
IB_27.3	Verhaltensökonomie Behavioural Economics	2	2
IB_27.4	Marketing-Controlling Marketing Controlling	2	2
IB_27.5	Wirtschaftsprüfung Auditing	2	2
IB_27.6	Ausgewählte Standards zur Bilanzierung nach IFRS Selected IFRS Standards	2	2
IB_27.7	Gerechtigkeit und Fairness in der Marktwirtschaft Justice and Fairness in the Market Economy	2	2
IB_27.8	Sozialstruktur und soziale Ungleichheit Social Structure and Social Inequality	2	2
Nr. No.	Wahlpflichtkatalog (Wintersemester) List of Elective Subjects (Winter Semester)	CH	CP
IB_27.9	Finanzierung und Governance von Non-profit Organisationen Financing and Governance of Non-Profit Organisations	2	2
IB_27.10	Demografische Entwicklungen Demographic Developments	2	2
IB_27.11	Konzernrechnungslegung Group Accounting	2	2
IB_27.12	Gesundheitsökonomie Health Economics	2	2
IB_27.13	Aspekte der Unternehmensbesteuerung Aspects of Business Taxation	2	2
IB_27.14	Marketing-Kommunikation Marketing-Communication	2	2
IB_27.15	Sozialtheorie und -politik Social Theory and Policy	2	2
IB_27.16	Internationale Genderstudien International Gender Studies	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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Recommended study and examination plan for International Business and Social Sciences B.A. (dual and part-time, 9 semesters)

Version dated 17/07/2012

Nr. No.	Module Modules	CH	Typ Type					Ex	CP	WS1	SS2	WS3	SS4	WS5	SS6	WS7	SS8	WS9
			V	S	Ü	Pra	Pro											
IB_1.1	Grundlagen der Betriebswirtschaftslehre Basics of Business Administration	2	2					P	3	2								
IB_1.2	Grundlagen der Sozialwissenschaften Basics of Social Sciences	2	2					P	2	2								
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IB_11.2	Wissenschaftliche Kompetenzen und Präsentationsgrundlagen Scientific and Presentation Skills	2	1			1		T	2		2							
IB_12.1	Personalmanagement Human Resource Management	2	2					P	3		2							
IB_12.2	Logistik Logistics	2	2					P	2		2							
IB_2.1	Zivilrechtliche Grundlagen Basics of Civil Law	2	2					P	2			2						
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IB_23 Workshop: Wissenschaftliches Schreiben/Academic Writing (5 CP)
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