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Intercultural Communication and Business

### Specific regulations for the Master's program Intercultural Communication and Business of Faculty 05 – Language, Literature, Culture –at the Justus Liebig University Gießen

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Based on § 44 para. 1 of the Hessian Higher Education Act of 14 December 2009, the faculty council of Faculty 05 - Language, Literature, Culture – is issuing the following regulations on 15 April 2020:

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## **§ 1 Application (re § 1 AIB)**

In addition to the general regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs at Justus Liebig University Giessen dated 20 February 2019 (AIB), these specific regulations apply to the study and examinations in the Master's degree program Intercultural Communication and Business.

## **§ 2 Academic degree (re § 3 AIB)**

(1) Faculty 05 - Language, Literature, Culture - at the Justus Liebig University Giessen awards the academic degree Master of Arts (MA) after the successful completion of the program.

(2) Upon successful completion of the double master's degree in accordance with Appendix 3, Faculty 05 - Language, Literature, Culture - and the University Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 (UPVM3) each award the Master's degree "Master of Arts" (MA) (JLU) and Master "mention langues étrangères appliquées, parcours négociation de projets internationaux" (UPVM3).

## **§ 3 Start of studies (re § 4 AIB)**

The program can be started in the winter semester as well as in the summer semester.

## **§ 4 Eligibility (re § 5 AIB)**

(1) Admission to the Master's program requires a Bachelor's degree obtained at a university in Germany and/or abroad or a comparable qualification that includes modules totalling at least 40 CP in the chosen major. The teacher training programs for secondary schools, grammar schools, as well as vocational schools are also recognized, provided that the studies include a subject that corresponds to the chosen major of the Master's program.

(2) In order to be admitted to the Master's program, the projected course of study must comprise at least 180 CP.

(3) The Examination Board may recognize other degree programs as equivalent after examining each individual case. Admission may also be possible on condition that proof of repeat performance covering up to 30 CP of required expertise is provided within the first two semesters.

(4) Eligibility to admission requires proven language skills for the chosen foreign language major as follows. The proof is valid through a successfully completed BA for Intercultural Communication and Business at JLU for the main subject as follows:

1. English (for the majors in Anglophone Literary, Cultural and Media Studies and English Linguistics):
  - a) through a language certificate, level GER B2 or
  - b) by passing an English test at a university with a certified level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages and which is not older than two years or
  - c) some other suitable evidence of English language skills at the level of CEFR B2.
2. French (for the major in Gallo-Romance Studies/French):
  - a) through a language certificate, level GER B2 or
  - b) by passing a French exam at a university with a certified level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages and which is not older than two years or
  - c) some other suitable evidence of French language skills at the CEFR B2 level.
3. Spanish (for the major in Hispanic Studies/Spanish major):
  - a) through a language certificate, level GER B2 or
  - b) by passing a Spanish exam at a university with a certified level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages and which is not older than two years or
  - c) some other suitable proof of Spanish language skills at the level CEFR B2.

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4. Russian (for the major in Russian/Russian Studies):

- a) through a language certificate, level GER B1 or
- b) by passing a Russian test at a university with a certified level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and which is not older than two years or
- c) some other suitable evidence of Russian language skills at the CEFR B1 level.

### **§ 5 Workload and default duration (re § 6 AIB)**

- (1) The program comprises 120 CP.
- (2) The default duration is 4 semesters.

### **§ 6 Structure of program (re § 7 AIB)**

- (1) The program (Appendix 1) provides students with information on how to plan their studies. Subject-specific advising is available, in particular for the choice of specialization and extracurricular modules.
- (2) The program is divided into the Intercultural Communication module (10 CP), a foreign language as a major (40 CP), an economics minor (20 CP) and a second business language (20 CP). The thesis comprises 30 CP.
- (3) The Intercultural Communication module is organized jointly by all institutes under the leadership of the Dean of Studies.
- (4) The foreign language majors in this program are: "Anglophone Literary, Cultural and Media Studies", "English Linguistics", "Russian Studies/Russian", "Hispanic Studies/Spanish", "Gallo-Romance Studies/French", "Lusitan Studies/Portuguese". It is possible to change majors once. The courses of the respective majors define which subjects are compulsory, which are optional and which are completely free choices.
- (5) The subjects for the economics minor (20 CP) will be studied in accordance with the respective specific regulations of the programs offered by Faculty 02 – Economics – as per availability in those departments.
- (6) The following second business languages may be chosen: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Russian, Polish, Czech, Ukrainian, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian. Two identical language programs cannot be chosen. The second business language may be replaced by a project/internship worth 20 CP. It is possible to change the second business language once.
- (7) With the exception of the thesis, all module parts comprising up to 30 CP may be completed abroad.

### **§ 7 Modules (re § 8 AIB)**

- (1) The module handbook is included in the "General Appendix: Module Descriptions for Faculty 05".
- (2) Optional modules can only be chosen for as long as this is necessary in order to achieve the CP stipulated in § 5, para 1.

### **§ 8 Session attendance (re § 17 AIB)**

Regular participation in all course sessions is expected, with the exception of lectures.

### **§ 9 Module exams (re §§ 18, 23, 24 AIB)**

The examination procedure, the forms of examination and the composition of grades are all specified in the "General Appendix: Module Descriptions for Faculty 05".

### **§ 10 Master's exam (re § 21 AIB)**

The Master's exam counts as passed once the modules required under §§ 5-7 have been passed.

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### **§ 11 Thesis (re §§ 19, 21 AIB)**

- (1) In order to be eligible to register for the thesis module, the minimum requirement is that the 1st-2nd semester modules must have been successfully completed according to the program regulations.
- (2) The Master's thesis is expected to be completed within 20 weeks.
- (3) The thesis module may be repeated once.

### **§ 12 Exam performance (re §§ 22, 23, 24 AIB)**

- (1) The length of written examinations will be announced by the lecturer at the beginning of the course. The length is typically 18-22 pages. There are fixed deadlines for term papers: 15 March for the winter semester and 15 September for the summer semester.
- (2) The duration of written exams will be announced by the lecturer at the beginning of the course. The duration is typically between 45 and 120 minutes.
- (3) Oral examinations last a minimum of 15 minutes and a maximum 45 minutes.

### **§ 13 Calculation of final grade (re § 20 AIB)**

The final grade is calculated through the arithmetic mean of the module grades according to CP weighting.

### **§ 14 Implementation and transitional regulations**

The regulations in this first amended version apply from the winter semester 2021/22. Until then, the previous regulations continue to apply.

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