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Faculty 05 - Language, Literature, Culture  
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### § 1 Scope (to § 1 of the General Regulations)

(1) Supplementing the General Regulations for modular and multi-stage study programs at Justus Liebig University Giessen from 20.02.2019, this Special Regulation determines the study and examinations in the Master's program Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe, which is offered by the Faculties associated with the GiZo Center: Faculty 01 – Law, 02 – Economics and Business Studies, 03 – Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, 04 – History and Cultural Studies und 05 – Language, Literature, Culture.

(2) Faculties 04 and 05 can approve amendments, changes, and/or the annulment of the Special Regulation. Amendments, changes, and/or the annulment of the Regulation can only be carried out with the approval of the abovementioned Faculties, with the exception of amendment resolutions which only affect the Modules of the respective faculties. The Faculty approves such resolutions and notifies the other faculties.

### § 2 Academic Qualification (to § 3 of the General Regulations)

Upon successful completion of the study program, the degree of Master of Arts (M. A.) will be awarded by either Faculty 04 - History and Cultural Studies or Faculty 05 - Language, Literature, Culture according to the chosen major.

### § 3 Commencement of Studies

The study program may be started in the winter or summer semester. The English Option can only be started in the winter semester.

#### **§ 4 Admission (to § 5 of the General Regulations)**

- (1) To be admitted to the Master's program, the student must have completed a Bachelor's degree at a university in Germany and/or abroad or an equivalent qualification that includes 20 CP in the selected major field as well as 10 CP in one of the selected minor fields. A teacher-training program can be recognized if the major field was History or a Slavic language.
- (2) The completed prerequisite study program must include 180 CP or the equivalent.
- (3) The Examination Board will decide whether to recognize other study programs as equivalent on an individual basis.
- (4) Admission to the program can be granted on the condition of the completion of necessary prerequisites of up to 30 CP. Proof of completion must be provided within the first two semesters.
- (5) For the major field of Slavic Studies, proficiency in one of the Slavic languages offered at JLU (currently: Russian, Polish, Czech, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Ukrainian) is required. For the major field of Eastern European History, proficiency in an eastern European language is required.
- (6) The program can be studied in English. For admission to the English Option, proof of sufficient knowledge of English must be provided as follows:
  - a) Language Certificate, level GER B2 or
  - b) university-level test which attests to the level GER B2 completed within the past two years or
  - c) „UNIcert II“ Certificate or
  - d) TOEFL-Test ITB (internet-based Test) with at least 80 points or IELTS-Test with a score of 6 or
  - f) a Bachelor's degree in an English-language program or
  - g) other appropriate evidence of English knowledge at the GER B2 Level.
  - h) The Examination Board will decide whether to recognize other language certificates.

#### **§ 5 Workload and Standard Duration of Studies (on § 6 of the General Regulations)**

- (1) The study program comprises 120 CP.
- (2) The standard duration of studies is 4 Semesters.

#### **§ 6 Program Structure (on § 7 of the General Regulations)**

- (1) The Study Plan (Annex 1) provides the students with information about the program structure and plan. A consultation is offered for choosing specialization and non-subject modules.
- (2) The program consists of a 50 CP major field (Eastern European History or Slavic Studies) and two minor fields of study, each with 20 CP. If the student takes only 18 CP in a minor field, the remaining 2 CP can be achieved through additional AfK Modules.
- (3) The student can choose from the following minor fields: Eastern European History or Slavic studies (if not the chosen major), Political Science, Sociology, Turkology, Law, and Economics. Turkology, Law, and Economics are only offered in the German Option. A minor field may not be the same as the major field. The Modules for the minor fields can be found in Annex 2.
- (4) The modules for the minor fields of Law and Economics are described in the Minor Field Regulations (Nebenfachordnungen) of Faculties 01 and 02, respectively. The modules for Political Science can be found in the Special Regulation for the Master's degree "Demokratie und Governance." The modules for Sociology can be found in the Special Regulation for the Master's degree "Gesellschaft und Kulturen der Moderne." The modules

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for the minor fields from Faculties 04 (Eastern European History and Turkology) and 05 (Slavic Studies) are described in this Special Regulation (Annex 2).

(5) The major and minor fields can each be changed one time.

(6) The Thesis Module comprises 30 CP and is completed in the major field.

### **§ 7 Modules (on § 8 of the General Regulations)**

(1) The module descriptions are found in Annex 2.

(2) Elective modules can only be chosen according to the conditions set forth in § 4 Paragraph 1.

### **§ 8 Examination Board (on § 13 of the General Regulations)**

The Examination Board is composed of two professors from Faculties 04 and 05, one professor from Faculty 01, 02, or 03, one research assistant from Faculties 04 or 05 and one student each from Faculties 04 and 05 on a rotation basis.

### **§ 9 Class Attendance (on § 17 of the General Regulations)**

(1) The prerequisite for the examination is regular participation in all classes in a semester. Lectures are excluded from this rule. Regular participation means that fewer than three dates are missed.

(2) If more than three classes according to Paragraph 1 are missed, these hours must be completed by an alternative method. Hours can only be made-up for if fewer than half of the classes were missed. The type and scope of the alternative method is determined by the lecturer.

(3) Admission to the examination is generally subject to the conditions that the respective prerequisites have been completed.

### **§ 10 Module Examination (on §§ 18, 21-24 of the General Regulations)**

The examination forms, procedures, and how grades are assigned are described in the module descriptions in Annex 2.

### **§ 11 Master's Examination (on § 20 of the General Regulations)**

The Master's examination is passed if the modules required according to §§ 5-7 have been passed.

### **§ 12 Thesis (on §§ 19, 21 of the General Regulations)**

(1) When registering for the thesis module, the modules of at least the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters must be completed and passed.

(2) The master's thesis must be completed within 20 weeks. The issue of the thesis topic and the appointment of the examiners is the responsibility of the examination board or the examination office.

(3) The thesis module may be repeated once.

### **§ 13 Examination Performance (on §§ 22, 23, 24 of the General Regulations)**

(1) The scope of term papers will be announced by the lecturer at the beginning of the course. The term paper should be 18-22 pages long and there are fixed deadlines: September 15 in the summer semester and March 15 in the winter semester.

(2) The duration of written exams is announced by the lecturer at the beginning of the course and is between 45 and 90 minutes.

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(3) Oral examinations are 15 to 30 minutes long.

(4) A seminar paper consists of an oral presentation on a given topic, the duration of which is 15 to 30 minutes.

(5) Seminar and term papers can also be accepted in the form of group work if the contribution of the individual candidates to be assessed as an examination performance can be clearly distinguished and assessed based on the specification of sections, page numbers, or other objective criteria that enable a clear distinction.

### **§ 14 Calculation of Grades (on § 20 of the General Regulations)**

Die Gesamtnote wird aus dem arithmetischen Mittel der Modulnoten nach CP-Gewichtung gebildet. Hierfür werden die Notenpunkte mit den jeweiligen CP des Moduls multipliziert und die Summe durch die Gesamtzahl der berücksichtigten benoteten CP dividiert.

### **§ 15 Entry into force and transitional provisions**

(1) This Special Regulation comes into force on the day after its announcement and applies from the winter semester 2022/23. The Special Regulation for the Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe from September 4th, 2007 in the version of the seventh amendment resolution from January 25th, 2017 will expire at the end of the summer semester 2023.

(2) For students already enrolled before the winter semester 2021/22, the Special Regulation for the Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe in the version of the seventh amendment resolution of January 25, 2017 applies until the end of the summer semester 2023. For students enrolled after winter semester 2021/22, the Special Regulation for the Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe in the version from December 16, 2020 applies until the end of the summer semester 2025. These students can study according to the current regulations upon request after making a binding declaration to the examination board.

### **Attachments**

Annex 1 – Study Plan

Annex 2 – Module Descriptions