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Special Regulation for the Master's programme  
"Anglophone Studies"

### Special Regulation of 11 December 2013 for the Master's programme Anglophone Studies conducted in English and leading to the degree of Master of Arts

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Supplementing the General Regulations for modular and multi-stage study programmes at JLU of 21 July 2004 as in the version of the 15th amendment resolution of 18 September 2013 (General Regulations), the Faculty of Language, Literature, Culture (Faculty 05) of Justus Liebig University Giessen has approved the following Special Regulation.

### **Article 1 (on Article 1 (1) of the General Regulations)**

(1) The Master's study programme Anglophone Studies, conducted in English, leads to a professional, research-oriented qualification (degree) and lasts four semesters.

(2) The following subjects from Faculty 05 can be studied as part of the Master's programme:

- Anglophone Literary, Cultural and Media Studies (ALCMS)
- English Linguistics (ELI)
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)

(3) The study programme may be pursued as follows:

- with a main subject (50 credit points), on which the thesis is written (30 credit points), and one subsidiary subject (40 credit points).

(4) Any of the subjects listed in paragraph 2 may be chosen as the main subject. Only Anglophone Literary, Cultural and Media Studies and English Linguistics may be chosen as the subsidiary subject.

### **Article 2 (on Article 1 (2) of the General Regulations)**

(1) The study programme imparts advanced academic knowledge and key research knowledge in the chosen subjects. It explores in greater depth the specific subject-related, methodological, didactic and practical linguistic knowledge of the language, literature and cultures of English-speaking countries acquired in the Bachelor's study programme.

(2) The aim of the study programme is to impart advanced linguistic, literary and cultural knowledge and specific didactic knowledge and skills as well as comprehensive skills in the field of academic methodology in the subjects studied. The intention is to equip students with the skills needed for the independent acquisition, implementation and critical appraisal of linguistic, literary, cultural and specialist didactic models and theories. Students are to be equipped to conduct independent and creative analysis of complex issues and to plan, carry out and assess their own academic projects.

(3) The Master's examination is intended to determine whether the candidate has acquired the subject knowledge, academic knowledge and qualifications needed for transition to professional practice and has the ability to apply academic findings and methods independently.

(4) The Master's study programme leads to independent research and may serve as the basis for postgraduate studies.

### **Article 3 (on Article 2 of the General Regulations)**

On successful completion of the study programme, the Faculty of Language, Literature, Culture (Faculty 05) of Justus Liebig University Giessen shall award the degree of *Master of Arts*.

### **Article 4 (on Article 4 of the General Regulations)**

(1) In accordance with the subject-related and linguistic criteria set forth in Annex 3, a Bachelor's degree from a university in Germany and/or abroad or a similar qualification is required for admission to the Master's study programme.

(2) The following qualifications shall be recognised as admission criteria equivalent to a Bachelor's degree, provided that the aforementioned criteria in Annex 3 are correspondingly fulfilled: qualification to teach at lower-level secondary schools (*Hauptschulen* and *Realschulen*), qualification to teach at high schools (*Gymnasien*), qualification to teach at vocational training institutions (*berufsbildende Schulen*).

(3) On an individual basis, the Examination Board may accredit other study programmes as equivalent.

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(4) Linguistic requirements are stipulated in Annex 3.

### **Article 5 (on Article 5 of the General Regulations)**

The modules are described in Annex 2.

### **Article 6 (on Article 6 (1) of the General Regulations)**

(1) The number of subject modules shall be determined in the programme structure for the subjects in accordance with Annex 1.

(2) The Master's study programme is worth a total of 120 credit points.

(3) Each module in the main and subsidiary subjects is worth 10 credit points.

(4) The main subject shall comprise five modules (50 credit points) and the thesis module (30 credit points).

(5) The MA thesis must be written in the main subject.

### **Article 7 (on Article 10 (1), first sentence, of the General Regulations)**

(1) The type of examination (during or at the end of a module) is, in each case, stipulated in the module descriptions in Annex 2.

(2) If one or more examination(s) taken during the module leads to an examination result of fewer than five points (failed), a compensatory examination pursuant to Article 10 (1), second to fifth sentences, of the General Regulations must be taken. The form of the compensatory examination is stipulated in the module description.

### **Article 8 (on Article 10 (1), third sentence, of the General Regulations)**

The grading procedure is stipulated in the module descriptions in Annex 2. The examination performance shall be evaluated in accordance with Articles 28 and 29 of the General Regulations.

### **Article 9 (on Article 10 (3), first sentence, of the General Regulations)**

(1) Examinations may take the form of oral examinations, written examinations, independent written work, project reports, colloquia, seminar papers, presentations and portfolios.

(2) A written examination shall last no longer than 90 minutes.

(3) An oral examination shall last at least 15 minutes and no more than 30 minutes.

(4) A presentation shall be based on a written paper on a topic from the subject area covered in a module. The oral presentation shall last at least 15 minutes and no more than 30 minutes. The written paper shall cover no fewer than 8 pages and no more than 15 pages.

(5) Independent written work shall consist of a written paper on a topic from the subject area covered in a module.

(6) A project report shall comprise the documentation of the planning, implementation and evaluation of an academic project.

(7) Presentations, written papers and project work in the form of group work may also be accepted if, by indicating sections, page numbers or other objective criteria, the contribution to be assessed as the examination performance of the individual candidates can be clearly separated off, is clearly distinguishable and appraisable and fulfils the requirements of paragraphs 4 to 6.

(8) The course tutor shall be responsible for determining the exact presentational structure of the written work.

(9) The form of the examinations is stipulated in the relevant module descriptions.

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### **Article 10 (on Article 11 (1), first and second sentences, of the General Regulations)**

The programme structure is described in Annex 1.

### **Article 11 (on Article 12 (3) of the General Regulations)**

For recognised part-time students, individually adjusted programme structures shall be drawn up in the course of the subject-related advisory discussion(s).

### **Article 12 (on Article 13 of the General Regulations)**

The study programme may be started in the winter semester or in the summer semester.

### **Article 13 (on Article 20 (3) of the General Regulations)**

Students must present their transcripts of records when registering for the thesis module. A pass must have been attained in the first and second semester modules according to the programme structure, with the exception of one module.

### **Article 14 (on Article 23 (1), first sentence, of the General Regulations)**

- (1) Students are automatically registered for the module examinations when they register for the module.
- (2) Students must register for the modules in the first semester no later than the second week of the first semester courses; for the modules of all further semesters, they must register no later than the last week of the preceding semester.

### **Article 15 (on Article 26 (4) of the General Regulations)**

The thesis shall be written in English.

### **Article 16 (on Article 26 (5) of the General Regulations)**

Work on the Master's thesis generally takes five months. The thesis topic shall be issued by the Examination Board in consultation with the examiner.

### **Article 17 (on Article 26 (6) of the General Regulations)**

The thesis topic may be rejected once during a maximum period of six weeks following its issue, with a factual reason being given in writing. Following rejection, a new topic shall be issued immediately and may not be rejected.

### **Article 18 (on Article 30 (2), second sentence, of the General Regulations)**

Students shall achieve a pass in the study programme if they obtain a pass in all compulsory modules for the chosen main and subsidiary subjects in the programme structure in accordance with Annex 1 and 120 credit points have been obtained.

### **Article 19 (on Article 31 (1) of the General Regulations)**

The overall grade is calculated from the arithmetic average of the module grades, with the grade for the thesis module being tripled.

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### **Article 20 (on Article 32 of the General Regulations)**

A table of the examination performance shall be drawn up in German and in English for each student and shall contain the titles of the modules, the dates of the examinations, the grades for the oral examinations, the overall grade and the title of the Master's thesis.

### **Article 21 (on Article 34 (4) of the General Regulations)**

The Examination Board shall notify students of the examination dates and repeat examination dates at the start of a semester.

### **Article 22 (on Article 40 of the General Regulations)**

This Regulation shall enter into force at the start of the 2014/15 winter semester.

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