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Supplementing the General Regulations for modular and multi-stage study programmes (AIB) at JLU of 21 July 2004 (Official Gazette, p. 2154), Faculty 03 – Social Sciences and Cultural Studies of Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) has adopted the following Special Regulation.

Article 1 (Articles 1(1) and 12(1) of the General Regulations)

The Master's programme in Modern Societies and Cultures leads to a professional qualification (degree) and lasts four semesters.

Article 2 (Article 2 of the General Regulations)

On successful completion of the study programme, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies at Justus Liebig University Giessen shall award the degree of Master of Arts (MA).

Article 3 (Article 4(1) of the General Regulations)

(1) The following Bachelor's study programmes are accredited for admission to the Master's study programme:

- Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies at JLU;
- A first degree (*Diplom*), a Master's degree or a Bachelor's degree in a sociological discipline (Sociology, Political Science, Ethnology / Social and Cultural Anthropology/Ethnology), Philology, Cultural Studies, Communication Studies, Media Studies, Journalism, Theology, History and Philosophy.

(2) In addition, degrees are recognised as meeting the admission criteria if they present the following specialised profile:

Bachelor's degrees with a Sociology, Social Science or Anthropology/Ethnology component worth at least 30 credit points.

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

Article 4 (Article 5(1) of the General Regulations)

The modules are described in Annex 2.

Article 5 (Article 6(1) of the General Regulations)

(1) The study programme in Modern Societies and Cultures consists of nine modules, including the thesis module.

(2) One module in the study programme is worth:

- 10 credit points in the core modules (K-1 – K-3) and the cooperation modules (Koop-1 – Koop-3)
- 15 credit points in the Theory/Practice 1 (TP-1) and Theory/Practice 2 (TP-2) modules

(3) The thesis module is worth 30 credit points.

Article 6 (Article 9(1) of the General Regulations)

(1) As part of Module TP-2, students must take part in an internship or work placement. Further details are stipulated in the Internship Regulation (Annex 3).

(2) Both students and professors may suggest internships in cooperation with external employers. Those in charge of the module are responsible for granting recognition of the placement as part of a compulsory elective module.

Article 7 (Article 10(1) of the General Regulations)

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

(2) The rules for the compensatory examination are specified in the module descriptions (Annex 2).

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(3) If the module is failed, a repeat examination is held on the material and skills covered in the entire module. Further details are given in the module description (Annex 2). In modules with an end-of-module examination, the repeat examination may be repeated once.

(4) If a pass has not been obtained after all examination attempts have been exhausted, students may take up to two modules again, repeating them and all examination attempts.

Article 7a (Article 7 of the General Regulations)

(1) Admission to module examinations is conditional on regular attendance at the sessions and courses planned and conducting during any one semester. This rule does not apply to lectures.

(2) If more than half the sessions planned and conducted during any one semester are missed, the course must be repeated

(3) Students are admitted to the examination before the end of the semester tuition period in accordance with the rules in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Article 8 (Article 10(1) of the General Regulations)

The grading procedures (percentage shares) are set forth in the module descriptions (Annex 2). The examination performance is evaluated in accordance with Articles 28 and 29 of the General Regulations.

Article 9 (Article 10(3) of the General Regulations)

(1) The types of examinations include oral examinations, timed written examinations, coursework, seminar papers with written material, presentations, information extracts, short written examinations, essays, reviews, literature reviews, research reports, records of learning or seminar records. It is possible to combine several types of examination. The type of examination is specified in the relevant module descriptions (Annex 2).

(2) A timed written examination shall last 60-120 minutes.

(3) A seminar paper shall last at least 10 and no more than 20 minutes; the written part shall cover no fewer than 7 and no more than 15 pages.

(4) A presentation shall be based on a written paper on a topic from the material covered in one module. The oral presentation shall last at least 10 and no more than 30 minutes. The written presentation shall cover no fewer than 7 and no more than 15 pages.

(5) An information extract shall comprise a write-up of the contents of a seminar and shall cover no fewer than 1 and no more than 2 pages.

(6) A short written examination shall last at least 20 and no more than 60 minutes.

(7) An essay shall comprise the write-up of the contents of a seminar without full academic annotation and shall cover no fewer than 3 and no more than 7 pages.

(8) A review shall comprise no fewer than 1 and no more than 4 pages.

(9) A literature review shall comprise no fewer than 1 and no more than 5 pages.

(10) A record of learning shall be a written record of independent learning progress and shall cover no fewer than 1 and no more than 15 pages.

(11) A seminar record shall be a written record of the collective learning progress made in the seminar and shall cover no fewer than 1 and no more than 15 pages.

(12) A piece of coursework shall comprise a written paper on a topic from the subject area covered in a module. The written work shall cover no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 pages.

(13) A research report comprises the application of previously studied methods to a problem from the subject material covered in a module and the oral presentation and/or written elaboration of the results.

(14) Presentations, coursework, seminar-style presentations 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

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assessed as the individual candidate's examination performance can be clearly separated off and is clearly distinguishable and appraisable.

Article 10 (Article 11(1), first sentence, of the General Regulations)

The programme structure is appended as Annex 1.

Article 11 (Article 11(1), fourth sentence, of the General Regulations)

Students are required to attend a subject-related advisory session before deciding on a specialisation.

Article 12 (Article 12(3) of the General Regulations)

With regard to part-time studies approved in accordance with Article 3 of the Regulation on the matriculation procedure, part-time study, implementation of the Hessian Law on Student Credit and the processing of personal data at universities in the German federal state of Hesse (Hessian Matriculation Regulation, ImmaVO) of 29 December 2003, the Examination Board shall apply appropriate regulations.

Article 13 (Article 13 of the General Regulations)

The study programme may be started in the winter semester only.

Article 14 (Article 20(1) of the General Regulations)

When students register for the thesis module, they must present evidence of having successfully attended modules K-1, K-2 and TP-1 and of having obtained a pass in a work placement (internship). Exceptions are determined by the Examination Board.

Article 15 (Article 23(1), first sentence, of the General Regulations)

(1) When students register for a module, they are automatically registered for the examinations in that 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 in all further semesters, they must register no later than the last week of the preceding semester.

Article 16 (Article 25(1) of the General Regulations)

The different types of examination are described in Article 9. The type of examinations is indicated in the relevant module descriptions (Annex 2). The examination performance is evaluated in accordance with Articles 28 and 29 of the General Regulations.

Article 17 (Article 25(2) of the General Regulations)

(1) The examinations generally take the form of individual examinations. Two up to a maximum of four candidates may submit a joint written application for a group examination to the Examination Board. The Chair of the Examination Board shall decide whether or not to accept this application in consultation with the examiner.

(2) The duration of an oral examination per examinee and subject is governed by the rules in Article 9.

Article 18 (Article 26(1) of the General Regulations)

The thesis is part of a module.

Article 19 (Article 26(4) of the General Regulations)

The thesis may be written in English if the corresponding evaluation can be provided.

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Article 20 (Article 26(5) of the General Regulations)

The thesis topic shall be issued by the Examination Board. The time allowed for writing the thesis is four and a half months.

Article 21 (Article 26(6) of the General Regulations)

The thesis topic may be rejected once up to eight 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 22 (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 in the programme structure.

Article 23 (Article 31(1) of the General Regulations)

The overall grade is calculated by dividing the total weighted module grades (grade for each module multiplied by the credit points allocated to the module) by the total number of credit points for the study programme, with the grade for the thesis module being tripled.

Article 24 (Article 32 of the General Regulations)

A summary table shall be drawn up in German and in English for each student and shall contain the title of the module, the dates of the examinations, the grades and the overall grade.

Article 25 (Article 33, second sentence, of the General Regulations)

On request to the Examination Board, records relating to an examination may be viewed for a period of six months from the end of the examination.

Article 26 (Article 34(4) of the General Regulations)

Failed examinations must be repeated in the first examination cycle following the failure. Students must register with the Examinations Office before the start of the semester. In the case of attested part-time studies, the Examination Board shall specify appropriate rules.

Article 27 (Article 39(1) of the General Regulations)

In accordance with this Regulation, first semester modules will be available for the first time in the winter semester 2009/2010, for the second time in the summer semester 2010, for the third time in the winter semester 2010/2011, and for the fourth time in the summer semester 2011.

Article 28 (Article 40 of the General Regulations)

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following publication.

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