

## **The Detailed Code of Regulations for the Master of Science „Transition Studies“**

**Department of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management in cooperation with the departments of law, economics, social-and cultural sciences, as well as mathematics and informatics, physics, geography  
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As a supplement of the general regulations of modulized and staged study programmes (AIB) of the JLU from 07-21-2004 the department of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management has in cooperation with the departments of law, economics, social-and cultural sciences, mathematics and informatics, as well as physics and geography and in consultaion with the the Center for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU) adopted the following special regulation. The departments commit themselves in consultaion with the Center for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU) to complete, change or reverse these regulation only by the accordant decisions.

### **§ 1 (for § 1 part. 1 and § 12 part. 1 AIB)**

The Master of the Science Study Programme „Transition Studies“ is a further education programme taught in English, which leads to a qualifying degree and contains three semesters.

### **§ 2 (for § 2 AIB)**

After the successful completion of the Master's Programme the Department 09 of the Justus-Liebig University Giessen bestows the degree of Master of Science.

### **§ 3 (for § 4 part. 1 sentence 1 AIB)**

(1) Admission to the programme is restricted to those who have obtained a Bachelor degree at a University with at least 180 ECTS Credit Points. For the degrees not obtained at German Universities it means the completion of the study with the duration of at least 4 years according to ANABIN (Information system for recognition of foreign educational degrees) guidelines, as well as equivalent amount of Credit Points.

(2) The graduation in the following subjects is recognised:

- Agriculture
- Nutrition
- Environmental sciences
- Economics
- Political sciences
- Law

Other subjects may also be accepted by the board of examiners upon applications in particular cases.

(3) In any case the predicative grade („B“ or higher) according to § 29 general regulations is required.

(4) At least one year of professional experience acquired after the University Degree is a prerequisite.

#### **§ 4 (for § 4 part. 2 AII B)**

(1) For the admission to the Master's Degree Programme the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- a) In the case of § 3 part 2 the candidate must possess sufficient knowledge in Economics, Law and/or Social Sciences for the accomplishment of an academic work. These skills are considered as proved, if the candidate has acquired at least 60 ECTS Credit Points in at least one of these disciplines. If the applicant has less than 60 ECTS Credit Points, the Board of Examiners can permit the admission to the Master's Degree Programme with the condition, that the student has to obtain required Credit Points in one of the above mentioned disciplines.
- b) Very good language skills in English are mandatory. Applicants whose native tongue is not English must provide a certificate from one of the independent language testing institutes such as TOEFL or IELTS. At least 550 points in paper-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), 213 in computer-based TOEFL, or 6 Points in IELTS-Academic Test (International English Language Testing System) are required.

(2) In the case of § 3 part 2 for the admission to the Master's Degree Programme the assessment of the University leaving certificate and the profile of the Bachelor Degree is decisive. The Board of Examiners provides the assessment.

(3) The Board of Examiners can in the cases of § 3 part 2 decide on the admission to the programme on the basis of an aptitude test, if the formal requirements of § 4 part.1 sentence a is not fulfilled. The test must take place in front of the examining committee as an interview (duration 20-30 min.). The applicants have to be invited to the test within an appropriate period of time. The test must be completed within 6 weeks after the application deadline in accordance with "regulation on the procedure for registration, the part-time studying, the implementation of the Hessian Study Credits Act and the processing of personal data at the universities of the State of Hesse (Hesse enrollment regulation, ImmaVO) of 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2003 in the version valid at time.

#### **§ 5 (for § 5 part. 1 AII B)**

The modules are described in annex 2.

#### **§ 6 (for § 6 part. 1 AII B)**

A module of the Master's Degree Programme contains 4-8 Credit Points.

The Thesis module contains 24 Credit Points.

The Master's Degree Programme contains not more than 11 modules excluding the master thesis.

### **§ 7 (for § 9 part. 1 AIB)**

The students must complete an internship on an occupational or activity field as a core module. The completion, evaluation and the formation of the grade in this module are regulated by the description of modules (annex 2) together with the regulation of the occupational education of the Master' Degree Programme Transition Studies (annex 3)

### **§ 8 (for § 10 part. 1 AIB)**

(1) The type of the examination (module concluding or module accompanying) is determined by the corresponding module description (annex 2).

(2) If the examination of a module consists of the sum of the module concluding examinations or of the combination of the module concluding and module accompanying examinations and the aggregate result is not sufficient to pass the module, a compensation examination is required. That examination must be equivalent in size and duration of the failed parts of the module examination. The final grade is calculated in these cases from the result of the compensation examination instead of the failed parts of the module examination and from the result of the initially passed parts of the module examination. The module examination is considered to be failed, if the aggregate grade is lower than E/Sufficient.

(3) The methods of the grade formation (in percentages) are specified in the corresponding module descriptions (annex 2). The evaluation of the examinations performances of the students is regulated according to §§ 28, 29 AIB.

### **§ 9 (for § 10 part. 3 AIB)**

The forms of the module examinations are specified in corresponding module descriptions (annex2)

### **§ 10 (for § 11 part. 1 sentence 1 AIB)**

The study course schedule is enclosed in annex 2.

### **§ 11 (for § 11 part. 1 sentence 4 AIB)**

Prior to the determination of the student's individual profiling individual course guidance is mandatory due to the selection of the profile modules. The study and examination schedule must be composed by the students individually till the end of the first semester. After a counseling interview the study and examination schedule must be approved by the board of examiners.

### **§ 12 (for § 13 AIB)**

The study can be commenced in both the winter and the summer semester.

### **§ 13 (for § 20 part. 3 AIB)**

With the written entry for the master thesis the transcript of records must be enclosed.

### **§ 14 (for § 25 part. 1 AIB)**

Examinations are of the following types: oral examinations, written examination, colloquia, seminar talks, oral presentations, term papers, reports about internship, evaluated exercises and PC-Tests. The form of the examination is regulated in the corresponding module description.

### **§ 15 (for § 25 part. 2 sentence 2 AIB)**

The duration of an oral examination is regulated in corresponding module description.

### **§ 16 (for § 25 part. 5 sentence 2 AIB)**

The duration of a written examination is regulated in corresponding module description.

### **§ 17 (for § 26 part. 1 AIB)**

(1) The Thesis-Module consists of a written part and oral presentation (module description in annex 2). Both parts of the module must be evaluated by two examiners.

(2) The final grade of the Master's thesis is made up of the average calculated from the grade awarded to the thesis and the grade resulting from the oral presentation; the thesis grade being weighted by a factor of three. If the resulting grade is not included in the range of grades, it will be rounded in the direction of the grade given by the first examiner.

(3) To be considered as passed, the written part and the oral presentation performances must be graded respectively at least sufficient (E; 4,0)

### **§ 18 (for § 26 part. 4 AIB)**

The written part and the oral presentation must be implemented in English. The use of German language for one or for both parts of the module is only possible if approved by the board of Examiners.

### **§ 19 (for § 26 part. 5 AIB)**

(1) The prerequisite for admittance to the Master's thesis is the successful completion of five core modules. The thesis topic must be registered no later than one month after completion of the last module examination. The maximum time allowed for writing the thesis is four months.

(2) The topic of the master thesis must have reference to one of the core or profile modules taken. The candidate must be given the opportunity to suggest the topic. On request the chairman of the board of examiners has to provide for the candidate a topic during one month.

#### **§ 20 (for § 26 part. 6)**

A candidate may withdraw from a thesis topic within 8 weeks after the beginning of the time specified for completion. After the candidate has withdrawn from a topic, a new topic is to be issued. The candidate may not withdraw from completion of the latter.

#### **§ 21 (for § 30 part. 2 sentence 2 AIB)**

The Master's degree Programme is regarded as successfully completed if all required modules: 11 core, profile and internship modules, as well as a master thesis, have been graded at least sufficient E respectively.

#### **§ 22 (for § 31 part. 1 AIB)**

The final grade is calculated by dividing the sum of the weighted module grades (the grade of each-module rounded to the positions after decimal points-multiplied by the credit points of the corresponding module) by the total amount of credit points of the degree programme.

#### **§ 23 (for § 32 AIB)**

To every student a transcript of records in German and English will be issued, which includes the titles of modules, the dates of the examinations and ECTS grades.

#### **§ 24 (for § 34 part. 2 AIB)**

The repeating of failed module examinations is only in maximum two modules possible.

#### **§ 25 (for § 34 part. 3 AIB)**

An examination that has already been passed can be repeated once for the purpose of obtaining a better grade. The number of those examinations is limited to 2 modules.

#### **§ 26 (for § 34 part. 4 AIB)**

If an examination is failed, it can be retaken within three months afterwards. The time limit begins with the announcement of the grades. At the same time the possibilities of retaking and the time limits have to be pointed out. If the time limit is exceeded, the retaking of the examination is not admissible, excluding the cases, when the candidate is not responsible for the reason of missing the deadline. On request of the candidate the board of examiners decides on that issue. If the

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candidate is not responsible for the missing the deadline, she or he must take the examination as soon as reason of delay is removed. Therefore the board of examiners has to set up the time limits.

**§ 27 (for § 40 AII B)**

These study regulations will come into force after being published.

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