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**Subject-Specific Regulations to the
Master's Examination Regulations
for the

Master's Programme
"Roads to Democracies
–
Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
on Politics and Culture"

at the
University of Siegen

of 6 July 2017**

In accordance with § 2 (4) and § 64 (1) of the Act on Higher Education Institutions of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz – HG) of 16 September 2014 (Law and Ordinance Gazette NRW p. 547), as last amended by the law of 7 April 2017 (Law and Ordinance Gazette NRW p. 414), the University of Siegen has issued the following subject-specific regulations:

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I. General regulations

§ 1

Scope of these regulations

Using the Examination Regulations for the Master's Programme of Faculty I: School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen of 12 March 2013 in its currently valid version as a basis, these subject-specific regulations govern the Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" at the University of Siegen.

§ 2

Admission requirements and foreign language skills

- (1) An admission requirement for the Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" is a Bachelor's degree or a comparable degree in one of the relevant subjects – history, political science, sociology – or in a comparable study programme, generally with a minimum overall grade of "good" (2.5).
- (2) Proof of proficiency in the English language that corresponds to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF) must be provided for admission to the Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture".

§ 3

Content of the study programme and study models

- (1) The Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" is a research-oriented, international and interdisciplinary study programme offered by the Departments of History, Political Science and Sociology. Cooperation with selected partner universities abroad within the framework of mobility windows is possible as part of the study programme.
- (2) The Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" can be studied in a research-oriented study model:
 - The research-oriented study model comprises 9 modules (81 CP). In addition, the model includes an internship and the Master's Examination (consisting of the Master's Thesis with 25 CP and the Master's Thesis Presentation with 5 CP).

§ 4

Aims and occupational fields

- (1) The aim of the study programme is to familiarise students with analytical concepts and theoretical knowledge that enable them to identify, explain and reflect on the interrelationships between institutional structures, political processes and the cultural and social foundations of democracy. The aim is for students to develop a broad understanding of democratic processes from a historical and social science perspective so that they can assess current political and social developments on a national and supranational level on this basis.
- (2) The language of instruction for the study programme is English. In the Additional and Practical Modules (APM), students may also attend courses in other languages.
- (3) The exchange of students between universities is an important component of the Master's programme. It is thus strongly recommended that students spend one semester at a partner university. The aim of the study period abroad is to promote the exchange of information and ideas on a specialist and personal level across national borders and to enable students to learn new content, methods and approaches.

- (4) The Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" qualifies graduates who obtain an appropriate result to pursue further academic qualifications as part of a PhD programme in the related subjects of history, political science and sociology, as well as in the doctoral subject of cultural studies.
- (5) The study programme qualifies students for responsible positions in the following fields: International and intergovernmental organisations and non-governmental organisations; public and private education and research institutions; cultural institutions; publishing houses, agencies and media outlets for international and intercultural communication; parties, associations, political and cultural foundations and other organisations under private law and internationally oriented companies.

II. Content of the study programme

§ 5

Modules

- (1) The Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" comprises the following modules (see module handbook for more details).

Module No.	Module title	SL ¹	PL ²	FS ³	SHW	CP ⁴
INT	Introductory Module	2	1	1	4	9
INT 1.1	Theories of Democracy	1	-	1	2	3
INT 1.2	Methods in History and Social Sciences	1	-	1	2	3
INT 1.3	Final module examination	-	1	1	-	3
MET	Empirical Research on Democracy	2	1	2	4	9
MET 1.1	Methodology and Methods	1	-	2	2	3
MET 1.2	Research Seminar	1	-	2	2	3
MET 1.3	Final module examination	-	1	2	-	3
TM 1	Actors and Institutions in historical and contemporary perspective	2	1	1	4	9
TM 1.1	Historical Foundations of Democracy	1	-	1	2	3
TM 1.2	Actors and Institutions of Democracy	1	-	1	2	3
TM 1.3	Final module examination	-	1	1	-	3
TM 2	Political Cultures and the Public Sphere: Past and Present	2	1	2	4	9
TM 2.1	Comparative Analysis of Political Cultures	1	-	2	2	3
TM 2.2	Public Sphere and the Media	1	-	2	2	3
TM 2.3	Final module examination	-	1	2	-	3
TM 3	Global and Transnational Processes: Past and Present	2	1	3	4	9
TM 3.1	Processes of Democratization	1	-	3	2	3
TM 3.2	Global and Regional Governance	1	-	3	2	3
TM 3.3	Final module examination	-	1	3	-	3
TM 4	Democracies in Comparative Perspective	2	1	3	4	9
TM 4.1	Public Policies in International Comparison	1	-	3	2	3
TM 4.2	Comparative Analysis of Conflicts and Conflict Resolution	1	-	3	2	3
TM 4.3	Final module examination	-	1	3	-	3

1 Course requirements
2 Examination requirements
3 Number of semesters

4 Credit points

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Module No.	Module title	SL ¹	PL ²	FS ³	SWS	CP ⁴
TM 5⁵	Roads to Democracies – Thematic Module Abroad	k.A.⁶	k.A.⁶	3	k.A.⁶	18
MM 1	Master Thesis Module 1	3	-	2-3	3	9
MM 1.1	Thesis Forum I (individual support or colloquium)	1	-	2	1	3
MM 1.2	Thesis Forum II (individual support or colloquium)	1	-	3	1	3
MM 1.3	Final module examination	1	-	3	1	3
MM 2	Master Examination	-	2	4	-	30
MM 2.1	Master Thesis	-	1	4	-	25
MM 2.2	Master Thesis Presentation	-	1	4	-	5
APM 1	Additional Special Studies	3	-	1-3	6	9
APM 1.1	Additional Special Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities I	1	-	1-3	2	3
APM 1.2	Additional Special Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities II	1	-	1-3	2	3
APM 1.3	Additional Special Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities III	1	-	1-3	2	3
APM 2	Transferable Skills	3	-	1-3	6	9
APM 2.1	Transferable Skills in Social Sciences and Humanities I	1	-	1-3	2	3
APM 2.2	Transferable Skills in Social Sciences and Humanities II	1	-	1-3	2	3
APM 2.3	Transferable Skills in Social Sciences and Humanities III	1	-	1-3	2	3
	Internship	1	-	2	-	9
Total				1-4		120

- (2) The modules INT, MET, TM 1, TM 2, TM 3, TM 4, MM 1, MM 2, APM 1 and APM 2, as well as the internship, must be studied.
- (3) In the case of a study period abroad at a partner university, TM 5 replaces modules TM 3 and TM 4. In addition, module elements MM 1.2, MM 1.3, APM 2.2 and APM 2.3 are also completed abroad.
- (4) If no study period abroad is completed, modules TM 3 and TM 4 must be successfully completed at the University of Siegen, as well as module elements MM 1.2, MM 1.3, APM 2.2 and APM 2.3.

§ 6

Study period abroad

- (1) In general, three semesters are completed at the University of Siegen and one semester is completed at a participating partner university. The third semester is designated for the semester abroad. In addition, it is also possible to complete the entire study programme at the University of Siegen. Further information on both variants can be found in the study plans (§ 8).
- (2) In justified cases, the study period abroad can also be completed in the fourth semester.

¹ Course requirements

² Examination requirements

³ Number of semesters

⁴ Credit points

⁵ This module is completed by students who spend their third semester at a partner university. The curriculum is created together with the partner university through agreement between the programme coordinators. It replaces TM 3 and TM 4.

⁶ Depending on the regulations of the relevant partner university abroad.

- (3) At least 60 credit points must be obtained at the University of Siegen.

§ 7

Course and examination requirements

- (1) Course requirements worth 3 credit points (CP) must be successfully performed for every module element. Different forms of study can be used to perform the course requirements, see § 8 (7) of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Programme of Faculty I: School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen. The teaching staff will announce the form of study in which the course requirements need to be performed at the start of the course.
- (2) An examination (3 CP), which is allocated to the module, must be performed for each module. Exceptions here are modules APM 1 and APM 2 in which three course requirements must be performed. Different forms of examination can be used to perform the examination requirement, see § 8 (8) of the Examination Regulations for the Master's programme in Faculty I: School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen. The form of examination is based on the competencies being tested. The specific form of examination for each module is defined in the Module Handbook and will be announced by the teaching staff at the start of the course.
- (3) The regulations issued by the relevant partner university are valid for the course requirements in module TM 5. Course and examination requirements worth a total of 18 CP must be obtained in module TM 5 at one of the partner universities. More information will be provided individually to students in the Learning Agreement and defined in accordance with the selected partner university. In the case of examinations performed abroad, the examination regulations of the relevant partner university are valid. In the case of examinations performed abroad that are scheduled on specific dates, the relevant partner university will define the examination dates.

§ 8

Study plans

- (1) The following study plans are recommended. It is strongly suggested that students follow these plans.
- (2) It should be noted that around 30 CP need to be obtained on average per semester in order to complete the degree within the standard study period and with a consistent workload.
- (3) The study plan with a study period abroad designates the third semester as the mobility window.

Study plan for the Master's programme Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture.

Academic year	Semester		Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture. (120 CP)				CP
			INT (9 CP)	TM 1 (9 CP)	APM 1 (9 CP)	APM 2.1 (3 CP)	
1	1	WiSe	INT (9 CP)	TM 1 (9 CP)	APM 1 (9 CP)	APM 2.1 (3 CP)	30
	2	SoSe	MET (9 CP)	TM 2 (9 CP)	MM 1.1 (3 CP)		30
			Internship (9 CP)				

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Academic year	Semester		Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture. (120 CP)				CP
2	3	WiSe ²	TM 3 (9 CP)	TM 4 (9 CP)	MM 1.2 (3 CP)	APM 2.2 (3 CP)	30
					MM 1.3 (3 CP)	APM 2.3 (3 CP)	
	4	SoSe	Master Thesis (25 CP) Master Thesis Presentation (5 CP)				30

**Study plan for the Master's programme
Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture
(with study period abroad)**

Academic year	Semester		Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture. (120 CP)				CP
1	1	WiSe	INT (9 CP)	TM 1 (9 CP)	APM 1 (9 CP)	APM 2.1 (3 CP)	30
	2	SoSe	MET (9 CP)	TM 2 (9 CP)	MM 1.1 (3 CP)		30
Internship (9 CP)							
2	3	WiSe ²	TM 5 (18 CP)	MM 1.2 (3 CP)	APM 2.2 (3 CP)	30	
				MM 1.3 (3 CP)	APM 2.3 (3 CP)		
	4	SoSe	Master Thesis (25 CP) Master Thesis Presentation (5 CP)				30

§ 9

Internship

The students complete an internship lasting a minimum of eight weeks (see here the Internship Regulations for the Bachelor and Master's Programmes of Faculty I: School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen).

§ 10

Admission to the Master's Examination

Students who have obtained at least 72 CP for the entire study programme will be approved for admission to the Master's Thesis. In addition, the students must have completed modules INT, MET and the module elements MM 1.1 and MM 1.2.

§ 11

Master's Examination

- (1) The Master's Examination consists of the Master's Thesis (25 credit points (CP)) and a Master's Thesis Presentation (5 CP). The Master's Thesis Presentation can take place during the writing-up period or the assessment period for the Master's Thesis, although at the latest eight weeks after the written notification from the chairperson of the General Examination Board of the Faculty confirming that the Master's Thesis has been received.
- (2) Lecturers at partner universities who hold the right to set examinations at a Master's level at their university and meet the requirements in § 65 (1) Sentence 2 of the HG NRW can be appointed as a second assessor.
- (3) The Master's Thesis and the Master's Thesis Presentation must be written and conducted in English. The responsible departmental examination board will decide on any exceptions upon application.
- (4) The Master's Thesis Presentation is usually carried out as one single examination by two examiners who were already assigned as assessors for the Master's Thesis.
- (5) If examiners from participating partner universities are involved, the Master's Thesis Presentation may be conducted by video conference insofar as there are no data privacy concerns. The Official Data Protection Officer should be involved in this process. In this case, an observer must be present in addition to the examiner from the University of Siegen.
- (6) The Master's Thesis Presentation will focus on the content of the Master's Thesis.

§ 12

Assessment, calculation of grades

The grade system used at the partner university is used during the study period abroad. Following the completion of the study period abroad, the grades are adopted or converted in accordance with § 17 (8) of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Programme of Faculty I: School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen.

§ 13

Master's degree transcript and Master's degree certificate

The Master's degree transcript and Master's degree certificate are issued in English and German.

§ 14

Diploma supplement and transcript of records

The diploma supplement and transcript of records are issued in English and German.

§ 15

Implementation and transitional regulations

- (1) These subject-specific regulations are valid for all students who register for the Master's programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" at the University of Siegen for the first time from winter semester 2017/2018 onwards.

- (2) Students who were already enrolled on the Master's programme "Roads to Democracy(ies)" before the winter semester 2017/2018 are able upon application to complete their studies in accordance with these subject-specific regulations. The application must be submitted to the responsible departmental examination board in the faculty. The application is irrevocable.

§ 16

Enactment and publication

- (1) These subject-specific regulations came into force on 1 October 2017. At the same time, the examination regulations for the Master of Arts programme "Roads to Democracy(ies) – an international Master's programme in History, Political Science and Sociology" of 11 November 2014 (Official Notification 102/2014), last amended by the regulations amending the examination regulations for Master of Arts programme "Roads to Democracy(ies) – an international Master's programme in History, Political Science and Sociology" at the University of Siegen of 24 February 2016 (Official Notification 16/2016), were repealed. Students who started their study programme before the winter semester 2017/2018 can continue to complete their studies in accordance with the old examination regulations up until 31 March 2021. Following this date, the Subject-Specific Regulations for the Master's Examination Regulations for the Master's Programme "Roads to Democracies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Politics and Culture" at the University of Siegen in their currently valid form will apply without exception.
- (2) These subject-specific regulations were published in the official notifications of the University of Siegen ("Amtliche Mitteilungen der Universität Siegen").
- (3) Issued on the basis of decisions taken by the Faculty Council of Faculty I: School of Arts and Humanities from 2 November 2016 to 7 June 2017.

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Signed

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