

**Examination and Study Rules  
for the Master's Online Programme International Logistics and Trade  
of the University of Wismar  
University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design**

Of 21 March 2025

On the basis of sec. 2 para. 1 in conjunction with sec. 13 para. 5, sec. 38 para. 1 and sec. 39 para. 1 of the Higher Education Act of the State Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in the version of the publication dated 25 January 2011 (*Landeshochschulgesetz* - GVOBl. M-V p. 18), last amended by the Sixth Act to Amend the State Higher Education Act of 21 June 2021 (GVOBl. M-V, p. 1018), and sec. 1 para. 2 of the Framework Examination Regulations of the University of Wismar, University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design dated 19 October 2012 (Official Gazette BM M-V p. 1159), last amended by the Seventh Statutes for the Amendment of the Framework Examination Regulations of the University of Wismar, University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design dated 16 December 2022 (University Gazette of the University of Wismar, special edition dated 26 January 2023) the University of Wismar, University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design adopted the following study and examination rules:

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## **I. General Conditions**

### **§ 1 Scope**

(§ 1 Framework Examination Regulations)

These Examination and Study Regulations apply to the Master's Online Programme International Logistics and Trade at the University of Wismar, University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design. The Framework Examination Regulations of the University of Wismar are to be applied unless these Examination and Study Rules contain specific regulations.

## **II. General**

### **§ 2 Standard Period of Study**

(§ 2 Framework Examination Regulations)

The standard period of study is four semesters. If fewer than 210 credits can be proven from the first professionally qualifying university degree and relevant professional practice can be recognised as an admission requirement, the standard period of study can be extended to five semesters. This includes the theoretical study semesters, the module examinations and the time allowed for the Master's thesis.

### **§ 3 Degree**

(§ 3 Framework Examination Regulations)

The academic degree "Master of Business Administration (MBA)" is awarded upon successful completion of the Master's examination.

### **§ 4 Admission Requirements**

(§ 4 Framework Examination Regulations)

- (1) Admission to the Master's Online Programme in International Logistics and Trade requires a first academic degree with at least 210 credits from a national or international university. Furthermore, one year of relevant professional experience is required for admission.
- (2) If the number of 210 credits cannot be proven, it is possible to apply for additional qualified, relevant professional practice of 20 weeks with a maximum of 30 credits to be recognised in addition to the admission requirements.
- (3) In individual cases, it is possible to acquire additional credits by completing examinations at the University of Wismar before commencing the programme. The modules to be selected are determined by the person responsible for the programme.
- (4) Applicants must provide proof that they have written and spoken English language skills of at least level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Applicants whose native language is English or who have already obtained a degree in English as the language of instruction do not require a separate language certificate.

### **III. Examinations**

#### **§ 5**

#### **Examination Board**

(§ 5 Framework Examination Regulations)

The University of Wismar forms an examination board for the distance learning programme. It is responsible for all examination-related tasks and decisions as well as for any other tasks assigned to it by these regulations.

#### **§ 6**

#### **Types of Examination**

(§ 6 Framework Examination Regulations)

(1) The following types of examinations can be scheduled in accordance with the examination schedule (Appendix 1) and the module handbook:

1. Written examinations (§ 7 Framework Examination Regulations),
2. Oral examinations (§ 8 Framework Examination Regulations) and
3. Alternative examinations (§ 9 Framework Examination Regulations). These can be in particular:
  - Term papers,
  - Project work,
  - Other written work,
  - Presentations,
  - Colloquia,
  - Participation in business games/workshops/execution of case studies,
  - Role-playing games,
  - Computer programmes.

(2) The type and scope of the examinations will be announced by the examiner when the study materials are made available, but no later than four weeks after the start of the semester.

#### **§ 7**

#### **Participation in Module Examinations**

(§ 12 Framework Examination Regulations)

Candidates must register for the module examinations. Registration takes place prior to the examination. In the case of alternative examinations, registration takes place upon receiving the topic.

#### **§ 8**

#### **Evaluation of Individual Examinations, Grading Procedure**

(§ 16 Framework Examination Regulations)

Examinations are graded as follows:

1.0; 1.3	=	Very good	=	Outstanding performance,
1.7; 2.0; 2.3	=	Good	=	Performance that considerably exceeds the average requirements,
2.7; 3.0; 3.3	=	Satisfactory	=	Performance that meets the average requirements,

3.7; 4.0	= Sufficient	= Performance that, despite its shortcomings still meets the requirements,
5.0	= Insufficient	= Performance that, because of its shortcomings, no longer fulfils the requirements.

**§ 9**  
**Retaking of Module Examinations and Master's Thesis**  
 (§ 19 Framework Examination Regulations)

Failed module examinations can be repeated twice.

**IV. Master's Thesis, Colloquium**

**§ 10**  
**Master's Thesis, Colloquium**  
 (§§ 20 and 21 Framework Examination Regulations)

- (1) Students who have earned at least 54 credits are eligible to write the Master's thesis.
- (2) The Master's thesis shall be completed within 20 weeks. In individual cases, the examination board may extend the working time by a maximum of six weeks on the basis of a justified application. In special individual cases, such as prolonged illness, the total extension period should not exceed half of the working time.
- (3) The topic of the thesis can only be changed once, within the first four weeks of the period given. The chairperson of the examination board ensures that the candidate receives the new topic within six weeks.
- (4) The Master's thesis must be written in English or German. The colloquium will also be held in English or German.
- (5) Two written copies of the Master's thesis must be submitted to the Examination Office in a version suitable for electronic data processing by the deadline.
- (6) The assessment process should not take longer than four weeks.
- (7) Only students who have acquired 72 credits will be permitted to take the colloquium. The maximum duration of the colloquium is 90 minutes.
- (8) The grade of the colloquium counts for 25% of the grade of the Master's thesis.

**§ 11**  
**Passing the Master's Examination and Grading Procedure for the Final Grade**  
 (§ 22 Framework Examination Regulations)

- (1) The module grades weighted according to credits and the weighted overall grade of the Master's thesis are included in the final grade. The Master's thesis grade counts for 1/3 of the final grade and the average grade of the module examinations counts for 2/3 of the final grade.
- (2) Only the first decimal place will be included in the final grade; all other decimal places will be dropped without rounding.

## **V. Study Rules**

### **§ 12 Object of the Study Rules**

The study rules serve to inform and advise students on how to organise their studies sensibly. It is also the basis for the academic counselling of students during their studies and for the planning of courses by the Faculty of Business.

### **§ 13 Programme Objectives**

(1) The Master's Online Programme International Logistics and Trade is designed as a part-time online course. It consists of self-study, online teaching and face-to-face events.

(2) The Faculty of Business at University of Wismar imparts a broad range of economic expertise through application-orientated teaching. The Master's degree programme described here aims to impart application-oriented, theoretical specialist knowledge as well as the ability to responsibly recognise practical problems and develop possible solutions by applying theoretical knowledge and using one's own experience. Furthermore, the ability to critically weigh up the selected solutions and to successfully implement the chosen solution in practice is trained. At the end of the degree programme, students should be able to make decisions on a scientific basis and with a combination of previous (professional) and acquired (study) experience to work independently on issues in the field of international supply chain management in an application-oriented manner.

(3) The Master's Online Programme in International Logistics and Trade is designed to enable students to:

- Reflect on the impact of current global trends such as dematerialisation and digitalisation on global (maritime) value chains, and
- Derive entrepreneurial transformation requirements to increase personal and organisational resilience and the ability to change.

Competences to be developed include in particular the following skills:

- Recognising the influence of organisational competitiveness and dealing with uncertainties and ambivalences,
- Observing the various environments of a company; identifying trends (climate change, digitalisation, urbanisation, instability of social/political structures, etc.) and recognising their interconnectedness,
- Analysing these and drawing entrepreneurial conclusions for the strategic development of their own organisation, and
- Reflecting on the organisational strategy of one's own company against the background of sustainability, uncertainties and high global development dynamics.

### **§ 14 Start of Studies**

The programme may be commenced in the winter semester.

## **§ 15 Programme Structure**

(1) The degree programme is divided into four semesters. Modules are self-contained units of study. In semesters 1 to 3, 20 credits each and in the fourth semester 30 credits are awarded in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), i.e. a total of 90 credits; one credit corresponds to a student workload of 25 hours.

(2) The programme is divided into modules. Modules are self-contained units of study that combine related subject matter. The successful completion of at least one module is documented by a module examination, which must be passed in order to receive the credits for this module.

## **§ 16 Programme Content**

The courses offered in the Master's Online Programme International Logistics and Trade comprise the modules described in more detail in the module handbook.

## **§ 17 Teaching and Study Formats**

(1) The following teaching and learning formats are used:

1. Seminar-style teaching: Teaching of the subject matter, which can take place in the form of face-to-face courses and/or synchronous and asynchronous online teaching as well as telephone conferences,
2. Self-study: independent study of programme and examination-related content using the study materials provided and asynchronous online support, including preparation and follow-up of taught materials.

(2) The study plan (Appendix 2) indicates which of these teaching and learning methods are used in each module and the amount of time they take per semester.

## **§ 18 Student Counselling Service**

(1) The Admissions and Examination Office for distance learning of the University of Wismar are available to all students for advice on general questions concerning their studies as well as on questions concerning the organisation of their studies

(2) The University of Wismar also provides information about the programmes it offers as part of its general study guidance.

(3) Subject-specific study counselling is organised by the Faculty of Business. Students should make use of this service particularly at the beginning of their studies, if they have failed an examination or if they wish to change their programme of study.

(4) Module coordinators are responsible for advising on questions relating to individual subject modules.

## **VI. Final Provisions**

### **§ 19 Transitional Provisions**

These Examination and Study Rules apply to students who are enrolled from the winter semester 2025/2026 onwards.

### **§ 20 Entry into force**

These Examination and Study Rules shall come into effect on the day after their publication in the University Gazette of the University of Wismar.

Executed on the basis of the resolution of the Senate of the University of Wismar dated 20 March 2025, as well as the approval of the Rector dated 21 March 2025.

Wismar, 21 March 2025

**The Rector  
of the University of Wismar  
University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design  
Prof. Dr. Bodo Wiegand-Hoffmeister**

## Appendix 1 Examination Plan

Module		Additional Modules		1. Semester		2. Semester		3. Semester		4. Semester		Credits
		Examination	CR	Examination	CR	Examination	CR	Examination	CR	Examination	CR	
PM 1.1	Systemic Thinking for a Changing World			APL	6							6
PM 1.2	International Economics			K 120 o. APL	6							6
PM 1.3	International General and Strategic Management			K 120 o. APL	6							6
PM 1.4	International Supply Chain Management			K 120 o. APL	6							6
PM 2.1	Data Analytics and Statistics in Information Systems					K 120 o. APL	6					6
PM 2.2	International Contract and Trade Law					K 120 o. APL	6					6
PM 2.3	Transition and Change Management					K 120 o. APL	6					6
PM 2.4	Port Organisation and Management					K 120 o. APL	6					6
PM 3.1	Academic Research and Writing							APL	6			6
PM 3.2	Trade Finance							K 120 o. APL	6			6
PM 3.3	Public Relations and Stakeholder Management							K 120 o. APL	6			6
PM 3.4	Green Shipping and Sustainable Logistics							K 120 o. APL	6			6
PM 4	Master Thesis + Colloquium										18	18
<b>Sum CR</b>					<b>24</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>90</b>

The students must be informed about the type of examination applicable to them in the respective subject and its scope by four weeks after the start of the semester.

### Explanation:

APL Alternative Examination

CR Credits

K Written examination

The time units after K correspond to minutes.



## Appendix 2 Study Plan

Module		1. Semester		2. Semester		3. Semester		4. Semester		Credits
		Stunden (SU+S)	CR	Stunden (SU+S)	CR	Stunden (SU+S)	CR	Stunden	CR	
PM 1.1	Systemic Thinking for a Changing World	24 + 126	6							6
PM 1.2	International Economics	4 + 146	6							6
PM 1.3	International General and Strategic Management	4 + 146	6							6
PM 1.4	International Supply Chain Management	4 + 146	6							6
PM 2.1	Data Analytics and Statistics in Information Systems			4 + 146	6					6
PM 2.2	International Contract and Trade Law			4 + 146	6					6
PM 2.3	Transition and Change Management			4 + 146	6					6
PM 2.4	Port Organisation and Management			4 + 146	6					6
PM 3.1	Academic Research and Writing					4 + 146	6			6
PM 3.2	Trade Finance					4 + 146	6			6
PM 3.3	Public Relations and Stakeholder Management					4 + 146	6			6
PM 3.4	Green Shipping and Sustainable Logistics					4 + 146	6			6
PM 4	Master Thesis + Colloquium							450	18	18
<b>Sum CR</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>90</b>

### Explanation:

CR Credit Points  
 S Self-study  
 SU Seminar-based teaching