

**Study and examination regulations
for the master's degree programme
International Management of Forest Industries at
Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences
(SPO-M-FI)
dated 20 December 2022**

On the basis of Article 13(1)(2)(2), Article 58(1)(1), Article 61(2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG) of 23 May 2006 (Bavarian Government Gazette (GVBl) p. 245, Bavarian State Law 2210-1-1-WFK), last amended by Section 1 paragraph 186 of the Regulation of 26 March 2019 (GVBl p. 98), the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences adopts the following statutes:

**Section 1
Objective of the study programme**

- (1) ¹The objective of the Master's degree programme is the interdisciplinary and practice-oriented deepening and expansion of the core subject areas of management and technology based on previous engineering-oriented forestry studies, or a comparable course of study.
- (2) ¹The objective of the degree programme is to teach skills that will enable the graduates to successfully take up executive positions in a variety of enterprises in the forestry and timber industry in German and abroad.
- (3) In-depth study in the fields of Business Administration, Law for Managers und Business Informatics form the foundation.
- (4) ¹On the Master's degree programme, the students are taught comprehensive specialist knowledge in the fields of Value Chain Management, Information, Marketing and International Markets. ²A compulsory elective module allows the course to take an individual and industry-specific direction.
- (5) ¹Interdisciplinarity and practical relevance are guaranteed by interdisciplinary projects and the Master's thesis with the involvement of partners from industry and business.

- (6) ¹The University offers the Master's degree programme in cooperation with the Swiss University of Agriculture in Zollikofen. ²To obtain the Master's degree, it is mandatory for students to spend at least one semester at the Swiss University of Agriculture in Zollikofen. ³As part of the compulsory semester abroad in Zollikofen, students must provide evidence of coursework and examinations amounting to at least 30 EC.

Section 2

Standard study period, structure of the study programme

- (1) As a full-time course, the study programme takes up a standard study period of three semesters with three theoretical semesters, including a Master's thesis.
- (2) ¹In this Master's degree programme, the course can be started in the summer or winter semester. ²The modules from the first and third semesters are offered in the summer semester, and the modules from the second semester are offered in the winter semester. ³The university structures the modules in such a way that it guarantees the study programme can be completed within the standard study period regardless of when the course was started.
- (3) ¹The summer semester modules are completed at the Weihenstephan campus. ²The winter semester modules are completed at the Swiss University of Agriculture in Zollikofen. ³Both semesters can also be studied online. ⁴The third semester is reserved exclusively for the Master's thesis.

Section 3

Admission requirements

- (1) ¹In order to be accepted onto the master's degree course, students must meet the following qualification requirements:
- ¹To qualify for the Master's degree in International Management of Forest Industries, students must have completed an undergraduate course of study in a German or foreign university that amounts to at least 210 ECTS points and is in the field of forestry, forest sciences, forest industries and timber markets or management of renewable energies and associated courses of study, or must have completed a course that is equivalent to an undergraduate degree of this type. ²The equivalence of the course of study shall be decided upon by the Examining Committee pursuant to Article 63(1) BayHSchG.

2. ¹The degree programme is delivered in English, so applicants will need to provide evidence of their proficiency in English at level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for languages. ²The following certificates are accepted as proof of language proficiency:

- » UNIcert® II (Stufe B2 GER)
- » TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language
Level: Internet-based test, 72 - 94 points
- » TOEIC: Test of English for International Communication
Level: Listening, 400 - 485 points; Reading, 450 points
- » IELTS: International English Testing System
Level: IELTS Academic min. 5.5 – 6.5 points
- » TELC English
Level: B2 School, Business or Technical
- » ESOL Cambridge University: English for Speakers of Other Languages
Level:
 - Cambridge English: First (FCE)
 - Certificate in English Language Skills: Vantage
 - Cambridge English: Business Vantage
- » CET: College English Test
Level: Band 6
- » Pearson PTE Academic: min. 59 points

³Proof is provided by submitting the respective certificate, grade report or other evidence (e.g. higher education entrance qualification in the relevant language) that is equivalent to those other forms already mentioned. ⁴The Examining Committee of the University's Language Centre will decide on the equivalence of any other evidence provided. ⁵Applicants whose native language in their home country is English or who have attended an English-language school for six years do not need to provide additional proof of their level of English.

3. ¹All applicants who have not obtained their entrance qualification from a German-speaking institution must provide evidence of sufficient German language skills in order to take up this course of study. ²This evidence may take the form of a certificate or comparable confirmation that corresponds to language level A1 (or higher) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. ³The Examining Committee of the University's Language Centre will decide on the comparability of the evidence provided. ⁴If evidence cannot be provided by the start of the study programme, enrolment shall be conditional upon language level A1 being attained and verified during the course of study.

Section 4

Evidence of missing EC

- (1) ¹Should applicants submit a university degree certificate as proof of their fulfilment of the entry requirements for which fewer than 210 EC but at least 180 EC were awarded, or which has been deemed equivalent to this number of EC, the missing EC must be evidenced in order to pass the master's examination. ²Should the applicant possess a suitable qualification, deviation from this requirement is permitted in individual cases even if completion of the master's study programme would not amount to 300 EC; the Examining Committee shall decide whether the qualification requirements have been met.
- (2) ¹In the case of missing EC due to lack of a suitable qualification (paragraph 1, sentence 2), which must be evidenced by no later than the start of the third semester, evidence of this requirement may be submitted to the Examining Committee in the form of additional relevant professional experience or participation in relevant university teaching events. ²Evidence may only be provided once for each variant. ³The following conditions apply to the evidence provided:
1. Internship

¹Successful completion of a relevant internship in Germany or abroad that covers a continuous period of normally at least 18 weeks. ²The specific details of the internship are governed by the provisions set out in the annex and in the study plan. ³The Examining Committee will decide on the relevance and successful completion of any internship.
 2. Relevant professional experience:

¹Two years of relevant professional experience is equivalent to up to 30 EC. ²The professional experience must be relevant and subject specific. ³The activities and subject matter of the profession must correspond to the attained or anticipated university degree. ⁴Decisions on professional experience and its relevance and suitability shall be made by the Examining Committee.
 3. Relevant university modules:

¹The Examining Committee shall define which modules from the courses offered by the fundamental study programmes of HSWT must be successfully completed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable study and examination regulations for the module in question. ²The basic regulations for the conduct of examinations (RaPO) shall apply to repeated tests.

Section 5

Exam scoring

In order to facilitate differentiated assessment of individual exam performances, examiners use whole number grades as well as grades increased or reduced by 0.3; grades 0.7, 4.3, 4.7 and 5.3 are not used.

Section 6

Master's thesis

- (1) ¹The master's thesis is an individual piece of scientific work. ²Students will have 6 months to complete their master's thesis.
- (2) ¹In order to be permitted to commence work on a master's thesis, students must have obtained a total of 30 EC from the semesters of theoretical study. ²Topics shall be distributed by the professors involved in the study programme. ³The master's thesis may be produced in Germany or abroad. ⁴The master's thesis must be written in English. ⁵The master's thesis may be produced in a different language with the approval of the examiner and the second examiner.
- (3) ¹Students shall present their master's thesis in a colloquium lasting approximately 30 minutes. ²The presentation shall be attended by the responsible examiners, who may ask follow-up questions. ³ The presentation is included in the assessment of the thesis in accordance with the annex to these statutes.

Section 7

Examining Committee

- (1) ¹The Department Council shall establish an Examining Committee for the master's degree programme from among the professors of the department. ²The Committee shall consist of the chairperson and two further members.
- (2) ¹Separate Examining Committees are formed at the University of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf and the Swiss University of Agriculture in Zollikofen, which make decisions based on their respective national legal requirements. ²If necessary, the Examining Committees may meet and consult lecturers from both universities who hold examinations in the Master's degree course.

Section 8

Master's examination certificate

¹Upon successful completion of the master's examination, the student shall receive a certificate corresponding to the sample shown in the annex to the General Examination Regulations of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences. ²A master's examination certificate in English shall also be issued.

Section 9

Academic title and Diploma Supplement

- (1) Upon successful completion of the master's examination, the academic title 'Master of Science', abbreviated to 'M.Sc.', shall be awarded and a master's degree certificate corresponding to the sample shown in the annex to the General Examination Regulations of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences shall be issued.
- (2) An English translation and a diploma supplement shall be enclosed with the degree certificate. The diploma supplement describes the main subject matter of the degree, the course schedule and the qualification obtained upon successful completion.

Section 10

Entry into force and final provisions

- (1) ¹These study and examination regulations enter into force on 15 March 2022. ²They apply to all students commencing their studies in the master's degree programme International Management of Forest Industries at Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences in the 2022 summer semester.
- (2) ¹These study and examination regulations serve to complete and supplement the basic regulations for the conduct of examinations at universities of applied sciences (RaPO) of 17 October 2001, last amended by Section 1 of the amending regulation of 6 August 2010 (BayRS 2210-4-1-4-1-WFK), and the currently applicable version of the General Examination Regulations of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences.

Executed on the basis of the resolution of the Senate of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences of 8 December 2021 and the legal approval of the President of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences of 22 December 2021.

Freising, 22 December 2021

Dr Eric Veulliet
President

The statutes were enshrined on 22 December 2021 at Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences; their enshrinement was announced on 22 December 2021 by means of publication of a notice in the University. The date of notification is therefore 22 December 2021.

Overview of the modules and examinations

FIRST YEAR OF STUDIES

| Summer semester (location of studies: Weihenstephan) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Modules | | | | | Examinations | | | | Grade calculations | |
| No./Code | Module description | Type / format | SWS | EC | T.Nr./T.Code | P Art | P Min. | P Vor. | W. M-Note | W. G-Note |
| 353221010 | Economic Planning and Management in Forest Industries | SU, Ü, PS | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353221020 | Cost Management and Controlling | SU, Ü, PS | 4 | 5 | | SP | 120 | | 1 | 1 |
| 353221030 | Law for Leaders | SU, Ü, PS | 4 | 5 | | SP | 120 | | 1 | 1 |
| 353221040 | Information Management | SU, Ü, PS | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353221050 | International Timber Trade | SU, Ü, PS | 4 | 5 | | SP | 90 | | 1 | 1 |
| 353221800 | Electives* | SU, Ü, S, PS | 4 | 5 | | sP/ mP/ StA/ Koll/ PA | 90/ 15-45/ 10W/ 20-30/ 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| Sums | | | 24 | 30 | | | | | | 6 |

*See study plan for options

| Winter semester (location of studies: Zollikofen) | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Modules | | | | | Examinations | | | | Grade calculations | |
| No./Code | Module description | Type / format | SWS | EC | T.Nr./T.Code | P Art | P Min. | P Vor. | W. M-Note | W. G-Note |
| 353222010 | Knowledge Management and Sharing in Agriculture and Forestry | SU, S | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353222020 | Integrated Natural Resources Management and Climate Change | SU, Ü, PS, Pr | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353222030 | Logistics, Supply Chain and Network Management | SU, Ü, S | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353222040 | Consumer Behavior, Markets and Trade | SU, Ü, PS | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353222050 | International Forstry and Forest Industry | SU, S | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| 353222060 | International Forest Engineering | SU, S | 4 | 5 | | StA | 10W | | 1 | 1 |
| Sums | | | 24 | 30 | | | | | | 6 |

Overview of the modules and examinations

SECOND YEAR OF STUDIES

| Third study semester | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Modules | | | | | Examinations | | | | Grade calculations | |
| No./Code | Module description | Type / format | SWS | EC | T.Nr./T.Code | P Art | P Min. | P Vor. | W. M-Note | W. G-Note |
| 353223000 | Master's Thesis (Thesis) (Defence colloquium) | | 0 | 30 (27) (3) | | Thesis Koll | 30 | | 0,85 0,15 | 6 |
| Sums | | | 0 | 30 | | | | | | 6 |

| Degree Programme - all semesters | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| No. | Description | Semester type | SWS | EC | Divisor ¹⁾ |
| 1 st | Study semester | theoretical | 24 | 30 | 6 |
| 2 nd | Study semester | theoretical | 24 | 30 | 6 |
| 3 rd | Study semester | theoretical | 0 | 30 | 6 |
| Sums | | | 48 | 90 | 18 |

¹⁾ Divisor for the calculation of the overall grade

| Notes/abbreviations: | |
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| Column | |
| 1 | Number, module code |
| 2 | Description, module name |
| 3 | Type of class/teaching formats in the module: SU = seminar-based tuition, P = internship, Ü = tutorial, S = seminar, PS = project work or project seminar |
| 4 | Weekly hours per semester = contact hours = programme of study |
| 5 | ECTS credits, student workload, 1 EC = 30 hours of study |
| 6 | Number, assignment code |
| 7 | Examination type: sP = written examination, mP = oral examination, StA = student research project, PA = project work, Koll = colloquium |
| 8 | Duration of examination in minutes |
| 9 | P Vor. = admission requirements for the examination; N = evidence to be submitted if examination is passed, see the study plan for more information; Simplified assessment in accordance with Section 6 Paragraph 3 Sentence 1 of the general examination regulations (APO); the admission requirements may also include the successful completion of a compulsory or required elective module; |
| 10 | Weighting (W) for the calculation of the final module grade (M-Note) |
| 11 | Weighting (W) of the final module grade for the calculation of the overall examination grade (G-Note); in required elective modules, each 3 EC: score 1 |