

Examination Rules and Regulations for the Master's Degree Program in Global Political Economy, Faculty for Social Sciences, University of Kassel, July 2004

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I. Joint regulations

§ 1 Applicability

These Examination Rules and Regulations for the consecutive English–language Master's degree program in Global Political Economy serve as a supplement to the applicable General Examination Rules and Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's degree programs (AB Bachelor/Master) of the University of Kassel.

§ 2 Academic degrees; orientation

- (1) The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Kassel confers the academic degree "Master of Arts" upon successful completion of the Master's examination.
- (2) The Master's program in Global Political Economy is a research–oriented curriculum. See the Diploma Supplement for more information.

§ 3 Standard term and scope of study

- (1) The standard term of study for the Master's program is four semesters including the Master's thesis.
- (2) 120 credits are required to complete the Master's program, including 27 for the Master's thesis.

§ 4 Board of Examiners

The Board of Examiners for Global Political Economy is responsible for all examination–related issues.

- (2) The Board of Examiners is composed of
 - a) three professors from the faculty
 - b) one research associate
 - c) one student from the faculty

II. Master's degree

§ 5 Admission requirements for the Master's program

Successful candidates for admission to the Master's degree program in Global Political Economy are those who

- a) have completed a first professional degree program of at least six semesters in duration, in Sociology, Political Science or Economics at the University of Kassel or at another university or vocational college, and achieved the grade of "good";
- b) have completed an equivalent degree program of at least six semesters in duration at a foreign university in one of the disciplines mentioned under a);
- c) satisfy the requirements under Para. 2.

The curriculum mentioned in Para. 1a) or b) must fulfill the requirements of the Master's degree program in Global Political Economy. In particular, candidates must have achieved the following competencies:

- good knowledge of political science or economics
- basic knowledge of sociology, political science, and economics
- proficiency in English, equivalent to 500 points on the TOEFL test

Candidates normally take part in a thirty-minute interview with two professors from the Board of Examiners in order to determine whether the admission requirements pursuant to Para. 2 are met. The Board of Examiners may decide to waive the interview if the candidate's written application contains sufficient evidence that the requirements under Para. 2 are fulfilled.

§ 6 Examinations; grading procedure

(1) The Master's degree in Global Political Economy comprises:

Eight module examinations: five compulsory "core courses", four elective "special option courses", and one course in methodology:

Compulsory courses (45 credits in total):

Introduction to Globalization	9 credits
International Economics	9 credits
Governance of the World Market: Institutions, Instruments, and Experiences	9 credits
Theories of International Political Economy	9 credits
Europe's Role in the Globalization Process	9 credits
Elective courses (at least 24 credits):	
Advanced Theories of International Political Economy	6 credits
Advanced International Economics	6 credits
The Impact of Globalization on National and Local Governments	6 credits

European Integration		6 credits
	6 credits	
Global Environmental Politics		6 credits
Migration and Global Labor Markets		6 credits
The Politics of Development and North-South Relations		6 credits
Gender and Globalization		6 credits
	6 credits	
Issues of Global Governance		6 credits
Cultural Aspects of Globalization		6 credits
among others		6 credits
Courses in methodology (5 credits total): Advanced Writings Skills and Research Methods		
	5 credits	
Practical training/internship (at least 8 weeks)	10 credits	
Master's degree and Master's Colloquium with presentation		<u>30 credits</u>
Total	120 credits	

A total of 40 credits must be earned between the elective courses and the internship. Students have the option of taking additional module examinations in the elective courses or of extending the internship to three months (16 credits).

The overall grade for the Master's examination is calculated from the average of the module examination grades and is weighted as follows:

Module examinations incl. internship	60%
Master's thesis	30%
Master's Colloquium	10%.

§ 7 Master's thesis, Master's Colloquium

- (1) The subject of the Master's thesis will be issued in the third semester at the earliest or in the fourth semester at the latest.
- (2) The period from choosing the thesis subject to submitting the Master's thesis is five months. The subject must be chosen carefully such that it can be treated within the time limit prescribed.
- (3) If the first submission deadline cannot be met for reasons beyond the candidate's control, the Board of Examiners shall extend the deadline by two months provided that the candidate applies for the extension before the first deadline is passed and that the

thesis supervisor agrees to the extension. If the impediment lingers, the candidate may withdraw from the examination.

- (4) The Master's thesis may be written in English or German.
- (5) The Master's thesis is to be presented during a colloquium in the form of a presentation and an oral defense. The duration of the oral defense is usually 45 minutes.

III. Final regulation

§ 8 Validity

These Examination Rules and Regulations take effect the day after their publication in the official gazette of the State of Hesse.

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The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences