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Subject-Specific Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree Course Tourism Development Strategies (TDS)

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Based on § 2(1) in conjunction with § 38(1) *Landeshochschulgesetz* - LHG M-V (State Higher Education Act) of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, in the version announced on 25 January 2011 (Law and Ordinance Gazette of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (GVOBl. M-V) p. 18), last amended by Article 2 of the Act of 23 April 2021 (GVOBl. M-V p. 510), Hochschule Stralsund, University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter UAS Stralsund) hereby passes the following *Fachprüfungsordnung* (hereinafter Subject-Specific Examination Regulations) for the master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies (TDS):

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Part One

Scope of Application, Study Requirements and Degree Structure

§ 1

Scope of Application

These examination regulations govern the study requirements, studies and examination procedures for the master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies (TDS) at University of Applied Sciences Stralsund. University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's *Rahmenprüfungsordnung* (hereinafter General Examination Regulations) of 24 October 2012 (Mitt.bl. BM M-V 2012, p. 1146), last amended by the Eighth Amending Statutes of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's General Examination Regulations of 21 January 2021 (published on University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's website on 22 January 2021) will apply directly for all examination matters that are not covered by these regulations.

§ 2

Admission Requirements

(1) Admission to the master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies (TDS) is regulated by §§ 17 to 20 of the State Higher Education Act.

(2) If admission to the master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies (TDS) is subject to restrictions, the regulations for the implementation of the university's own selection procedure apply.

(3) Admission also requires proof of corresponding English language skills. These skills must correspond to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The provisions of § 5(2) Item 5 of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's *Immatrikulationsordnung* (hereinafter Enrolment Regulations), as amended from time to time, apply to certificates being used as proof and their dispensability.

(4) The equivalence of marks and degrees for foreign applicants is determined in accordance with the equivalence agreements of the KMK and HRK. In addition, the stipulations of university partnership agreements must be observed.

(5) Admission to the 2-semester master's degree course is only possible for:

1. persons who provide proof of an undergraduate university degree;
 - this can be a bachelor's degree or other degree that is at least equivalent in economics or business administration or a related subject that was obtained in Germany and had a scope of at least 240 ECTS points.

or

- a bachelor's degree or other degree that is at least comparable in economics or business administration or a related subject that was obtained abroad and had a scope of at least 240 ECTS points.

2. persons who are able to provide proof of
 - a period of professional work experience (internship) in a field related to the degree course that was completed prior to commencing studies. Professional work experience or an internship semester completed as part of a bachelor's or *Diplom* degree course in an area related to the degree course will be recognised. The scope of the professional work experience in a related area must cover at least 12 weeks.
 3. The student is obliged to pay additional programme costs for e.g. compulsory excursions, visits to companies and institutions, as well as social and intercultural events. They must sign the declaration of commitment to pay these additional programme costs and provide proof of payment of the full amount of the additional programme costs specified in the declaration of commitment when they enrol.
- (6) Admission to the 3-semester master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies is only possible for:
1. persons who provide proof of an undergraduate university degree;
 - this can be a bachelor's degree or other degree that is at least equivalent in economics or business administration or a related subject that was obtained in Germany and had a scope of at least 210 ECTS points.
 - or
 - a bachelor's degree or other degree that is at least comparable in economics or business administration or a related subject that was obtained abroad and had a scope of at least 210 ECTS points.
2. persons who are able to provide proof of
 - a period of professional work experience (internship) in a field related to the degree course that was completed prior to commencing studies. Professional work experience or an internship semester completed as part of a bachelor's or *Diplom* degree course in an area related to the degree course will be recognised. The scope of the professional work experience in a related area must cover at least 12 weeks.
 3. Foreign applicants must also provide proof of sufficient German language skills in accordance with University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's Enrolment Regulations. The required language skills correspond to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
 4. The student is obliged to pay additional programme costs for e.g. compulsory excursions, visits to companies and institutions, as well as social and intercultural events. They must sign the declaration of commitment to pay these additional programme costs and provide proof of payment of the partial amount of the additional programme costs specified in the declaration of commitment when they enrol, the remaining amount must be paid within four months after the start of the semester.

(7) Admission to the 4-semester master's degree course is only possible for:

1. persons who provide proof of an undergraduate university degree;
 - this can be a bachelor's degree or other degree that is at least equivalent in economics or business administration or a related subject that was obtained in Germany and had a scope of at least 180 ECTS points.or
 - a bachelor's degree or other degree that is at least comparable in economics or business administration or a related subject that was obtained abroad and had a scope of at least 180 ECTS points.
2. Foreign applicants must also provide proof of sufficient German language skills in accordance with University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's Enrolment Regulations. The required language skills correspond to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
3. The student is obliged to pay additional programme costs for e.g. compulsory excursions, visits to companies and institutions, as well as social and intercultural events. They must sign the declaration of commitment to pay these additional programme costs and provide proof of payment of the partial amount of the additional programme costs specified in the declaration of commitment when they enrol, the remaining amount must be paid within four months after the start of the semester.

(8) The Admissions Committee for the degree course, consisting of the heads of the degree course and the course coordinator of the master's degree course, decides on applicants' suitability. The Studies and Examinations Division at University of Applied Sciences Stralsund must be consulted if the applicant is foreign.

(9) Further regulations on admission to the master's degree course can be found in § 2 of the General Examination Regulations.

§ 3

Duration and Degree Structure

(1) There are three different study durations in which this degree course can usually be completed with the master's examination (standard length of study). The degree course offers three different durations with differing standard lengths of study:

- 2-semester master's degree course
- 3-semester master's degree course
- 4-semester master's degree course.

(2) Selected modules include excursions and visits to companies.

- (3) The following applies to the 2-semester master's degree course:
1. The course comprises 60 ECTS points and is divided into two semesters of theory as well as examinations including the master's dissertation and the colloquium. The last of these study semesters (the second semester) is primarily used to produce the master's dissertation and complete the colloquium.
 2. To successfully complete the degree course, students must complete the modules stipulated in § 7 (amounting to 35 ECTS) including the master's dissertation with the colloquium (amounting to 25 ECTS).
- (4) The following applies to the 3-semester master's degree course:
1. The course comprises 90 ECTS points and is divided into three semesters of theory as well as examinations including the master's dissertation and the colloquium. The last of these study semesters (the third semester) is primarily used to produce the master's dissertation and complete the colloquium.
 2. To successfully complete the degree course, students must complete the modules stipulated in § 7 (amounting to 65 ECTS) including the master's dissertation and colloquium (amounting to 25 ECTS).
- (5) The following applies to the 4-semester master's degree course:
1. The course comprises 120 ECTS points and is divided into one internship semester and three semesters of theory as well as examinations including the master's dissertation and the colloquium. The last of these semesters (the fourth semester) is primarily used to produce the master's dissertation and complete the colloquium.
 2. To successfully complete the degree course, students must complete the modules stipulated in § 7 (amounting to 95 ECTS) including the master's dissertation and colloquium (amounting to 25 ECTS).
 3. The internship semester usually takes place during the third subject semester. It is a supervised period of training that is integrated into the degree course, the content of which is defined and regulated by University of Applied Sciences Stralsund, that usually takes place in a company or at another institution related to professional practice and covering a period of at least 21 weeks. The contents and the subject requirements for the internship semester are regulated by the Internship Guidelines (Appendix 1 of the Study Regulations).
- (6) Part-time study is possible in all three study paths. Please also refer to § 5 of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's General Examination Regulations.

Part Two
Examinations, Examination Assessment and Procedures

§ 4

Types of Assessment, Subject of Examinations, Language of Teaching and Examinations, Types of Examination

- (1) The types of assessment are stipulated in § 9(2) of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's General Examination Regulations.
- (2) Other types of assessment include experimental work carried out during the semester as part of the course content of the associated module.
- (3) A report is a written, independent piece of work that is not awarded marks, but receives its own ECTS score. The module will only be recognised if an assessment component that is not awarded marks is assessed as 'passed'.
- (4) The type and scope of the module's assessment components are specified in § 7 of these Examination Regulations. Students must be informed about the chosen type of assessment and its scope by the second week of the lecture period at the latest. The type and scope of the respective type of assessment must be the same for all students in the same semester of study.
- (5) The examination language must be the same as the language of tuition.
- (6) Special regulations for the master's dissertation and colloquium are set out in § 8 of these Examination Regulations.
- (7) For the 2-semester master's degree course, the modules and corresponding examinations are usually held in English.
- (8) For the 3-semester master's degree course, most of the modules and corresponding examinations are usually held in English.
- (9) § 4(8) applies accordingly to the 4-semester master's degree course.

§ 5

Experimental Work

- (1) In experimental work (EW), candidates should prove that they can combine theory and practice in the subject area and that they can complete a practice-oriented task. Experimental work can be assigned as team work. Specific types of experimental work are e.g.: Projects, exercise sheets, computer programmes, presentations, role plays, written assignments, video clips, laboratory experiments.

(2) The responsible member of teaching staff assigns the task to be completed as experimental work and announces the proportion of the mark it will make up to the candidates in the first few weeks of the lecture period or during the course of lectures, and announces the date by which the work must have been completed or submitted. The task must be limited in such a way that the experimental work can be completed in accordance with the workload stipulated in § 7.

(3) If the marks for experimental work that was produced by a group differ between the group members, the member of teaching staff responsible must explain the reasons as to why the marks were different.

§ 6

Regulations for Periods of Study Abroad

(1) The completion of a semester of study abroad is not part of the curriculum, but is expressly recommended by the School of Business Studies. Students must notify the Study Office of their period of stay abroad before the start of the stay.

§ 7

Module Examinations, Regular Examination Dates, Requirements, Assessment, ECTS Points of the Modules and Weighting of the Modules in the Final Grade

(1) The master's examination consists of module examinations, the master's dissertation and a colloquium.

(2) If an examination is made up of more than one component, the components of the examination that have been failed cannot be compensated. Students must pass all of the individual components of the examination. Passed examination components will be recognised.

(3) The modules that are not awarded a mark will be recognised as 'passed' or not recognised with 'failed'.

(4) If the student exceeds the required ECTS points due to their selection of compulsory elective modules, a selection can be made from the passed modules.

(5) Students on the 2-semester master's degree course must complete:

- Compulsory modules totalling 25 ECTS
- Compulsory elective modules totalling 5 ECTS
- Master's dissertation with colloquium totalling 25 ECTS

pursuant to the following tables

Module code	Module	Type and scope of examination	Alternative type of examination I (type and scope)	Alternative type of examination II (type and scope)	Regular examination date	Required modules	Assessment of the module	Weighting per course examination in the module in %	ECTS per module	Module weighting in final grade in %
TDSM 1000	Tourism in Practice	EW (30 hours)	-	-	Sem. 2	-	No		5	0
TDSM 1100	Individual and Organisational Development	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	WA (5000 Words)	Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	13
TDSM 1200	Sustainability in Tourism	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	WA (5000 words)	Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	13
TDSM 1300	Research and Case Project	EW (50 hours)	WA (7500 words)	-	Sem. 1	-	Yes		10	16
TDSM 1400 - TDSM 1600 or TDSM 2000 - TDSM 2400	Compulsory Elective Module 1	see table of compulsory elective modules			Sem. 2	-	Yes		5	13
TDSM 2600	Scientific Training	Report: (8 pages)	EW (30 hours)	-	Sem. 2	-	No		5	0
TDSM 2700	Master's Dissertation and Colloquium	see § 8	-	-	Sem. 2					

	TDSM2710 Master's Dissertation	Dissertation	-	-		20 ECTS points	Yes	70%	23	45
	TDSM2720 Master's Dissertation Colloquium	Colloquium	-	-		58 ECTS points		30 %	2	

Weighting Total amount: 100 %

Legend: WE 2 = written examination 2 hours; WA = written assignment; PW = project work with presentation; Pres. = presentation; EW = experimental work; OE = oral examination; min. = minutes; Sem. = semester

Compulsory Electives

Modules: TDSM1400-TDSM1600 or TDSM2000-TDSM2400 Compulsory electives

(total 5 ECTS points)

Selection of one of the modules on offer. We recommend that students take the compulsory elective module in their 1st subject semester.

Module Code	Module	Type and scope of examination	Alternative type of examination (type and scope)	Alternative type of examination II (type and scope)	Regular examination date
TDSM 1400	Managing Tourism Markets	WE 2	EW (30 hours)	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	Semester 1
TDSM 1500	Global Business Development	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	-	Semester 1
TDSM 1600	Digitalisation and Tourism	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	WA (5000 words)	Semester 1
TDSM 2000	Strategic Human Resource Management	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	WA (5000 words)	WE 2	Semester 2
TDSM 2100	Communication and Media Management	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	OE (30 minutes)	Semester 2
TDSM 2200	Political Economy of Tourism	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	Semester 2
TDSM 2300	Supply Chain in Tourism	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	OE (30 minutes)	Semester 2
TDSM 2400	Cultural Heritage Management in Tourism	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	OE (30 minutes)	Semester 2

Legend: WE 2 = written examination 2 hours; WA = written assignment; PW = project work with presentation; pres. = presentation; EW = experimental work; OE = oral examination; min. = minutes; Sem. = semester;

(6) Students on the 3-semester master's degree course must complete:

- Compulsory modules totalling 45 ECTS
- Compulsory elective modules totalling 20 ECTS
- Master's dissertation with colloquium totalling 25 ECTS

pursuant to the following tables:

Module Code	Module	Type and scope of Examination	Alternative type of examination I (type and scope)	Alternative type of examination II (type and scope)	Regular examination date	Required modules	Assessment of the module	Weighting per course examination in the module in %	ECTS per module	Module weighting in final grade in %
TDSM 1000	Tourism in Practice	EW (30 hours)	-	-	Sem. 2	-	No		5	0
TDSM 1100	Individual and Organisational Development	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	WA (5000 words)	Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1200	Sustainability in Tourism	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	WA (5000 words)	Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1300	Research and Case Project	EW (50 hours)	WA (7500 words)	-	Sem. 1	-	Yes		10	10
TDSM 1400 - TDSM 1600	Compulsory Elective Module 1	see table of compulsory elective modules			Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	7
TDSM 1700	Managing Financial Performance	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	-	Sem. 2	-	Yes		5	8

TDSM 1800	Destination	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	OE (30 minutes)	Sem. 2	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1900	Personal Skill Development - Values Based Management	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	-	Sem. 2	Seminar Self Management	No		5	0
TDSM 2000 - TDSM 2400	Compulsory Elective Module 2	see table of compulsory elective modules			Semester 2	-	Yes		5	7
	Compulsory Elective Module 3	see table of compulsory elective modules			Semester 2	-	Yes		5	7
	Compulsory Elective Module 4	see table of compulsory elective modules			Semester 2	-	Yes		5	7
TDSM 2600	Scientific Training	Report: (8 pages)	EW (30 hours)	-	Semester 3	-	No		5	0
TDSM 2700	Master's Dissertation and Colloquium	see § 8	-	-	Semester 3		Yes			30
	TDSM2710 Master's Dissertation	Dissertation	-	-		50 ECTS points		70%	23	
	TDSM2720 Master's Dissertation Colloquium	Colloquium	-	-		88 ECTS points		30 %	2	

Weighting Total amount: 100 %

Legend: WE 2 = written examination 2 hours; WA = written assignment; PW = project work with presentation; pres. = presentation; EW = experimental work; OE = oral examination; min. = minutes; Sem. = semester;

Compulsory electives for the 3 and 4-semester master's degree courses

Modules: TDSM1400-TDSM1600 or TDSM2000-TDSM2400 Compulsory electives

(total 20 ECTS points)

- Three modules on offer in the 1st semester, of which one module must be selected.
- Five modules on offer in the 2nd semester, of which three modules must be selected.

Module Code	Module	Type and scope of examination	Alternative type of examination I (type and scope)	Alternative type of examination II (type and scope)	Regular examination date
TDSM 1400	Managing Tourism Markets	WE 2	EW (30 hours)	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	Semester 1
TDSM 1500	Global Business Development	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	-	Semester 1
TDSM 1600	Digitalisation and Tourism	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	WA (5000 words)	Sem. 1
TDSM 2000	Strategic Human Resource Management	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	WA (5000 words)	WE 2	Sem. 2
TDSM 2100	Communication and Media Management	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	OE (30 minutes)	Sem. 2
TDSM 2200	Political Economy of Tourism	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	Sem. 2
TDSM 2300	Supply Chain in Tourism	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	OE (30 minutes)	Sem. 2
TDSM 2400	Cultural Heritage Management in Tourism	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	OE (30 minutes)	Sem. 2

Legend: WE 2 = written examination 2 hours; WA = written assignment; PW = project work with presentation; pres. = presentation; EW = experimental work; OE = oral examination; min. = minutes; Sem. = semester;

(7) 1. Students on the 4-semester master's degree course must complete:

- Compulsory modules totalling 75 ECTS
- Compulsory elective modules totalling 20 ECTS
- Master's dissertation with colloquium totalling 25 ECTS

pursuant to the following tables:

2. The stipulations for the 3-semester master's degree course (sub-section (6)) apply correspondingly to the required compulsory elective modules.

Module Code	Module	Type and scope of examination	Alternative type of examination I (type and scope)	Alternative type of examination II (type and scope)	Regular examination date	Required modules	Assessment of the module	Weighting per course examination in the module in %	ECTS per module	Module weighting in final grade in %
TDSM 1000	Tourism in Practice	EW (30 hours)	-	-	Sem. 2	-	No		5	0
TDSM 1100	Individual and Organisational Development	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	WA (5000 words)	Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1200	Sustainability in Tourism	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	WA (5000 words)	Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1300	Research and Case Project	EW (50 hours)	WA (7500 words)	-	Sem. 1	-	Yes		10	10
TDSM 1400 - TDSM 1600	Compulsory Elective Module 1	see table of compulsory elective modules			Sem. 1	-	Yes		5	7

TDSM 1700	Managing Financial Performance	WE 2	OE (30 minutes)	-	Sem. 2	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1800	Destination	PW (3500 words and 15 min. pres.)	EW (30 hours)	OE (30 minutes)	Sem. 2	-	Yes		5	8
TDSM 1900	Personal Skill Development - Values Based Management	WE 2	WA (5000 words)	-	Sem. 2	Seminar Self Management	No		5	0
TDSM 2000	Compulsory Elective Module 2	see table of compulsory elective modules			Semester 2	-	Yes		5	7
-	Compulsory Elective Module 3	see table of compulsory elective modules			Semester 2	-	Yes		5	7
TDSM 2400	Compulsory Elective Module 4	see table of compulsory elective modules			Semester 2	-	Yes		5	7
TDSM 2500	Internship and Evaluation	EW (30 hours)	-	-	Semester 3	-	No		30	0
TDSM 2600	Scientific Training	Report: (8 pages)	EW (30 hours)	-	Semester 4	-	No		5	0
TDSM 2700	Master's Dissertation and Colloquium	see § 8	-	-	Semester 4		Yes			30
	TDSM2710 Master's Dissertation	Dissertation	-	-		55 ECTS points		70%	23	
	TDSM2720 Master's Dissertation Colloquium	Colloquium	-	-		118 ECTS points		30 %	2	

Weighting Total amount: 100 %

Legend: WE 2 = written examination 2 hours; WA = written assignment; PW = project work with presentation; pres. = presentation; EW = experimental work; OE = oral examination; min. = minutes; Sem. = semester;
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(8) The compulsory elective modules will only be provided if at least five students have registered for the course. There is no legal claim to the provision of all compulsory elective modules. Upon request, the Examination Board will decide on exceptions to the minimum required number of students.

(9) Furthermore, the compulsory elective area can be extended by courses worth 5 ECTS points (4 SWS), which look into current developments in the field of tourism and management or additional specialisation topics. Requests to provide these courses with the following types of examination must be addressed to the Examination Board via the Studies and Examinations Division at the beginning of the semester:

- Written examination 2 hours or
- Project work 3,500 words and presentation (approx. 15 minutes) or
- Written assignment 5,000 words

(10) Examinations can be held in forms other than those stipulated above if the scope of the examination is equivalent and the examination is evaluated according to the same criteria. The students must be informed at the start of teaching in each respective module (one week after the start of the course at the latest) about the kind of assessment and its scope. Unless an alternative type of examination is indicated for the module examination in sub-sections (5) to (7), the examiner will select the type and scope of assessment that will apply to all candidates of one semester in accordance with the following overview:

1. Type of examination for individual students

Type of examination for individual students	Alternative type of examination type I (written assignment)	Alternative type of examination II (project work = written assignment with presentation)
Written examination 1 hour	approx. 2,500 words	approx. 2,000 words and 10 minutes
Written examination 2 hours	approx. 5,000 words	approx. 3,500 words and 15 minutes
Written examination 3 hours	approx. 7,500 words	approx. 5,500 words and 15 minutes

2. Types of examination for groups

If written assignments or project work with presentations are taking place as group assessments, the following regulations apply in deviation from the above-mentioned scope per individual student:

- **Written assignments:**
For groups of two students, the word count of an individual student is doubled; for groups of more than two students, 20% is deducted from the regular word count.
- **Project work with presentation:**
Project work: For groups of two students, the word count of an individual student is doubled; for groups of more than two students, 20% is deducted from the regular word count.
Presentation: A presentation of 15 minutes per student is required, 15 minutes are added for each additional student. The maximum length of a presentation for groups of more than 6 students is 80 minutes.

An alternative type of examination is only determined following confirmation by the Examination Board at the request of the examiner and prior to its announcement. This also applies to alternative types of examination as defined previously in sub-sections (5) to (7). Valid alternative types of examination can also be announced at the beginning of the semester on a list of all the examinations that has been approved by the Examination Board.

§ 8 Master's Dissertation and Colloquium

(1) In accordance with § 20(1) Item 2 of the General Examination Regulations, the master's dissertation can only be completed by students who have

1. gained the required amount of ECTS credits in the same degree course at a tertiary education institution in the Federal Republic of Germany, or has completed coursework and examinations that have been recognised as equivalent in accordance with § 22 of the General Examination Regulations.

The required number of ECTS points is stipulated in § 7 of these Subject-Specific Examination Regulations. If the internship semester cannot be completed due to force majeure, the number of ECTS points required to register for the master's dissertation in accordance with § 7(7) of these Subject-Specific Examination Regulations may be reduced by an additional 5 ECTS points. These circumstances must be verified individually following submission of a written request that is addressed to the Examination Board and submitted to the Student Office. The request must be accompanied by a detailed description of the circumstances and sufficient proof. This easing of the admission requirements for the master's dissertation does not apply if admission has already been facilitated in accordance with § 9a(3) of the General Examination Regulations due to restrictions that affect the entire university.

2. participated in the compulsory excursions of the degree course. Exceptions to this rule may be granted upon written request to the Examination Board of the School of Business Studies.

(2) As a general rule of principle, the master's dissertation must be written in English. At the student's request and in agreement with the examiners, the Examination Board may allow for the Master's dissertation to be written in a different language; in such cases, the dissertation must include a 15-page summary in English. The request must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Examination Board and submitted in writing to the Studies and Examinations Division.

(3) The writing-up period for the master's dissertation is 18 Weeks. The topic, the problem being addressed and the extent of the master's dissertation must be limited by the examiners in such a way that it is possible to complete the master's dissertation within the writing-up period.

(4) The colloquium should be held in the language specified in sub-section (2).

(5) The colloquium is open to the university public. The university public can be excluded due to important reasons. The result will be determined and made known to the candidate behind closed doors.

(6) The colloquium takes place at University of Applied Sciences Stralsund. The first examiner can decide on exceptions in agreement with the second examiner. A video conference is also a possible alternative. For this purpose, the candidate must submit a written notification to the Studies and Examination Division at least three weeks prior to the colloquium. A video conference may only be used if the examiners and the student have granted their consent and the applicable regulations of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund are observed. The Examination Board decides on any

other exceptions pertaining to the colloquium at University of Applied Sciences Stralsund.

(7) Further regulations regarding the master's dissertation and the colloquium can be found in §§ 24 to 27 of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's General Examination Regulations.

§ 9

Final Grade for the Master's Degree

(1) The final grade of the master's degree in the 2-semester master's degree course consists of:

- 55% from the weighted average of the module examinations that are included in the final grade
- 45% from the mark for the module master's dissertation, including the colloquium.

(2) The final grade of the master's degree in the 3 and 4-semester master's degree course consists of:

- 70% from the weighted average of the module examinations that are included in the final grade
- 30% from the mark for the module master's dissertation, including the colloquium.

§ 10

Degree

On successful completion of the master's examination in the master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies (TDS), students are awarded the university degree "Master of Arts", abbreviated to "M.A.".

§ 11

Examination Board

The Examination Board (§ 34, § 35 General Examination Regulations) generally makes decisions through the Chairperson, unless one or two members demand a decision from the Board.

§ 12

Examination Certificate and Degree Certificate

The candidate will receive the examination certificate (§ 29 General Examination Regulations) and certificate announcing the bestowal of the university degree (§ 30 General Examination Regulations) in both German and English.

**Part Three
Final Provisions**

**§ 13
Interim Regulations**

(1) These Subject-Specific Examination Regulations apply for the first time to students who enrolled to the 2-semester, 3-semester and 4-semester master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies in winter semester 2021/2022. They do not apply to students who had enrolled previously.

(2) For students who started their studies in the master's degree course Tourism Development Strategies before winter semester 2021/2022, the provisions of the Subject-Specific Examination Regulations of 21 June 2017 continue to apply, but no later than 28 February 2026.

**§ 14
Entry into Force**

These Subject-Specific Examination Regulations enter into force on the day after they have been published on University of Applied Sciences Stralsund's website.

Issued on the basis of the resolution made by the Academic Senate of University of Applied Sciences Stralsund on 18 May 2021 and following approval from the Rector of 21 May 2021.

Stralsund, 21 May 2021

**The Rector
of Hochschule Stralsund,
University of Applied Sciences,
Prof. Dr. Petra Maier**

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