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Study Regulations for the English master study program Management

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Based on the University Law of the German Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt (HSG-LSA), in the officially published version of 14.10.2010, (GVBl. LSA 2010 p. 600), the Otto-von- Guericke University Magdeburg has enacted the following statute for the master study program in Management:

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Article I
§ 1 Area of validity

These study regulations, based on the applicable Examination Regulations, govern the aim, contents and structure of the Masters degree program of Management at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

§ 2
Aim of the degree program

(1) Using a methodological approach, the degree programme prepares students for management related activities on national or international levels and conveys to students the necessary competencies for this as well as the ability to act responsibly on the basis of analytically trained thinking, to grasp problems of economic theory and practice in a structural way and to take into account developments in the changing professional world. The language of instruction is English.

(2) Graduates of this program have at their disposal a broad and integrated knowledge and understanding of the scientific foundations of the Management subject. They are in a position to apply and deepen both fundamental and advanced knowledge of Business Management and Economics.

(3) The diploma qualifies graduates for a broad spectrum of activities especially in the international areas of economy and public administration as well as for postgraduate studies, particularly for doctorate programs in Economics or Business Management.

§ 3
Academic degree

After all examinations have been passed, the Faculty of Management and Economics at the Otto von Guericke University (hereinafter "Faculty") awards the degree of "Master of Science", abbreviated to "M. Sc."

§ 4
Entry requirements

(1) The entry requirements for graduate degree programs are laid down in Higher Education Law of the German Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt (HSG LSA). Further, additional requirements, which take into account the special demands of the degree program are as follows:

- Certification of a bachelor degree, of a university degree, a Magister degree or a degree, through a state examination at a university, from an English-taught university degree program in an appropriate subject;
- Certification of a Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) in case that the degree of Bachelor of Science was obtained from a degree that was not appropriate or not given thoroughly in English;
- Motivation letter, drafted in English, to reflect the candidate's special interest in the Faculty's degree program;
- A curriculum vitae, drafted in English, laid out in tabular form and giving a comprehensive idea of the applicant's qualifications; and
- Contact information of two academic teachers or supervisors capable of providing references to the admission committee, as may be required.

If the candidate presents another or joint-honours bachelor, or other university diploma, or other Magister degree or a degree completed with a state examination but in a different, non-appropriate field of studies, module examinations worth a total of 27 credit points must first be passed for receiving final admission. The English-language preparatory modules are listed in the appendix to the Examination Regulations.

(2) The Faculty reserves the right to conduct interviews with the candidates to the study program.

(3) If the Faculty determines that certain candidates have to pass and evidence preparatory modules prior to their final admission, the candidates must be informed in writing at the beginning of the study program. The required preparatory modules can be retaken once if failed and must be completed by the end of the second study semester. If the preparatory modules are not accomplished in accordance with this deadline, students shall not be admitted to the module examinations for the master's degree. If the preparatory modules have to be taken, the deadlines as mentioned in § 2 of the Examination Regulations shall be extended by one semester.

(4) The number of student places available is limited. Entry to the program is according to the University Entry Requirements Law of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt. The procedure is laid down in a set of regulations. Due to the international character of the study program, a share of 50% of the study places is allocated to foreign candidates in a local selection process.

(5) Entry to this degree program cannot be offered to anyone who:

has definitively failed an intermediate or final examination in an economics or management degree at a university, or has forfeited his or her claim to take the examination, or is currently undergoing another equivalent examination procedure.

§ 5

Duration and beginning of studies

(1) The syllabus of the study program is oriented toward a start in the winter semester. It is devised in such a way that it can be completed in a regular study time of four semesters, including master's thesis.

(2) If the passing of preparatory subjects is required in accordance with § 4 (1) of the Examination Regulations for the English-language master's program in Management, the duration of the study program as mentioned in paragraph 1 above and in § 2 (5) of the Examination Regulations shall be extended by one semester.

§ 6

Scope of the degree program

(1) The study program comprises four semesters. The amount of study effort needed to cover this period corresponds to 120 credit points (CP). The students may choose to follow a practice orientation, international research orientation, or interdisciplinary research orientation path.

(2) The study program comprises, in any of the above orientations, Compulsory Studies, of 44 credit points, Compulsory-Elective Seminars, of 12 credit points, and Elective Courses, of 34 credit points.

(3) For the successful completion of the degree, students are required both to pass all module examinations laid down in the regulatory examination schedule of the Examination Regulations or the module handbook and to complete a master thesis which is, as a rule, to be completed within a concluding seminar. The master thesis represents a study effort of 30 credit points. A period of up to 5 months is allowed for its preparation and completion, including a reading time of 4 weeks in the beginning.

§ 7

Syllabus

(1) The modules required for the successful completion of the degree program as well as the module examinations are prescribed in the Examination Regulations. The recommended distribution of modules between semesters is shown in the attached regulatory study plan.

(2) The examinations to be evidenced consist of the module examinations and the master thesis. The number and type of examinations are laid down in the Examination Regulations or in the module handbook. Examinations take place alongside study courses.

§ 8

Structure of the degree program

(1) The range of courses includes compulsory, compulsory-elective, and elective modules. The teaching staff determines the appropriate proportions of different teaching forms for their modules within the framework of the valid regulations.

(2) Compulsory modules denote all modules which are required for the successful completion of the degree according to the Examination and Study Regulations.

(3) Compulsory-elective modules denote all modules which students have to select, in accordance with the Examination and Study Regulations, from a particular number of modules. These enable the student to pursue, under the selected degree subject, individual inclinations and interests, or to prepare for specific requirements of their prospective fields of professional activity. The list of compulsory-electives may change from time to time according to the availability of teachers and shall always be adapted to the range of courses offered by the faculty.

(4) Elective modules are named those modules which can be accomplished in form of a guided internship, or during studies abroad or studies at other faculties or universities. For the proper acknowledgement and transfer of the relevant credits, the students must evidence the successful accomplishment of the module performances, as laid down in § 2 (2) of the Examination Regulations.

§ 9

Types of classes

(1) The courses are announced on the internet pages of the University. Primary course formats are lectures, seminars, practice classes and tutorials.

(2) Lectures provide basic knowledge of the subject, theories and methods in a coherent and systematic narrative.

(3) Seminars facilitate the academic reviewing of theoretical and practical problems in an interaction between teachers and learners. This can occur in changing work modes (written or oral presentations, case studies, discussions) and in groups. They require the active collaboration of students in the form of oral presentations and/or a research papers. The seminar teacher may require further pieces of work or the participation of students in preparatory classes.

(4) The practice classes aim at practising and deepening the students' knowledge of the syllabus, particularly the acquisition of fundamental methods, abilities and skills. Practice classes may be offered as a complement to a lecture course or as an independent form of teaching, for example in the form of project classes, reading courses, simulations etc. They may be organised under the responsibility of the course teacher in charge, and offered by members of the academic staff.

(5) Tutorials aim at practicing and deepening students' knowledge of the contents of the course. As a rule, tutorials are offered by students of higher semesters under the responsibility of the course teacher in charge.

(6) All lectures and examinations shall as a rule be offered and given in English language.

§ 10

Structure of Compulsory Studies

(1) The compulsory modules listed in the appendix are always offered in the same semester. The concluding examinations can be sat in any semester.

(2) The modules listed in the appendix do not have to be taken in the sequence given. Notwithstanding this, attention must be paid to the conditions for admission according to the Examination Regulations.

(3) Compulsory-elective modules, in the form of seminars, must sum up to 12 or more credit points. At least one seminar must be from the Faculty's course catalog.

(4) A final master thesis is to be written in the framework of a concluding, pre-graduation seminar.

§ 11

Structure of Elective Studies

(1) In the Elective Studies, a total of 34 credit points needs to be obtained, of which 28 credit points must be obtained, depending on the chosen orientation, from a guided internship (practice orientation), or from elective modules in studies abroad (international research orientation), or from interdisciplinary elective modules (interdisciplinary research orientation).

§ 12

Academic guidance

The faculty offers academic counselling which should particularly be taken advantage of for questions concerning the sequence and individual planning of the study program, the transfer of credits, and in cases of failed or missed examinations.

Article II

(1) These regulations are valid for all students, which are registered in the master study program in Management at the University of Magdeburg and which started their study program from the beginning of the winter term 2011/12.

(2) For other students as mentioned in the §1 are valid the study regulations for the master study program in Management from November 05th, 2008.

Article III

These Regulations come into effect on the day they have been published in the Administrative Announcements of the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Drawn up on the basis of the decisions of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Management of 04 July 2012 and of the Senate of the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg from 19 September 2012.

Magdeburg, 26.09.2012

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The President
Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

Appendix 1: Regulatory study schedule for Management

No	Modules	1. Semester			2. Semester			3. Semester			4. Semester			5. Semester			Total	
		SWS	Type	CP	SWS	Type	CP	SWS	Type	CP	SWS	Type	CP	SWS	Type	CP	SWS	CP
1.	Compulsory Modules			32			12										2632	42
1.1	Mathematics for Business	4	L+T	6													4	6
1.2	Business Statistics	3-4	L+T	6													3-4	6
1.3	Business Decision Making	3-4	L+T	6													3-4	6
1.4	Microeconomic Analysis	4	L+T	6													4	6
1.5	International Corporate Strategy	3-4	L+T	6													3-4	6
1.6	Marketing Methods and Analysis				3-4	L+T	6										3-4	6
1.7	Corporate Finance				3-4	L+T	6										3-4	6
2.	Compulsory -Elective modules						12										6	12
2.1	Seminar I				3	S	6										3	6
2.2	Seminar II				3	S	6										3	6
3.	Elective module: (all orientations)						6											6
3.1	Elective module				3-4	L+T	6											6
4.	Elective Modules: Orientation I (practice orientation)									30								30
4.1	Practice module																	30
5.	Elective Modules: Orientation II (internationale research orientation)									30								30
5.1	Elective modules I-V							each 3-4	L,T,S	30							each 3-4	30
6.	Elective Modules: Orientation III (interdisziplinäre research orientation)									30								30
6.1	Elective modules I-V							each 3-4	L,T,S	30							each 3-4	30
7.	Master Thesis with colloquium										S	30						30
	Σ Compulsory and comp.-elective modules	17- 20		32	17- 20		30	14- 18		30			30				46	120

Abbreviations used:

SWS: hours per semester week

CP: Credit Points

L: Lecture

T: Tutorial

S: Seminar

For applicable examination formats, please refer to the module descriptions in the module handbook.

Appendix 2: Preparatory (bridging) modules for Management

No.	Module	1. Semester		
		SWS	Type	CP
0.	Bridging Course			
0.1	Microeconomics	4+2	L+T	9 (8)
0.2	Management Accounting	2+2	L+T	6
0.3	Financial Management	2+2	L+T	6
0.4	Decision Analysis	2+2	L+T	6
	Σ Bridging Courses	18		27 (26)

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