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**Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences  
Master of Arts in International Organisations and Crisis Management  
Study Regulations  
Effective from 21 February 2020**

**as amended on  
23 February 2022  
(Friedrich Schiller University Jena Gazette, N° 2/2022, p. 21)**

In accordance with section 3, subsection 1 and section 38, subsection 3 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG) effective from 10 May 2018 (Official Gazette of the Federal State of Thuringia [Gesetz- und Verordnungsblatt für den Freistaat Thüringen, GVBl], p. 149), last amended by section 7 on 23 March 2021 (GVBl, p. 115, 118), Friedrich Schiller University Jena issues the following first amendment of its Master of Arts in International Organisations and Crisis Management Study Regulations effective from 21 February 2020 (Friedrich Schiller University Jena Gazette, N° 4/2020, p. 106). These amendments were agreed upon by the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences Council on 12 January 2022 and subsequently approved by the University Senate on 22 February 2022. The President of Friedrich Schiller University Jena authorized these regulations on 23 February 2022.

**§ 1**

**Scope and application**

<sup>1</sup>These study regulations govern the objectives, content and structure of the Master of Arts (MA) in International Organisations and Crisis Management (IOCM) of the Faculty for Social and Behavioural Sciences at Friedrich Schiller University Jena. <sup>2</sup>They apply in conjunction with the respective examination regulations as amended.

**§ 2**

**Admission requirements**

- (1) Admission to this master's programme is subject to meeting the following language and subject-specific requirements:
1. a first undergraduate degree (bachelor's degree or equivalent) with at least 90 credit points in Political Science and an overall grade of 1.5 or above;
  2. at least 20 credit points in the fields of International Relations/International Organizations;
  3. at least one professional internship in these areas or one semester abroad;
  4. at least 15 credit points in relevant qualitative and quantitative social research methods; and
  5. English proficiency at the level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Applicants who do not fully meet the requirements set out in subsection 1, numbers 1-4 but have an overall grade of at least 2.3 may still be admitted if their previous studies, curriculum



vitae and motivation demonstrate that they are particularly suited for admission. The following factors are considered:

1. scope and grade of final year project and undergraduate courses of particular relevance to this master's degree programme;
2. relevant international experiences;
3. relevant practical experiences and additional qualifications; and
4. relevant individual areas of interest and quality of ideas about this degree programme's content and requirements. Both must be demonstrated in a motivation letter and curriculum vitae showing the student's relevant academic and professional experiences, knowledge, skills, personal goals and an ability to study.

<sup>2</sup>Students who do not have any prior methodological knowledge must complete 15 credit points in qualitative and quantitative social science research methods as early as possible or by the 4<sup>th</sup> semester at the latest.

- (3) Application documents must be submitted in English in due time and form.
- (4) If students are unable to prove that they hold an undergraduate degree at the time of application, they can provide evidence of their academic achievements to date (at least 140 credit points) by submitting a current transcript of records.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>The Master Committee's evaluation is based on the submitted application documents. If required, students may be invited to a personal interview.
- (6) Provisional admissions may be granted in exceptional cases.

### **§ 3**

#### **Programme start, length and language**

- (1) The programme starts in the winter semester.
- (2) The standard programme length is two years, including the master's thesis.
- (3) The degree programme's language of instruction is English.

### **§ 4**

#### **Programme objectives**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>As a postgraduate course, this master's degree programme aims to prepare students for a science-based professional career in international governmental and non-governmental organizations, national ministries and administrations, media and think tanks—especially those that focus on the management of international conflicts and crises.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Students will acquire extensive and sound knowledge of the theory and empirics of international governmental and non-governmental organizations and international crisis management by drawing on the knowledge of relevant neighbouring disciplines and a strong practical orientation. <sup>2</sup>This will allow students to familiarize themselves with the most important theoretical and conceptual approaches, lines of research and controversies concerning international organizations. They will learn about the structure and operation of international organizations and their interaction with other stakeholders in world politics and various policy fields. They will also be encouraged to reflect on their own perspective.



<sup>3</sup>Students will also deal with central theories and concepts of peace and conflict research and international conflict management. They will also familiarize themselves with crisis management in other policy areas such as finance, migration or minorities with a particular focus on international organizations. <sup>4</sup>In line with their future careers, the programme will promote students' international, intercultural and foreign language skills.

- (3) <sup>1</sup>On successful completion of their studies, students will have gained the subject-specific and multidisciplinary key qualifications required for a career in professions that deal with international organizations and/or crisis management. <sup>2</sup>They will be familiar with central theoretical and methodological approaches, lines of research and controversies (including in neighbouring disciplines). They will also be able to develop and critically reflect on bodies of knowledge independently, and develop innovative research designs and questions. <sup>3</sup>They will be familiar with important organizations in various policy fields and will have gotten to know individual organizations personally. They will possess the language, intercultural and social skills (such as open-mindedness, adaptability and problem-solving skills) required for working in an international environment.

## § 5

### Programme structure, scope and content

- (1) <sup>1</sup>This master's programme comprises 120 credit points in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). <sup>2</sup>Students must typically earn 60 credit points per academic year. <sup>3</sup>In accordance with the European Credit Transfer System, one credit point is awarded for a workload of 30 hours of in-class and independent study.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The study programme consists of modules. <sup>2</sup>Individual modules may involve various learning and working methods, such as lectures, seminars, field trips, workshops, simulations, practical courses, and independently conducted studies. <sup>3</sup>Each module represents a learning and examination unit. <sup>4</sup>The standard module length is one semester. However, in some cases a module may extend to several semesters.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The master's programme International Organisations and Crisis Management is divided into two areas: a disciplinary core track (Kernbereich) and a supplementary track (Ergänzungsbereich). <sup>2</sup>A pre-semester preliminary course in Inter-Culturalism and Campus Life introduces students to the degree programme. <sup>3</sup>The master's thesis (30 credit points) is part of the programme's disciplinary core track and concludes the programme.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>In the first academic year, the compulsory modules of the programme's *disciplinary core track* teach fundamental subject knowledge of international organizations and crisis management. <sup>2</sup>The first semester's *Introductory Module* (5 credit points) aims to create equal entry conditions by ensuring that all students have basic subject knowledge. In the first and second semester, the two research-oriented core modules *International Organisations and Crisis Management* (10 credit points each) focus on relevant theoretical and conceptual approaches applied to concrete cases with shifting areas of emphasis. On multiple-day excursions to the headquarters of international organizations (5 credit points), students gain practical insights into the crisis management of international organizations. Run by political practitioners, the second semester's *Executive Module* (5 credit points) expands on this knowledge through practical training. The *Summer School Crisis Management* (5 credit points)—also offered in the second semester—elaborates on individual areas of crisis management (such as peace ethics) by offering different formats (workshops, simulations) at varying locations.



- (5) <sup>1</sup>In the third semester, the disciplinary core track includes a compulsory stay at another university in Germany or abroad. <sup>2</sup>Cooperation agreements guarantee a sufficient number of study places. <sup>3</sup>Advisory services help students to plan their stay abroad and offer advice on matters such as credit transfer, required language skills and subject knowledge. <sup>4</sup>As part of their mobility programme, students must complete 20 credit points further advancing or complementing the international organizations and crisis management modules taught at Friedrich Schiller University Jena. <sup>5</sup>Students are also required to sign an individual learning agreement.
- (6) <sup>1</sup>The *Internship* module (10 credit points) is part of the programme's disciplinary core track. It involves a compulsory internship of at least seven weeks in an international organization, ministry or think-tank. <sup>2</sup>The internship can be completed at any point of the programme, ideally during the semester abroad.
- (7) <sup>1</sup>The *supplementary track*—which is usually completed during the first two semesters—includes two main areas of specialization: *Interdisciplinary Studies* and *Language Studies*. <sup>2</sup>Students must complete a total number of 20 credit points. <sup>3</sup>Flexible credit point ranges allow students to develop an individual profile. <sup>4</sup>*Interdisciplinary Studies* include modules ranging from 5 to 11 credit points. Language Studies include modules ranging from 9 to 15 credit points.
- (8) <sup>1</sup>In the specialization area *Interdisciplinary Studies*, students can choose from a wide range of modules. <sup>2</sup>Friedrich Schiller University Jena offers modules in Political Science (beyond the sub-disciplines *International Relations* and *International Organisations*) and modules in relevant neighbouring subjects (such as Economics and Business Administration or Law). Students can also choose from subject-specific offers at neighbouring universities in Erfurt, Halle or Leipzig. <sup>3</sup>This area of specialization allows students to broaden their knowledge of international organizations and crisis management by studying perspectives from other subjects or explore new, complementary disciplines (such as area studies).
- (9) <sup>1</sup>*Language Studies* primarily aims to offer students the opportunity to study a language of their own choice (except English) at an advanced level. However, students may also acquire a new language. <sup>2</sup>This usually includes German (for foreign students), French, Russian and Spanish—languages widely spoken in international organizations. <sup>3</sup>If available, students may also opt for another modern foreign language. <sup>4</sup>Every year, there is an update on which languages can be studied consecutively at Friedrich Schiller University Jena (especially at the Language Centre). <sup>5</sup>Flexible credit point ranges should mainly be used to advance existing language skills. However, they may also be used to acquire a new language. <sup>6</sup>Students may also complete part of their foreign language qualification abroad. <sup>7</sup>International students who only have basic knowledge of German (A2) are encouraged to learn German as a Foreign Language.
- (10) The degree programme is structured in three consecutive steps:
1. Students must successfully complete the Introductory Module in the first semester as a prerequisite for completing the Executive Module and Summer School in the second semester.
  2. Students must complete the two core modules *International Organisations* and *Crisis Management* as well as the excursion, Executive Module, and Summer School in the first and second semester as a prerequisite for starting their stay abroad and for attending the Specialization modules there.



3. Students must successfully complete modules IOCM 100 to IOCM 500 to register their master's thesis.
- (11) <sup>1</sup>Module contents, structures and credit points can be found in the module descriptions of the module catalogue. <sup>2</sup>Module descriptions also include information on the person responsible for each module, participation requirements, expected workloads, learning and working methods, as well as examination types and requirements.

## **§ 6**

### **Subject-specific advisory service**

- (1) The Subject-Specific Advisory Service is offered by module coordinators and academic staff from the respective degree programmes. They provide individual assistance and help students plan their studies.
- (2) General questions and concerns unrelated to a specific subject can be discussed with staff members of the university's Central Academic Advisory Service.

## **§ 7**

### **Equal opportunity clause**

All designations of persons, status and functions used in these regulations apply equally to women, men and individuals who do not identify with any of these genders.

## **§ 8**

### **Entry into force**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>In accordance with section one, the present amendments enter into force on 01 October 2022, following their announcement in the Friedrich Schiller University Jena Gazette. <sup>2</sup>They apply to all students enrolling in the Master of Arts in International Organisations and Crisis Management degree programme in winter semester 2022/2023. <sup>3</sup>These regulations replace the Master of Arts in International Organisations and Crisis Management Study Regulations of Friedrich Schiller University Jena effective from 21 February 2020 (Friedrich Schiller University Jena Gazette, No° f/2020, p. 106).
- (2) By derogation from section 1, sentence 2, the Master of Arts in International Organisations and Crisis Management Study Regulations effective prior to these amendments continue to apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Arts in International Organisations and Crisis Management degree programme before these amendments entered into force.

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