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**Study Regulations  
of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences  
for the Study Programme 'International Organisations and Crisis Management' (IOCM)  
leading to a 'Master of Arts' degree**

Pursuant to section 3 subsection 1 in conjunction with section 38 subsection 3 sentence 1 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (*Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG*) of 10 May 2018 (published in the journal of legal notices of the State of Thuringia, *GVBl*, p.149, in German), in the version from 18 December 2018 (*GVBl*, p. 731), the Friedrich Schiller University Jena issues the following Study Regulations for the study programme 'International Organisations and Crisis Management' leading to a 'Master of Arts' degree. The Council of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences adopted the Study Regulations on 22.01.2020; the Senate of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena approved the Regulations on 18.02.2020. The President of the Friedrich Schiller University authorised the Regulations on 21.02.2020.

**Section 1  
Scope and application**

These Study Regulations establish the objectives, content and structure of the study programme 'International Organisations and Crisis Management' (IOCM) offered by the Faculty for Social and Behavioural Sciences at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, leading to a 'Master of Arts' (M.A.) degree. They apply in conjunction with the corresponding examination regulations in their currently valid version.

**Section 2  
Admission requirements**

- (1) Admission to the Master's programme is subject to meeting the following professional and language requirements:
1. a first professional qualification (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) with at least 90 credit points in political science and an overall grade of 1.5 or better;
  2. at least 20 credit points from courses in the subject area international relations / international organisations;
  3. at least one job-oriented internship from this subject area or one semester abroad;
  4. at least 15 credit points from courses on the relevant qualitative and quantitative methods of empirical social research; and
  5. English language skills at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- (2) Candidates who do not sufficiently meet the requirements set out in (1) 1-4 but have an overall grade of at least 2.3 may be admitted if their studies, curriculum vitae and motivation show that they are particularly suitable. The following factors are taken into account:

1. scope and grades of the courses particularly relevant to the Master's programme as well as of the thesis in the first professional qualification;
2. study-relevant international experience;
3. study-relevant practical experience and additional qualifications; and
4. relevant individual areas of interest and reflected ideas about the content and requirements of the study programme, as shown in particular in the letter of motivation and curriculum vitae, which attest to the previous study-relevant career, acquired knowledge and skills, personal goals and the ability to study.

The acquisition of methodological knowledge to the extent of 15 credit points is to be made up as early as possible, at the latest by the 4th semester.

- (3) Due to the inherent interdisciplinarity of the programme, applications from other subjects (such as European Studies, Sociology or International Law) are strongly encouraged, even if they do not meet the requirements under (1) 1-4, but have an overall grade of at least 2.3. Here, in addition to the criteria mentioned under (2) 1-4, the professional proximity of the first professional qualification to the contents of the IOCM Master's programme is particularly taken into account.
- (4) The application documents shall be submitted in English in due time and form.
- (5) If, at the time of application, evidence of a professional qualification cannot yet be provided, it is possible to first document the given level of performance (at least 140 credit points) by means of a current transcript of records.
- (6) The Master's Committee evaluates the application documents on this basis. If required, a personal conversation can take place.
- (7) Provisional admission with certain conditions is possible in exceptional cases.

### **Section 3**

#### **Start of studies, duration of studies, language**

- (1) The study programme begins in the winter semester.
- (2) The standard duration of study is two years, including the time for writing a master's thesis.
- (3) The working language of the programme is English.

### **Section 4**

#### **Objectives of the study programme**

- (1) The objective of the Master's programme as a second professional qualification is to prepare students for a science-based professional career in international governmental and non-governmental organisations, national ministries and administrations, media and think tanks—especially those with a special focus on the management of international conflicts and crises.
- (2) Students acquire comprehensive and sound knowledge of the theory and empiricism of international governmental and non-governmental organisations and international crisis management, drawing on the knowledge of relevant neighbouring disciplines and with a strong practical orientation. In this way, students become acquainted with the most important theoretical and conceptual approaches, research lines and controversies concerning international organisations, as well as the structures and working methods of international organisations and their interaction with other actors in world politics in various policy fields, also from their own perspective. Students also deal with the central theories and concepts of peace and conflict research and international conflict transformation, as well as with crisis management

in other policy areas such as finance, migration or minorities, particularly in so far as international organisations are involved. In accordance with their future professional field, the international, intercultural and foreign language skills of the students are particularly promoted.

- (3) Upon successful completion of their studies, students will have the specialist and multidisciplinary key qualifications required for a career in professional fields that focus on international organisations and/or crisis management. They are familiar with central theoretical and methodological approaches, research lines and controversies (also from neighbouring disciplines), are able to develop and critically reflect on knowledge independently, and develop innovative research designs and questions. They know important organisations in various policy fields, get to know individual organisations personally, and possess the necessary language, intercultural and social skills (such as open-mindedness, adaptability and problem-solving ability) for working in an international environment.

## **Section 5**

### **Structure, scope and content of the study programme**

- (1) The Master's programme comprises a total of 120 credit points according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Normally, students have to earn a total of 60 credit points per year of study. In accordance with the European Credit Transfer System, a workload of 30' hours of classroom and self-study is assumed for the award of one credit point.
- (2) The study programme is composed of modules. Individual modules may be comprised of various forms of learning and working, such as lectures, seminars, field trips, workshops, simulations, practical courses, and independently conducted studies. Each module is a learning and examination unit. Generally, a module takes one semester; in some cases it may, however, also comprise courses during several semesters.
- (3) The Master's programme "International Organisations and Crisis Management" is organised in two areas: disciplinary core track (*Kernbereich*) and supplementary track (*Ergänzungsbereich*). A preliminary course in *Inter-Culturalism and Campus Life* introduces the programme before the beginning of the semester. The master's thesis (30 credit points) as part of the core area concludes the study.
- (4) In the *disciplinary core track* of the Master's programme, the compulsory modules of the first year of study impart the central specialist knowledge of international organisations and crisis management. While the *Introductory Module* (5 credit points) in the first semester shall lay the foundation for basic knowledge in view of the students' disparate entry requirements, the two research-oriented core modules *International Organisations* and *Crisis Management* (10 credit points each) in the first and second semesters impart relevant theoretical and conceptual approaches and apply them to concrete cases with changing emphases, including an excursion to the headquarters of international organisations. The *Executive Module* (5 credit points) in the second semester expands this knowledge through practical training, while the *Summer School Crisis Management* (10 credit points, also in the second semester, deepens individual areas of crisis management (such as peace ethics) in changing formats (workshops, simulations) and at different locations.
- (5) For the third semester, the disciplinary core track includes a compulsory stay at another university abroad or in Germany. Cooperation agreements ensure a sufficient number of study places. Advisory services are offered to help students with planning their stay abroad and with questions regarding the required language and specialist knowledge as well as the recognition of coursework. Within this mobility window, students are required to complete 20 credit points that deepen or complement the teaching of international organisations and crisis management at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena. Individual Learning Agreements are concluded.

- (6) The *Internship* module (10 credit points) in the core area provides for a compulsory internship of at least seven weeks in international organisations, ministries or think-tanks. The internship can be completed during the entire course of study, ideally during the semester abroad.
- (7) In the *supplementary track*, which is usually completed in the first two semesters, there are two main areas of study: *Interdisciplinary Studies* and *Language Studies*. A total of 20 credit points are to be acquired. Corridors of credit points enable students to develop an individual profile. In the *Interdisciplinary Studies*, students can register for modules ranging from 5 to 11 credit points, in the *Language Studies* 9 to 15 credit points.
- (8) In the study focus *Interdisciplinary Studies*, students can choose from a wide range of modules. The range of courses is comprised of modules in political science offered at the University of Jena (beyond the *International Relations* and *International Organisations* sub-disciplines) and modules in relevant neighbouring subjects offered at the University of Jena (such as economics or law); beyond these, relevant courses offered by the neighbouring universities of Erfurt, Halle or Leipzig can be taken, as well. In this specialisation, students can either broaden their knowledge of international organisations and crisis management by adding perspectives from other subjects or explore new, complementary topics (for example in regional studies).
- (9) In *Language Studies*, students can primarily improve a language of their own choice (except English), but they can also learn a new language. In essence, this usually includes German (for foreign students), French, Russian and Spanish—languages that are widely used in international organisations. Another modern foreign language can also be chosen if offered. Every year there is new information about which languages can be learned at Friedrich Schiller University (especially at the Language Centre). The corridor of credit points is primarily aimed at improving existing language skills, but also enables the acquisition of a new language. A part of the foreign language qualification can also be completed abroad. International students with only a basic knowledge of German (A2) are recommended to learn German as a foreign language.
- (10) The study programme is structured in three consecutive steps:
1. Successful completion of the *Introductory Module* in the first semester is a prerequisite for registering for the *Executive Module* and the *Summer School* in the second semester.
  2. Passing the two core modules *International Organisations* and *Crisis Management* as well as the *Executive Module* and the *Summer School* in the first and second semester are prerequisites for beginning the stay abroad and for attending the *Specialisation* modules there.
  3. Completion of the modules from the first two semesters is a prerequisite for the registration of the master's thesis.
- (11) The content and structure of the modules as well as the credit points associated with each module can be found in the module descriptions in the module catalogue. Module descriptions also include information on the person responsible for the respective module, the requirements for participation, the workload to be expected, information about learning and working methods, as well as the type of examination and examination requirements.

**Section 6**  
**Subject-specific academic advisory service**

- (1) Subject-specific academic advisory services are to be offered by members from among the academic staff of the respective study programme and by the module coordinators, and provide individual assistance in the planning of the studies.
- (2) Non subject-specific questions and concerns can be discussed with staff at the Central Academic Advisory Service of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena.

**Section 7**  
**Equal opportunity clause**

All references to persons, status and functions in these Regulations shall apply equally to women, men and persons who do not belong to either of these sexes.

**Section 8**  
**Coming into effect**

These Study Regulations come into effect on 01.10.2020 following their announcement in the journal of legal notices of the Friedrich Schiller University (*Verkündungsblatt der Friedrich-Schiller-Universität*).

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