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## **Examination Regulations for the Master of Science Program (M.Sc.)**

At its meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2005, on the basis of section 34, paragraph 1, clause 3 of the State University Law (LHG) of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 (GBI p. 1), the Senate enacted the following Examination Regulations for the Master of Science (M.Sc.) program.

The Rector gave his assent on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

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## **A. General Requirements**

### **1. Scope of the Examination Regulations, Academic Degree**

- (1) These Examination Regulations are valid for all of the programs in Appendix A leading to a Master of Science at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg.
- (2) The degree Master of Science (abbreviated as M.Sc.) will be conferred on passing of the masters examination.

### **2. Entry and Admission Requirements**

The entry and admission conditions are regulated by the admission and matriculation regulations of Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg as well as by the relevant admission rules and selection regulations for each individual masters program.

### **3. Structure of the Program**

- (1) The Master of Science program has a modular structure. In accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), all components of the program are allocated ECTS points, the respective number of which calculated in accordance with the expected amount of work required by the student. An ECTS point is equal to an average of 30 hours' work.
- (2) The program scope is equivalent to 120 ECTS points; the standard period of study including the time required for full completion of the masters thesis is four semesters.
- (3) The course content of individual courses and further details on completion of studies on the relevant courses are specified in the subject specific section of Appendix B to these Examination Regulations.
- (4) The course content of individual courses in the subject specific section of Appendix B to these Examination Regulations should be selected and limited sufficiently to allow the program to be completed within the standard period of study. The form, scope and duration of the course work and course based assessments should be arranged so that the time for their performance in the relevant classes or the relevant modules is commensurate with the corresponding ECTS points. With the exception of the masters thesis, conditions for admission to course based assessments can only be made if this is justified on the grounds of exceptional circumstances, e.g. for didactic reasons; the grounds for this shall be documented in the module handbook.
- (5) Course work and course based assessments shall be arranged in such a way that they enable conclusive verification of the defined learning outcomes of the module; they are module-related and competence-oriented. Course work and course based assessments may in particular be provided in the following formats: written examination, term paper, research paper, essay, written report, excursion report, thesis, creation of a sample solution, written case discussion, lecture notes, test description, practical semester exercises, certificate, poster, paper review, excerpt, study diary, oral examination, lecture, poster presentation, poster conference, project work, performing experiments, development of software programs, development of demonstrators, producing videos, work shadowing with written report, objectively structured practical or clinical examination, preparation, conduct and review of seminars, simulation activities, portfolio examination and parcours examination.

### **4. English Language Masters Programs**

If the masters program is conducted as an English language course the subject specific requirements in Appendix B contain the specific regulations for this.

### **5. Classes and Examinations in English**

Selected classes on non-English language masters programs, including the associated examinations, may also be held fully or partly in English. The details are in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations.

### **6. Internship**

- (1) Faculties can specify an obligatory internship. The scope and arrangement of the internship are regulated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations.
- (2) If an internship is required as part of a masters program, the faculty will support the student in finding a work experience placement.

## **7. Study Advice**

Faculties can stipulate in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations that study advice or a mentor system is obligatory.

## **8. Subject Specific Requirements**

(1) The subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations stipulate whether the relevant masters program is primarily research or applied studies orientated.

## **9. Subject Examination Committee**

(1) The relevant Subject Examination Committee is responsible for organizing the examinations and the conduct of the tasks allocated to it by these Examination Regulations. It supervises compliance with the requirements of these Examination Regulations and takes decisions in examination matters. The Subject Examination Committee reports regularly to the relevant faculty on the development of the examination and course periods. The Subject Examination Committee ensures for the relevant faculty that the examinations can be completed in the specified examination time periods. The relevant Subject Examination Committee is responsible for suggesting reform of the Examination Regulations and the module description, in so far as no academic committee is charged to do so.

(2) The members of the Subject Examination Committee have the right to attend the sitting of examinations.

(3) The Subject Examination Committees each consist of four university professors, an academic member of staff and a student in a consultative role. The period of office of the student member of the Subject Examination Committee is one year, and two years for the other members. Re-appointment is permitted.

(4) The members of the Subject Examination Committee, the chairperson of the Subject Examination Committee and his/her vice-chair are appointed by the relevant faculty council.

(5) The Subject Examination Committee generally consults and decides at a properly convened and chaired meeting. It is quorate if the chair or the vice-chair and two further voting members are present. Decisions are taken by simple majority; in the event of a voting tie, the chair or vice-chair has a casting vote. Meetings of the Subject Examination Committee are not public. Decisions of the Subject Examination Committee may also be taken outside of meetings in writing, by fax, email or in other ways if the members of the Subject Examination Committee give their agreement to this form of decision making or if they so participate.

(6) The chairperson of the Subject Examination Committee chairs the business of the Subject Examination Committee and represents the Committee externally. The Subject Examination Committee can delegate specific tasks to the chairperson, or to the vice-chairperson, and these tasks can be revoked; this does not apply to decisions about objections. In any event the chairperson is empowered to take decisions which cannot be delayed on his/her own on behalf of the Subject Examination Committee; s/he must immediately inform the Subject Examination Committee about any such decisions.

(7) Members of the Subject Examination Committee are subject to a duty of confidentiality. Unless they are in public service they are bound in confidentiality by the chairperson.

(8) Negative decisions of the Subject Examination Committee are to be notified to the candidate in writing. They are to include reasons and information on legal appeal rights. Appeal against decisions of the Subject Examination Committee must be made in writing or on the record to the Subject Examination Committee within a month of receipt of the decision. If the Subject Examination Committee does not allow the appeal, it is remitted to the member of the rectorate responsible for teaching.

## **10. Examiners, Assessors**

(1) Examiners must be people who are entitled to set examinations and who hold at least the qualification assessed by the examination or an equivalent qualification. Those who are entitled to set examinations are university professors, discharged professors, retired professors, honorary professors, additional professors and self-employed lecturers of the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg and EUCOR partner universities as well as academic members of staff of the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg to whom authority has been given to set examinations; also entitled to set examinations are guest professors and associate lecturers of the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg and individuals to whom the entitlement to set examinations has been transferred in accordance with paragraph 2. The assessors must be specialists who have a minimum of a masters degree in the subject in which the examination is being taken or an equivalent qualification.

(2) The relevant Subject Examination Committee can transfer the entitlement to set examinations to university teachers from Freiburg University of Education. For transfer of the entitlement to set examinations to academic staff of EUCOR partner universities and Freiburg University of Education as well

as to teachers deputized at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg or Freiburg University of Education the procedural principles for transfer of the said power to academic staff in section 52 paragraph 1 clauses 5 and 6 clause 2 State University Law (as amended) apply.

(3) The Subject Examination Committee appoints the examiners and the assessors. It may transfer the appointment of examiners to the chairperson. The appointment of assessors can be delegated to the appropriate examiners.

(4) Where the examination is taken in connection with individual courses it is, subject to the rules in section 1, the examiner who will usually be the tutor of that course.

(5) Examiners and assessors are bound by confidentiality. Unless they are in public service they are bound in confidentiality by the chairperson of the Subject Examination Committee.

## **11. Recognition of Study Periods, Course and Examination Work**

(1) Periods of study, course and examination work in programs at state or state recognized universities or professional academies in the Republic of Germany, or in programs in foreign state or state recognized universities, or in the context of contact courses will be recognized unless the competences achieved are not of equal value. The same applies to a language course taken at a language institute of a university.

(2) Periods of study, course and examination work will also be evidenced through the successful participation in a state recognized distance learning organization, in so far as the course content of the distance learning organization is equivalent in content to that of an attendance course.

(3) Course and examination work undertaken as part of the course which are requirements for the entry to the masters course cannot, in principle, be recognized as part of the masters course.

(4) Equivalence of the competences gained is established when the relevant competences shown largely correspond to the periods of study, course and examination work in the specific subject in the masters course at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg. Equivalence is not ascertained by a schematic comparison, but

rather by undertaking an overview and total evaluation. In recognition of periods of study, course and examination work at universities conducted outside of the Republic of Germany, account will be taken of the equivalence agreements established by the Culture Ministry Conference and the University Rectors' Conference, as well as agreements in the context of university partnerships. In cases of doubt on equivalence the Central Office for Foreign Education shall be consulted.

(5) Recognition of periods of study, course and examination work serve towards continuation of the course and count as having taken examinations.

(6) Recognition of periods of study, course and examination work is decided by the Subject Examination Committee, on request from the student, in cases of doubt in consultation with the responsible subject specialist examiner. The decision on recognition shall be notified to the student. A rejection is to be explained in writing with notification of the right of appeal.

(7) The student is responsible for furnishing the necessary information about the course work to be recognized. The requisite evidence for recognition must be submitted by the student to the Subject Examination Committee by the end of the semester following matriculation in the chosen subject of the masters course at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, or by the end of grading of the relevant course or examination work. If certificates or other evidence documents are not in German, English or French, submission of an officially certified translation in German can be required.

(8) If course and examination work is recognized, the marks, in so far as the marking systems correspond, are adopted and included in the calculation of the module marks and the total mark. Where the marking system does not correspond, a mark for the recognized examination will be ascertained by the chair of the Subject Examination Committee, using the basic assessment levels under section 18 paragraph 1, and applied under section 1. If, due to the differences in the marking systems, ascertainment of a mark is not possible according to section 2, the comment 'passed' will be adopted; this will not be included in the calculation of the module mark and the total mark. For calculation of ECTS points sections 1 and 2 apply. The recognized course and examination work taken at other universities will be identified as such in the certificate and record of achievement. The marking of courses and examinations taken at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg is decided by the Subject Examination Committee. The onus lies with the Subject Examination Committee to establish that the conditions for the recognition of courses and examinations are not fulfilled.

(9) Students who change their place of study and those who join a course other than at the beginning must present a declaration in the context of the recognition process, stating whether they have failed the masters thesis or the final exam or no longer meet the examination requirements or are in the process of examination on a masters program in the subject for which they are applying to register, or a related study program with basically the same content.

(10) Knowledge and abilities acquired outside of the university system will be included in so far as the competences achieved are of equivalent value as defined in paragraph 4; in any event they can only

replace a maximum of half of the specified university course. Practical activities undertaken as part of a required work experience in a chosen specialist subject on the masters course will be particularly taken into account. Details such as the conditions and the scope of the allowance for knowledge and abilities acquired outside of the university system can be regulated by the subject specific conditions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. Paragraphs 6 and 7 apply accordingly.

## **B. Examinations on the M.Sc. Program**

### **12. Purpose and Scope of the Masters Examination**

(1) The masters examination should establish whether the student has acquired on the program an in depth knowledge which encompasses the nexus of his/her masters subject and has the ability independently to apply academic methods and knowledge.

(2) The masters examination consists of the course based assessments (module examinations), this also includes the masters thesis as well as, where required, an additional stipulated oral masters examination (presentation of the masters thesis, colloquium or another additional oral attainment on the masters thesis). Specific requirements are in the subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations.

(3) The masters examination is passed if all the course based assessments are graded at least "ausreichend" [pass] (4.0). In addition all the ECTS points must be awarded for course and exam work on the modules to be taken required in accordance with the subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. The ECTS points allocated to the individual modules, courses or other work are awarded if all the required course work and course based assessments are fulfilled as necessary.

### **13. Course Work**

(1) Course work is individual written, oral or practical work generally undertaken by the student in connection with course classes; it can also consist of regular participation in classes, for which alone no ECTS points are awarded however. If oral work in the form of an oral examination is to be carried out, the duration should be at least 10 and at most 30 minutes per candidate. If written work in the form of a written examination is to be carried out, the duration should be at least 60 and at most 240 minutes.

(2) Regular participation in a course may only be required of the students if this is necessary to achieve the qualification target of the course; the relevant courses are identified in the module descriptions in the respective module guide. For courses where regular participation is properly demanded of the students, unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations, participation is deemed to be regular if no more than 15 per cent of the teaching time is missed. If between 15 per cent and a maximum of 30 per cent of teaching time is missed for good reason, the course head should on request enable the student to deliver suitable substitute performance to fulfill the requirements of regular participation; suitable evidence should accompany the request. If the student does not deliver the substitute performance on time or no suitable substitute performance can be offered then participation in the course is evaluated as not having been regular. Unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations, then in variation of clause 2, participation in excursions and internships is only deemed to be regular if the student has taken part in all teaching units on that course. For courses as defined by clause 5, the course head should on request enable the student to deliver suitable substitute performance to fulfill the requirements of regular participation for absences of up to 15 per cent of teaching time if there is good reason; suitable evidence should accompany the request. Clause 4 applies accordingly. If teaching time over and above the permitted amount is missed, then that course must be taken again; if the relevant examination has already been passed, its grading shall stand, if it has not yet been passed, then the registration and any previous admission to the examination shall be deemed as not having taken place. If a student misses a seminar or an exercise where s/he was due to give a lecture, then the lecture is either to be given at a later session or suitable substitute performance is to be provided. If the student does not give the lecture or s/he does not deliver the substitute performance on time, then participation in the course is evaluated as not having been regular.

(3) The modules or courses in which course work are to be delivered are stated in the respective subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. The form, scope and duration of the course work of the individual modules are arranged in the relevant module guide and are notified to the students no later than at the start of that course.

(4) If course work on a module forms the requirement for admission to a course based assessment, this is sufficiently described and observing the principle of proportionality stipulated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. In all cases where the student has the choice of several modules or within a module between several courses, it is sufficient if the necessary information from the Examination Regulations for show the study program to which the available module and/or course

belongs.

(5) Course work shall be marked by the head of that course with “pass” or “fail”, but there is no necessity to grade.

(6) If the course work necessary for successful completion of a module has been delivered, no further course work may be done on this module.

(7) If all the components of a module are tested by one single piece of course work, this is a final module exam as defined by section 14 paragraph 1 clause 2.

(8) Insofar as no essential change to the provisions on the course content is made after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations (as amended), then in place of paragraph 3 the following clause 2 applies. What course work is to be done on the individual modules is stated in the relevant module guide and is notified to the students no later than at the start of the courses relating to that module.

#### **14. Course Based Assessments**

(1) Course based assessments are provided in the form of module examinations. Module examinations are either final module exams, in which all the components of a module are tested, or part-module exams, which relate to one or more components of a module. As a rule there should be final module exams. In justified cases part-module exams are permitted, in particular if different teaching outcomes should be conveyed by different forms of teaching and learning and need to be tested by different types and formats of examination or in order to open up options for the students; the justification should be documented in the module guide.

(2) The type at least of the course based assessments should be stated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. Types of course based assessments are oral examinations, oral presentations, written examinations, written assignments and practical work. In place of the type of examination, the subject specific provisions can also state the format of the examination. The specific form of the course based assessments is stated in the relevant module guide and is notified to the students no later than the start of the courses relating to that module. If course based assessments are to be carried out on modules or courses that can be selected from the range of courses of other study programs, then in variation of clauses 1 to 4 it is sufficient if the necessary information can be found in the Examination Regulations and/or module guide of that study program.

(3) Variations on the type of examination and/or format of the examination stated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations are only permitted if on account of circumstances which are not the responsibility of the examiner and the consequences of which cannot be offset by other means, the examination in its original form is not suitable or in view of necessary expense would be disproportionate. The decision whether and in what form the examination should instead be conducted shall be taken by the Subject Examination Committee in response to a request which must be made promptly by the examiner. The specialist requirements of the exam work must be ensured. If the Subject Examination Committee permits the request, the students are to be informed of this immediately. Students who have already been admitted to the examination at the time of the decision of the Subject Examination Committee may on request withdraw from the examination.

(4) If the required examination standards are achieved for the successful graduation on a module, no further study examinations can be taken on that module. The regulations on improvement of marks in accordance with section 24 paragraph 5 remains unaffected.

(5) Insofar as no essential change to the provisions on the course content is made after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations (as amended), then in place of paragraph 2 the following clause 2 applies. The form and scope of the course based assessments, which may be completed in written, oral or practical form, are stated in the relevant module guide and are notified to the students no later than the start of the courses relating to that module.

#### **14a Compensating for Disadvantages**

(1) If a student has long term or chronic health problems not related to examinations but which make the completion of examination performance more difficult, then the Subject Examination Committee can, upon written application, take appropriate measures to balance out these adverse effects; evidence of the abilities which make up the performance tested in the examination cannot be foregone. As measures to balance out difficulties for written examinations a longer time may be allowed, breaks may be permitted which do not deduct from the time allowed, personal or objective aids may be permitted.

(2) In contentious cases, with the agreement of the student, the representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses or another expert will be heard, before the decision of the Subject Examination Committee under paragraph 1.

(3) Applications for compensatory measures must be made at the time of registration for a module examination or at the latest a month before the relevant module examination. The impairment must be stated by the student and evidenced by a doctor's certificate which contains the relevant medical diagnosis.

(4) In case of performance in a credit course being negatively affected because of a long term or chronic health impairment, then the regulations in paragraphs 1 to 3 apply respectively.

## **15. Registration and Admission to Course Based Assessments**

(1) Registration is required for each course based assessment. The Subject Examination Committee sets out the applicable valid form in which the registration must be completed together with the deadline and provides appropriate timely notification the students.

(2) Admission to a course based assessment is open to those who:

1. are matriculated on a relevant masters course at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg
2. have fulfilled the appropriate subject specific conditions as set out in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations,
3. have not failed a final examination or lost the right to take the qualification on the specified masters course in the same or a related course with basically the same content,
4. are not in a current examination process at another university for the same masters course or a related course with basically the same content, and
5. have registered for the examination in the right form and by the relevant deadline.

Masters programs count as related programs with basically the same content if they are in the same discipline with comparable scope of study requirements and the same standard period of study. Clause 1 number 3 is not applicable if the reason for loss of entitlement to take the examination is failure of a final examination which falls outside of the examination area of the relevant program according to these Examination Regulations.

(3) The Subject Examination Committee decides on admission to take a course based assessment. Admission can only be refused if the conditions set out in paragraph 2 are not fulfilled. The student must be informed of the decision on admission to an exam. The student must be informed in writing of a decision to refuse admission to an examination and this must provide a reason and information on legal appeal rights.

(4) Admission can be revoked if false information is provided or facts subsequently arise or come to light which would have led to a refusal of permission.

(5) Where a student has registered and this is not a repeat examination, the Subject Examination Committee can set a date after the deadline for registration for an examination under paragraph 1 clause 2 by which the students can de-register themselves. In this case the registration and a possible admission to the examination are not counted as effective.

(6) A student who would miss the date for a first examination on account of taking up studies at a foreign university may in agreement with the examiner request that s/he sit the examination in question at an earlier date. Evidence of the planned foreign study should be submitted with the application. The decision shall be taken by the Subject Examination Committee. A requirement for setting a separate exam date is that the specialist requirements of the exam work are ensured.

(7) Section 19 is unaffected.

## **16. Oral Course Based Assessments**

- (1) Course based oral assessments include oral examinations (spoken tests) and oral presentations (e.g. lectures).
- (2) In an oral examination the student should demonstrate that s/he has achieved the qualification targets documented in the relevant module description.
- (3) Oral examinations are generally held as individual examinations by an examiner in the presence of an assessor or as group examinations. Group examinations with more than three candidates are held with a panel of at least two examiners. The length of the oral examination is at least 10 and at most 30 minutes per candidate; if the oral examination is a final module exam or the final oral masters examination (section 12 paragraph 2), then the maximum duration per candidate is 45 minutes. Before establishing the grade in accordance with section 18 paragraph 1 the individual examiner will consult the assessor. In the case of examination by a panel, the grade is determined by the arithmetic mean of the individual grades; section 18 paragraph 3 clause 4 applies accordingly.
- (4) The basic subject and results of the oral examination are recorded in a memorandum, which is signed by the examiner and the assessor. The outcome of the examination is disclosed to the candidate subsequent to the oral examination.
- (5) Students who want to undergo the same examination at a later date should be admitted as observers, if space permits. This admission does not extend to when feedback is given nor when the candidate is informed of the outcome of their oral examination. Public access can be refused for good reason or at the request of the candidate.
- (6) The student is to be informed of the dates for oral assessments in good time by appropriate means. If the examiner is unable to attend a set date, a new date for the oral assessment will be agreed in consultation with the student.
- (7) Oral assessments are generally conducted in the language in which the relevant course is conducted. Exceptions are set out in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations.

## **17. Written Course Based Assessments**

- (1) Course based written assessments include written examinations (supervised written papers) and written assignments (e.g. term papers and records).
- (2) In a written examination, the student has to show that based on the necessary fundamental knowledge, s/he can solve the tasks set and deal with issues in a limited time and with limited aids using the methods common to his/her subject.
- (3) The length of written examinations is at least 60 and at most 240 minutes. The dates of written examinations and the aids permitted are notified to the students in good time by appropriate means.
- (4) The students will be informed of the dates for handing in written assignments in good time by appropriate means.
- (5) Written assessments are generally completed in the language in which the relevant course is conducted. Exceptions are set out in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. A written examination may be taken in German with non-German language tasks; this does not apply when it is an English-language masters program or the English-language variant, profile or specialization of a masters program.
- (6) The process of assessing written work should not take longer than four weeks; section 20 paragraph 9 clause 1 remains unaffected.

### **17a Multiple Choice Written Examinations**

- (1) Written examinations can, in whole or part, also be carried out by way of answers to examination questions which the candidate chooses from presented options (exercises in multiple-choice form). The examination exercise must relate to the curriculum on the particular module and enable reliable examination results. All examinees must each be set the same exercises.



- (2) The examination exercises will be set by the examiner responsible in accordance with section 10, who also grades the answers to the examination exercises.
- (3) For written examinations with multiple-choice answer that are set as part of courses offered by the Faculty of Medicine for the degree program in Medicine, the relevant regulations of the curriculum of the University of Freiburg apply to the degree program in Medicine (as amended).
- (4) Paragraphs 1 to 3 apply analogously to course work.

### 17b Course and Examination Work Using New Media

- (1) Course work and course based assessments may take place using modern ITC (new media) provided the technical, staffing and spatial conditions for this are met in the relevant department; this includes in particular online examinations and electronic written examinations. Course based assessments can also be held as distance examinations at other institutions, in particular other universities (e.g. as online examinations or via video conference).
- (2) Sections 13 to 17a apply accordingly to the completion of course work and course based assessments. The responsible Subject Examination Committee has to ensure that the principles of a fair examination process are observed. In particular identification checks on the students must be ensured, as well as compliance with the usual Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg examination standards (such as the exclusion of non-permitted aids, time parity between distance-examined students and examinations taken at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, compulsory supervision).
- (3) If course work or examinations are completed in the form of electronic written examinations, then the students will be given sufficient opportunity within the scope of the course to familiarize themselves with the electronic testing system. Data protection requirements will be observed. Electronic examinations count as supervised examinations.

### 18. Marking of Course Based Assessments and Determining the Module Marks

- (1) Each examination will be assessed with one of the following marks:
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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 = very good =    | outstanding work                                                                     |
| 2 = good           | work well above the average requirement                                              |
| 3 = satisfactory = | work which meets the average requirement                                             |
| 4 = pass =         | work which despite deficiencies meets the average requirement                        |
| 5 = fail =         | work which fails to meet the average requirement because of significant deficiencies |

To distinguish assessments of examinations intermediate marks can be given by raising or lowering the mark by 0.3. Marks of 0.7, 4.3, 4.7 and 5.3 are not permitted. Notwithstanding clause 2 and 3 the marks for practical sport examinations are calculated to an exact decimal place; marks below 1.0 and intermediate marks over 4 are not permitted.

- (2) Marks are as follows:

For an average up to	1.5	very good
For an average of	1.6 to 2.5 =	good
For an average of	2.6 to 3.5 =	satisfactory
For an average of	3.6 to 4.0 =	pass
For an average over	fail	

- (3) Where a module only requires a final module or part-module examination, the mark for the module will be the mark for the final module examination or, as the case may be, the part-module examination. Where several part-module examinations are set in a module, the mark for the module is calculated on the ECTS points weighted average of all the individual module examinations; the subject specific requirements in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations may provide regulations which vary from this. Each of the individual part-module examinations must be assessed with a minimum mark of "pass" (4.0). In calculating the mark only the first decimal place after the decimal point will be taken into account, with all further digits canceled without rounding up.

- (4) The module marks of the final relevant module marks are the basis for calculation of the total mark for the masters examination with their numerical value.

## **19. Registration for and Admission to the Masters Thesis**

- (1) Admission to undertake a masters thesis is open to those who
1. are matriculated on a relevant masters course at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg
  2. have fulfilled the appropriate admission requirements as set out in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations,
  3. have not failed a final examination or lost the right to take the qualification on the specified masters course in the same or a related course with basically the same content,
  4. are not in a current examination process at another university for the same masters course or a related course with basically the same content, and
  5. have applied for permission to undertake a masters thesis in the correct form and within the deadline.

Clause 1 number 3 is not applicable if the reason for loss of entitlement to take the examination is failure of a final examination which falls outside of the examination area of the relevant program according to these Examination Regulations.

(2) The written application for admission to undertake a masters thesis, and also the approval of the subject for the thesis, must be submitted by the student to the Subject Examination Committee observing the deadlines set for this. The proposal must be accompanied by:

1. Evidence that the student has fulfilled the admission requirements in accordance with paragraph 1 clause 1 numbers and 2.
2. A declaration that the student has not failed the final examination on the relevant masters course or a comparable or related course with basically the same content at another university and has not lost their entitlement to take the examination and also is not in a current examination process at another university.

(3) The Subject Examination Committee decides on admission. Admission can only be refused if the conditions set out in paragraph 1 are not fulfilled. The student must be informed in writing within a month of the decision on admission. A decision to refuse admission to undertake a thesis must provide a reason and information on legal appeal rights.

(4) Admission can be revoked if false information is provided or facts subsequently arise or come to light which would have led to a refusal of permission.

## **20. Masters Thesis**

(1) The master thesis attracts credits of 15-30 ECTS points and is a written test in which the student should show that s/he is capable of handling a topic within his/her specialist course subject using academic methods within a predetermined deadline, and to present the result adequately.

(2) Group work is only permitted when the subject specific Appendix B of the Examination Regulations expressly allows. The individual contribution must, in any event, be clearly separable, assessable and markable.

(3) The topic of the masters thesis is set by an examiner in accordance with section 10, paragraph 1 clause 1; this is obligatory as part of the masters thesis supervision. The candidate should be given the opportunity to make suggestions for the topic for the masters thesis; there is no legal right to the appointment of a specific supervisor. Unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations, topic setting, supervision and the associated assessment of the masters thesis, as well as, where relevant, the related oral masters examination can, with prior permission of the Subject Examination Committee also be conducted by a university professor or associate professor or a self-employed lecturer does not belong to the relevant faculty or the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, if the subject is set in agreement with a university professor or self-employed lecturer who does belong to the faculty and who is active in research into and teaching on the subject of the masters course. In the case of interfaculty programs, members of the other participating faculties involved in the degree program who regularly give classes on the course and who are qualified to set examinations shall count as members of the faculty overseeing the degree program. The student must present the document with allocation of the topic of the masters thesis to the Subject Examination Committee within two weeks after the examiner has set the topic. On application the chair of the Subject Examination Committee shall ensure that the student receives the topic for their masters thesis at the latest six weeks after the application document is submitted.

(4) The Subject Examination Committee approves the masters thesis topic and appoints the supervisor. The allocation of the topic to the student takes place within the requirements of the allocation schedule together with the decision on permission to submit a masters thesis. The topic of the masters thesis and the deadline for submission are placed on record. The period for completion of the masters thesis starts with the allocation of the topic.

(5) The time allowed for the masters thesis to be completed as well as the award of ECTS points are set out in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. Topic setting and supervision do not count towards the scope of the masters thesis. In specific cases with good reason the Subject Examination Committee can on request extend the time allowed by a maximum of six weeks. Such an application must be received by the Subject Examination Committee without delay and must be received before the expiry of the time allowed for the completion of the masters thesis. Where the valid reasons for an extension are rooted in the scope of the masters thesis, the Subject Examination Committee decides on the application after consultation with the supervisor of the masters thesis. In case of the student being ill, a doctor's certificate must be provided which contains adequate assessment of the medical diagnosis; in cases of doubt a certificate may be requested from a doctor by the Subject Examination Committee. Section 27 is unaffected.

(6) The topic can only be returned once and only within the first two months of the time allowed. A new topic will then be decided and allocated within four weeks.

(7) The masters thesis must be submitted to the Subject Examination Committee within the deadline in printed and bound form. The number of copies to be handed in will be specified in the relevant subject specific requirements in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations. The Subject Examination Committee can generally or in individual cases require that the masters thesis is additionally submitted electronically, for which they can specify the valid technical requirements. The deadline for submission is placed on record. If the masters thesis is submitted by post the student must obtain proof of posting; the date of the post stamp counts as the time of submission. If the thesis is not submitted on time, it is treated as failed and is marked as "fail" (5.0) unless the student is not responsible for missing the deadline.

(8) On submission the student must confirm in writing that

1. s/he completed the submitted masters thesis independently or, in the case of group work, that s/he completed their particular identified part of the work themselves,
2. s/he used no sources or aids other than those stated and all verbatim or conceptual content taken from other works has been identified as such, and
3. the submitted masters thesis was or is not, either in full or in large part the subject of another examination process.

(9) The masters thesis must be marked within six weeks by two examiners, at least one of whom must belong to the relevant faculty, in accordance with section 10, paragraph 1 clause 1. The first assessor is usually the supervisor of the masters thesis. The second assessor is appointed by the Subject Examination Committee in consultation with the first assessor. Provided the first assessor is a member of the faculty, the Subject Examination Committee can also appoint a university professor, associate professor or a self-employed lecturer who does not belong to the faculty or the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg as the second assessor and thus where relevant as examiner for the oral masters examination. The assessors mark the masters thesis independently of each other awarding one of the marks set out in section 18 paragraph 1. The mark for the masters thesis consists of the average of the two individual marks; section 18 paragraph 3 clause 4 applies accordingly. If the marks given by the assessors differ from each other by at least 2 marks then the Subject Examination Committee will appoint a third assessor, who shall set as a mark the mark of one of the two other assessors or an intermediate mark in accordance with section 18 paragraph 1. The second assessor in accordance with clause 3 and third assessor in accordance with clause 7 may only be examiners in accordance with section 10 paragraph 1 clause 1 who belong to the relevant faculty or who are professors, associate professors or self-employed lecturers at another faculty or another university.

(10) Unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations, the masters thesis is to be written in German. On request from the student, the Subject Examination Committee may permit another language if assessment can be arranged. An application for an exception must be submitted at the latest with the admission application, together with the opinion of the proposed first assessor. If the thesis is written in a foreign language then a brief summary in German must be attached; this does not apply if the masters thesis is written in English on an English language masters program or on an English variant, profile or specialization of a masters degree.

## **21. Assessment of the Masters Examination**

(1) The weighting of the parts of the examination that make up the marks are derived from the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations.

(2) In calculating the total mark only the first decimal place after the decimal point will be taken into account, with all further digits canceled without rounding up.

The total mark for the masters examination is as follows:

For an average up to 1.5	very good
For an average of 1.6 to 2.5	good
For an average of 2.6 to 3.5	satisfactory
For an average of 3.6 to 4.0	pass
For an average over 4.0	fail

## 22. Examination Passes and Fails

- (1) A course based assessment is passed when it is assessed with a minimum mark of “pass” (4.0).
- (2) If a course based assessment is failed, or is deemed failed, the Subject Examination Committee shall inform the student in a written decision, also stating whether the examination can be repeated and, if so, the deadline for doing so, and whether the student must register for the re-sit examination. The decision is provided along with information on legal appeal rights.
- (3) A written examination which is only marked by one examiner will be marked by a second examiner appointed by the Subject Examination Committee if the first examiner has awarded a mark of “fail” (5.0) with the consequence that the masters examination would be failed. If the second examiner marks the examination as at least “pass” (4.0), then the Subject Examination Committee shall appoint a third examiner who will set as a mark either as a mark given by one of the other examiners or an intermediate mark in accordance with section 18 paragraph 1.

## 23. Conclusive Failure

- (1) If a student fails an examination as well as all repeat attempts in accordance with section 24 or 25, the examination is conclusively failed.

(2) If a course based assessment is conclusively failed then the final masters examination is deemed failed. As a result the admission to the relevant masters program expires. **Re-taking Course Based Assessments**

- (1) Course based assessments which are marked as “failed” (5.0) or which count as failed can be re-taken once. The subject specific requirements in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations may provide additional options for re-taking. The Subject Examination Committee decides whether it is necessary to re-register or whether registration for the first examination automatically counts as conditional registration for re-taking an examination. If repeat registration is necessary, section 15 paragraph 1 clause 2 applies accordingly.

(2) An examination must generally be re-taken at the latest by the end of the semester following the failed examination and usually takes place in the context of the examination dates of the following semester. If there is no opportunity for re-taking the examination in the following semester then the examination can be re-taken in the semester after that. In the event that the deadline for re-taking the examination is missed, the repeat examination is deemed failed unless the student is not responsible missing the deadline.

(3) As a rule there must be at least four weeks between announcement of the results of the failed examination and re-taking the examination. If the failed examination is taken at the latest six weeks before the start of the classes of the following semester and if passing the re-sit examination condition for admission to one of the course based assessments in the following semester or for attendance on a course in the following semester, the student will, upon request, be given the opportunity to re-take the examination promptly so that if s/he passes the repeat examination s/he can be admitted to the assessment in the next semester or to attend class.

(4) Before the final possibility to re-take a failed course based assessment, the student must have the opportunity to participate again in the relevant classes which relate to the module examination. Provided the relevant subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations do not mandate the re-taking of a failed course based assessment or in general require repeated participation in a course, then application in accordance with clause 1 is not necessary.

(5) The subject specific provisions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations may allow the possibility of re-taking passed course based assessments in order to improve grades. Repeat registration is necessary to re-take a passed examination.

- (6) Section 25 is unaffected.

## 24. Re-taking the Masters Thesis and the Oral Masters Examination

- (1) A masters thesis which is marked as “failed” (5.0) or which counts as failed can be repeated once.

Application to repeat the masters thesis and to be assigned a new topic for the masters thesis must be submitted in writing to the Subject Examination Committee no later than two months after the final decision on the examination; if this deadline is missed the examination entitlement expires unless the student is not responsible for having missed the deadline. Section 20 paragraphs 3 and 4 apply accordingly. Rejecting the topic for the masters thesis as a re-take is only permitted if the student did not take the opportunity to reject the topic when preparing the failed masters thesis.

(2) An oral masters examination (section 12 paragraph 2 clause 1) which is marked as “failed” (5.0) can be re-taken once. The examination must be re-taken no later than two months after the final decision on the examination; if this deadline is missed the examination entitlement expires unless the student is not responsible for having missed the deadline.

(3) It is not permitted to repeat a masters thesis or an oral masters examination that has been passed.

## **25. Examination Report, Certificate and Attestation**

(1) On the basis of having passed the masters examination the student receives a report which indicates the subject and mark in the masters thesis as well as the total mark for the masters examination (including decimal). The report shows the date of the last course work or examination and is signed by the chair of the Subject Examination Committee and endorsed with the seal of the issuing faculty or the university. On request from the student an English translation will be annexed to the report.

(2) The Examination Office attaches a transcript of records to the report, which shows the modules and their components undertaken on the course of the masters program, the final relevant marks for the modules, the subject and mark for the masters thesis as well as the mark for any required oral examination in accordance with section 12, paragraph 2. In addition the transcript of records shows the ECTS assessment table for the total mark for the masters examination. For this purpose the total marks given for each subject taken on the masters program in the last six semesters are recorded including their numerical as well as their percentage proportion of the grade level, in accordance with section 21 paragraph 2 clause 2, presented in a table (ECTS assessment). The transcript of records is signed by the head of the Examination Office and endorsed with the seal of the issuing faculty or the university. On request from the student an English translation will be annexed to the transcript of records.

(3) The Examination Office also issues a diploma supplement. Besides the student's personal details, this includes information on the type and level of the degree, the status of the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg and detailed information on the program for the masters degree in question. The diploma supplement is issued with reference to the original document to which it refers. In the last section the diploma supplement contains a standard description of the German university system (National Statement). Paragraph 2 clause 4 applies accordingly.

(4) On the basis of having passed the masters examination the candidate receives, along with the report, a certificate recording the award of the academic degree. The document is signed by the dean of the faculty. The document shows the date of the certificate and is endorsed with the seal of the issuing faculty or the university.

(5) The academic qualification cannot be used before the certificate has been given.

(6) Candidates who conclusively fail their masters examination receive a written decision with notice of legal appeal rights. If a candidate conclusively fails the masters examination, at their request they will be provided with a certificate which contains the exams and credits which s/he passed as well as the ECTS points awarded and marks, indicating that the masters examination was conclusively failed.

## **A. Final Clauses**

### **26. Protected Periods**

(1) The statutory protected periods for the protection of mothers at work, in training and in education (Protection of Expectant Mothers' Act (Mutterschutzgesetz - MuSchG) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 (BGBl. I page 1228) (as amended) shall be observed and the exercise of appropriate rights of declaration and revocation by the students shall be guaranteed. Maternity protection periods suspend all deadlines under these Examination Regulations.

(2) Likewise account must be taken of periods of parental leave in accordance with section 15 paragraph 1 clause 3 under the Parental Pay and Parental Leave Act (Bundeselterngeld- und Elternzeitgesetz - BEEG) of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (BGBl. I page 33) (as amended). The student must notify the Subject Examination Committee in writing at least four weeks before the start of the parental leave period attaching the required evidence, as to the period for which they want to take parental leave. The Subject Examination Committee must check that the legal conditions are fulfilled which give an employee the entitlement to parental leave and must inform the student of the outcome as well as accordingly the newly set examination dates and deadlines. The deadline for completing the masters thesis cannot be suspended

due to parental leave. The topic given to the student shall be treated as not having been set. After the expiry of the parental leave the student will be given a new topic for their masters thesis.

(3) Availing of the safeguarding provisions will be enabled for the care of a close relative, as defined by section 7 paragraph 3 of the Time Off for Care Act (Pflegezeitgesetz - PflegeZG) of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (BGBl. I page 874, 896) (as amended), who is in need of care as defined by sections 14 and 15 of the Eleventh Social Code (SGB XI) of 26<sup>th</sup> May 1994 (BGBl. I pages 1014, 1015) (as amended).

## **27. Withdrawal, Fraud, and Breach of Regulations**

(1) If a student does not attend the examination or if they do not take the examination within the required deadline, they will be treated as having withdrawn from the examination.

(2) If a student is prevented from taking an examination within the required time through illness or some other valid ground, withdrawal will, upon written application, be confirmed. The application must be made to the Subject Examination Committee by the student without delay explaining the grounds for withdrawal along with suitable evidence. In case of illness a doctor's certificate containing the medical facts necessary for assessment of incapacity to take the examination must be appended to the application. In justified cases the Subject Examination Committee may require a doctor's certificate from a doctor of its choice. No approval shall be granted if, at the time that the student becomes incapable of taking the examination, individual examinations have been taken the results of which mean that the overall examination can no longer be passed.

(2a) If a student has taken an examination while knowingly, or negligently in ignorance, having a significant reason in terms of paragraph 2, a withdrawal on these grounds will not be approved. Negligent ignorance arises in particular if a student does not supply a timely explanation for being affected by health problems. In any event requesting a withdrawal is excluded if more than a month has elapsed since taking the examination.

(2) If the withdrawal is approved by the Subject Examination Committee then the examination counts as not having been taken and the registration as well as in the case of the first examination the admission to take the examination shall be deemed not to be effective; in the event of a renewed registration for the examination, admission to the examination will generally recognize course work which has already been verified. Notwithstanding clause 1, registration and admission remain in effect if the Subject Examination Committee expressly confirms this. If withdrawal is not approved, the course based assessment is deemed failed and will be marked "fail" (5.0). The decision on the application for permission to withdraw is given in writing.

(3) If a student attempts to influence the result of an examination or a course credit through fraud or use of non-permitted aids or by exerting influence on an examiner to their own or another's benefit, the relevant examination result of credit will be marked as "fail" (5.0). Even possession of a non-permitted aid during and after the examination exercise is given out will be treated as attempt to use the aid.

(4) If there is a suspicion that a student has attempted to bring in a non-permitted aid, s/he is obliged to cooperate with the investigation and to surrender the aid. If s/he refuses to cooperate or surrender the aid despite being requested to do so, the examination will be marked as "fail" (5.0) or the course work marked as "fail".

(5) If a student disturbs the orderly process of an examination appointment s/he can be excluded from continuing with the examination or credit by the relevant examiner or supervisor, usually after prior warning. In such cases the examination will be marked as "fail" (5.0) or the course work marked as "fail".

(6) In serious or repeated cases under paragraphs 4 or 6 the Subject Examination Committee can exclude the student from undertaking individual or all further course work and examinations. In minor cases the examination mark can be reduced and/ or sanctions can be imposed.

(7) If it later becomes apparent that the conditions of paragraph 4 applied, the examination result issued by the Subject Examination Committee can be rescinded and the measures set out in paragraph 4 clause 1 can be taken. If the masters certificate and report have already been given out at the time of revocation, they will be retracted. Revocation is excluded when five years have elapsed after the end of the examination. In the event that, within a year of a credit being marked and before the certificate is issued, it becomes apparent that the conditions of paragraph 4 applied, the mark for the course work can be reduced or the course work can be assessed as "fail".

## **28. Masters Programs in Cooperation with Other Universities**

(1) The subject specific conditions in Appendix B of these Examination Regulations may provide that a masters program in a subject can be conducted together with one or more other national or foreign university.

(2) They may further allow that the academic degree is conferred jointly with one or more of the universities involved.

(3) It is a condition of either of these that the relevant university or universities have concluded a suitable cooperation agreement which has been approved by the faculty committee of the responsible faculty of Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg.

### **29a Joint Masters Examination**

(1) The general conditions of these Examination Regulations apply to the whole masters examination with other universities, insofar as none of the following special regulations are affected.

(2) The subject specific conditions in Appendix B of these Examination Regulations regulate at which of the universities involved the course credits and course examination must be taken and in which university the masters thesis must be completed and where relevant the oral masters examination must be taken.

(3) If the masters thesis is completed at Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg and where relevant the oral examination is also taken here, the subject specific conditions in Appendix B of these Examination Regulations can allow that a subject specialist representing the university or one of the other universities involved in conferring the degree is appointed for the assessment of the masters thesis as second assessor and that the oral examination is conducted as a panel examination involving one specialist subject representative from the university or from each of the other participating universities. If the masters thesis is completed at another university and the oral masters examination is conducted there, the subject specific conditions in Appendix B of the Examination Regulations may provide that a subject representative from Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg is appointed for the assessment of the masters thesis and is involved in the conduct of the masters oral examination.

### **29b Conditions for Graduation on Joint Masters Programs**

The conferral of the masters degree by Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg requires that the student has generally been registered at least two semesters on the relevant masters program at Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg and in the context of this masters course at Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg has been awarded a minimum total of 30 ECTS points.

### **29c Reports and Certificates for Joint Masters Examination**

(1) The masters report bears the name and the signature of the individuals from the universities conferring the joint degree, designated under the Examination Regulations, as well as stating that the masters examination was jointly conducted by the universities involved; it bears the seal of the participating faculty or faculties of the partner university or universities and the seal of the issuing faculty or the university seal of Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg. In addition to the information set out in section 26, paragraph 2 of these Examination Regulations, the transcript of records details the course work and examinations undertaken and at which of the participating universities. Where multiple masters reports are issued clauses 1 and 2 apply accordingly.

(2) The masters certificate bears the name and the signature of the individuals at the universities conferring the joint degree, designated under the Examination Regulations, and is furnished with the seal of the faculty or faculties involved at the partner university or universities, and the seal of the issuing faculty or the university seal of Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg. It contains the designation of the academic degree "Master of Science" ("M.Sc.") and indicates that it refers to a joint masters examination at the universities involved. Where multiple masters certificates are issued clauses 1 and 2 apply accordingly.

## **29. Access to the Examination Documents and Storage of the Examination Papers**

(1) The student can apply to the Examination Office with the request to inspect his/her examination file within six weeks of notification of the grading of the course work and course based assessments, including in particular the masters thesis and the oral masters examination. The inspection should be granted within four weeks of the application.

(2) The complete examination files must be held for at least five years. The main document file, consisting of the signed masters certificate, the transcript of records and the diploma supplement, will be held indefinitely; storage may also be in electronic form.

### **30. Effective Date and Transitional Provisions**

(1) These Examination Regulations take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005. At the same time the Examination Regulations for the Masters Program in Sustainable Forestry and Land Use Management of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2000 (W.,F.u.K. 2000, page 634), last amended on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2002 (Official Proclamations vol. 33, no. 41, p. 171 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2002) cease to have effect.

(2) Students who, at the point in time of the commencement of the Examination Regulation, have already matriculated in the Masters Program Sustainable Forestry and Land Use Management at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, can take their degree under the Masters Examination Regulations of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2000 (W.,F.u.K. 2000, page 634), last amended on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2002 (Official Proclamations vol. 33, no. 41, p. 171 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2002), until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 (deadline).

(3) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 in the degree course Master of Science Geology can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Ninth Amendment Regulation of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Official Proclamations vol. 40, no. 63, pp. 290-293) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the latest (deadline). This applies only under the condition that the student provides the Examination Office with a written declaration that his/her course will be conducted under the subject specific conditions for Geology under these Examination Regulations dated 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 as amended by the Ninth Amendment Regulation of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009, by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the latest.

(4) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 in the degree course Master of Science Molecular Medicine can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269 -293) as amended by the Tenth Amendment Regulation of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (Official Proclamations vol. 41, no. 1, pp. 1-6) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the latest (deadline). In such a case the student has until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 to provide the Examination Office with written declaration that s/he will complete his/her degree under the subject specific conditions for Molecular Medicine of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Tenth Amendment Regulation dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. This declaration is irrevocable.

(5) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 in the degree course Master of Science Computer Science at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Tenth Amendment Regulation of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (Official Proclamations vol. 41, no. 1, pp. 1-6) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the latest (deadline). In such a case the student has until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 to provide the Examination Office with written declaration that s/he will complete his/her degree under the subject specific conditions for Computer Science of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Tenth Amendment Regulation dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. This declaration is irrevocable.

(6) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 in the degree course Master of Science Molecular Medicine at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment Regulation of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Official Proclamations vol. 42, no. 68, pp. 498-503) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the latest (deadline). In such a case the student has until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to provide the Examination Office with written declaration that s/he will complete his/her degree under the subject specific conditions for Molecular Medicine of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Tenth Amendment Regulation dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011. This declaration is irrevocable.

(7) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 in the degree course Master of Science Applied Computer Science at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Sixth Amendment Regulation of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (Official Proclamations vol. 40, no. 24, pp. 101 -140) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the latest (deadline).

(8) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 in the degree course Master of Science Crystalline Materials, Master of Science Environmental Governance, Master of Science Forestry Sciences, Master of Science Forest Ecology and Management and Master of Science Hydrology at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Sixth Amendment Regulation of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (Official Proclamations vol. 40, no. 24, pp. 101 -140) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the latest (deadline).



(9) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 in the degree course Master of Science Geology at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Sixteenth Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 (Official Proclamations vol. 42, no. 32, pp. 369-376) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the latest (deadline).

(10) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 in the degree course Master of Science Clinical Psychology, Neuro- and Rehabilitation Sciences and Master of Science Cognitive Psychology, Learning and Working at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirteenth Amendment Regulation of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 (Official Proclamations vol. 41, no. 61, pp. 335-343) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the latest (deadline).

(11) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 in the degree course Master of Science Geography of Global Change at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Twenty-Fifth Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 (Official Proclamations vol. 43, no. 85, pp. 318-327) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the latest (deadline). In such a case the student has until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 to provide the Examination Office with written declaration that s/he will complete his/her degree under the subject specific conditions for Geography of Global Change of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Twenty-Fifth Amendment Regulation dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012. This declaration is irrevocable.

(12) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Biochemistry and Biophysics at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Twenty-Eighth Amendment Regulation of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (Official Proclamations vol. 44, no. 48, pp. 509-520) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the latest (deadline). They can also declare that they want to complete their degree under the subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Thirty-First Amendment Regulation dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 50, pp. 159-184). Such a declaration must be submitted to the Examination Office by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at the latest and is irrevocable.

(13) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Bioinformatics and System Biology at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Twenty-First Amendment Regulation of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 (Official Proclamations vol. 42, no. 85, pp. 582-586) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the latest (deadline).

(14) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Forest Sciences at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg who have chosen the specialization Forest Ecology and Management or who have taken the module Spatial Information Systems the regulations in section 4 paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 clause 1 are valid insofar as they can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirtieth Amendment Regulation of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (Official Proclamations vol. 44, no. 85, pp. 739-745).

(15) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Mathematics at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Sixteenth Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 (Official Proclamations vol. 42, no. 32, pp. 369-376) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at the latest (deadline). They can also declare that they want to complete their degree under the subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Thirty-First Amendment Regulation dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 50, pp. 159-184). Such a declaration must be submitted to the Examination Office by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 at the latest and is irrevocable.

(16) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Renewable Energy Management at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirtieth Amendment Regulation of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (Official Proclamations vol. 44, no. 85, pp. 739-745) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the latest (deadline).

(17) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Economics at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Twenty-Second Amendment Regulation of

15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Official Proclamations vol. 43, no. 48, pp. 163-177) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the latest (deadline).

(18) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in the degree course Master of Science Sustainable Materials at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg who have successfully completed the module Macro-molecular Materials, the regulations apply to this module as well as to the module Methods and Concepts in section 4 paragraph 1 and paragraph 3 of the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-First Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 50, pp. 159-184).

(19) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 in the degree course Master of Sustainable Materials at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Second Amendment Regulation of 3 June 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 51, pp. 185-192) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the latest (deadline).

(20) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 in the degree course Master of Physics at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Twenty-Second Amendment Regulation of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Official Proclamations vol. 43, no. 48, pp. 163-177) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at the latest (deadline).

(21) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in the degree course Master of Crystalline Materials at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Third Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 79, pp. 603-608) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the latest (deadline).

(22) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 in the degree course Master of Environmental Governance at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Fourth Amendment Regulation of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 (Official Proclamations vol. 46, no. 77, pp. 463-481) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the latest (deadline).

(23) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 in the degree course Master of Science Geology at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Third Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 79, pp. 603-608) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the latest (deadline).

(24) Students who have matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 in the degree course Master of Science Cognition Sciences at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-First Amendment Regulation of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 (Official Proclamations vol. 45, no. 50, pp. 159-184) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the latest (deadline).

(25) Students who have matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 in the degree courses Master of Science Biochemistry and Biophysics, Master of Science Forest Sciences, Master of Science Clinical Psychology, Neurological and Rehabilitation Sciences, Master of Science Cognitive Psychology, Learning and Working, Master of Science Sustainable Materials with the specialism Functional Materials and Master of Science Environmental Sciences at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Fourth Amendment Regulation of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 (Official Proclamations vol. 46, no. 77, pp. 463-481) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the latest (deadline).

(26) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 in the degree course Master of Science Sports Science-Movement and Health at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Sixth Amendment Regulation of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Official Proclamations vol. 47, no. 62, pp. 498-405) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the latest (deadline), with the proviso that in variation of section 9 paragraph 1 the deadline for completing the masters thesis is five months.

(27) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 in the degree course Master of Science Geology or Renewable Energy Engineering and Management at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination

Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Ninth Amendment Regulation of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Official Proclamations vol. 49, no. 64, pp. 489-516) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the latest (deadline).

(28) Students who have already matriculated before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 in the degree course Master of Science Computer Science at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg can complete their degree under the relevant subject specific conditions of these Examination Regulations of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (Official Proclamations vol. 36, no. 46, pp. 269-293) as amended by the Thirty-Ninth Amendment Regulation of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Official Proclamations vol. 49, no. 64, pp. 489-516) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at the latest (deadline). In such a case the student has until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to provide the Examination Office with written declaration that s/he will complete his/her degree under the subject specific conditions for Computer Science of these Examination Regulations as amended by the Thirty-Ninth Amendment Regulation dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. This declaration is irrevocable.

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