

Study and Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree Programme Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development at Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences

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The following text is a commentary in English language on the Study and Exam Regulations for the Master's programme Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development at the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences, helping you to understand the contents of the German document. The legally binding text remains the German version. Please refer to the German text if possible or seek advice in case of uncertainties.

Based on Art. 13 Sect. 1 Cl. 2 and Art. 61 Sect. 2 Cl. 1 and Sect. 8 Cl. 2 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (*Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz: BayHSchG*) of 23 May 2006 (Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 245, BayRS 2210-1-1-WFK) in conjunction with Art. 1 Sect. 2 of the State Examination Regulations for the Universities of Applied Sciences in Bavaria (*Rahmenprüfungsordnung für die Fachhochschulen in Bayern: RaPO*) of 17 October 2001 (Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 686, BayRS 2210-4-1-4-1-WFK) according to the respective valid version, the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (hereafter: University) issues the following regulations:

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§ 1 Purpose and Scope of the Study and Examination Regulations

¹These Study and Examination Regulations fulfil and supplement the requirements of the State Examination Regulations for the Universities of Applied Sciences in Bavaria (*Rahmenprüfungsordnung für die Fachhochschulen in Bayern: RaPO*) and the General Examina-

tion Regulations at the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences in their respective valid version. ²They contain regulations for studying and examinations in the Master's degree programme Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development (ESD) at the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (HNU).

§ 2 Programme Qualification Objectives and Qualification Requirements, Academic Degree

- (1) The objective of the Master's programme Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development (ESD) is to train students to become internationally oriented specialists, leaders and entrepreneurs/intrapreneurs with an awareness of sustainability and social issues so that they are prepared to take on careers in companies and other organisations (NGOs, foundations, initiatives). The application-oriented Master's programme equips graduates with the necessary skills to handle social and economic systems in a responsible manner, while aiming for success within a sustainable, scientific framework. In addition, the programme prepares graduates scientifically and methodically for a related PhD programme in various areas of international social entrepreneurship and sustainability management according to international standards.
- (2) The qualification and admission requirements are stipulated in the currently valid version of the Regulations on Admission, Enrolment, Leave of Absence, Re-Registration, and Deregistration Procedures at the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences from 25 January 2016; the remaining conditions of the enrolment regulations apply accordingly.
- (3) There is no requirement for the Master's programme to run with fewer than 15 first-year students.
- (4) Upon successful completion of the Master's examination, the Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences awards graduates the academic degree of "Master of Arts" (MA).

§ 3 Structure and Official Length of Degree Programme

- (1) This is a full-time degree programme.
- (2) ¹The official length of programme is three semesters. ²This encompasses the theoretical semesters and the examinations, including the Master's thesis.
- (3) ¹Credits are awarded for each passed module exam. ²The total of credits to be earned is 90 ECTS.
- (4) ¹The first semester begins with an introduction to the relevant basics in development economics, international sustainability management and social innovation management. ²The second semester provides students with the opportunity to focus on professional and (project) management skills in areas of specialisation. ³The third semester serves to prepare students for the application of the acquired knowledge in practice and research and for independent scientific work, including the completion of a Master's thesis.
- (5) All lectures and examinations are held in the English language.

§ 4 Curriculum

for the Master's degree programme ESD from the 2022/2023 (20222) winter semester

No.	Module	Type of course	EC TS	Hr/Wk			Module requirements
				1	2	3	
1	Development Economics – Theories, Actors and Models	SC, Ex	5	3			MR (E/SP/P)
2	Global and Regional Development Geography	SC, Ex	5	3			MR (E/SP/P)
3	Introduction to Sustainability Management	SC, Ex	5	3			MR (E/SP/P)
4	Economic and Business Ethics	SC, Ex	5	3			MR (E/SP/P)
5	Research Lab: Qualitative Research Methods (project work)	SC, PP	5	4			MR (SP, P)
6	Design Thinking for Social Entrepreneurship (project work)	SC, PP	5	4			MR (SP, P)
7	Project Management in Development Cooperations	SC, Ex	5		3		MR (E/SP/P)
8	Entrepreneurship and Development Management	SC, Ex	5		3		MR (E/SP/P)
9	Sustainable Finance Management	SC, Ex	5		3		MR (E/SP/P)
10	Circular Economy and Resource Management	SC, Ex	5		3		MR (E/SP/P)
11	Social Entrepreneurship and Impact (project work)	SU, PP	5		4		MR (SP, P)
12	Business Model Generation for Social Businesses (project work)	SU, PP	5		4		MR (SP, P)
13	Post-Development and Alternatives to Development	SC, Ex	5			3	MR (E/SP/P)
14	Sustainable Supply Chain Management	SC, Ex	5			3	MR (E/SP/P)
15	Innovation Project Lab (project work)	PP	5			4	MR (SP, P)
16	Master's Thesis	MT	15			1	MR (MT, P)*
	Total		90	20	20	11	

Abbreviations

ECTS = European Credit Transfer System credits

E = Exam

L = Lecture

MT = Master's thesis

MR = Module requirements

PP = Practical project

P = Presentation

SP= Student paper

SC = Seminar course

Hr/Wk = Hours per week

Ex= Exercise

MR (E/SP/P) = alternative forms of module requirements

* Weighting: MT 14 ECTS, P 1 ECTS

§ 5 Schedules and Deadlines

- (1) By the end of the official length of programme, all course and exam requirements must be completed in accordance with the curriculum and the required ECTS credits must be earned.
- (2) ¹If students exceed the official length of programme by more than two semesters without fulfilling the requirements stipulated in section 1, all of the exams that have not been completed at that point will be considered first failed attempts. ²If students exceed the official length of programme by more than three semesters, all exams not passed at that time, including the Master's examination, will be considered to be irrevocably failed.

§ 6 Master's Thesis

- (1) ¹Students must have successfully completed the exam requirements for the first semester of the curriculum in order to register a Master's thesis. ²Exceptions to this rule require the approval of the examinations committee.
- (2) The Master's thesis is to be written within a period of four months from topic selection to thesis submission.

§ 7 Effective Date

These Study and Examination Regulations enter into force on 1 September 2022. They apply to students who begin their studies in the Master's degree programme Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development (ESD) from the 2022/2023 winter semester.

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