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Translation

Academic Regulations for the Master’s Degree Program in International Business at Zurich University of Applied Sciences

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Based on § 2 of the Framework of Exam Regulations for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Programs at Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) of 29 January 2008³ (General Exam Regulations),

the Executive Board has decreed the following:

A. General Provisions

Purpose

§ 1. These Academic Regulations and their Appendix, in conjunction with the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Programs at Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) of 29 January 2008³, regulate the Master’s degree programs in International Business.

Appendix

§ 2. An appendix regulates details concerning the degree program, in particular the modules to be completed.

Program and Scope

§ 3.⁵ ¹ The Master’s degree program is offered as a full-time course of study.

² The degree program comprises a learning achievement of 90 ECTS credits⁷.

Transfer of ECTS Credits

§ 4. ECTS credits⁷ achieved at ZHAW or elsewhere are transferable for a period of six years from the semester in which they were earned. Exceptions may be granted by the head of the degree program.

B. Admission to the Program

Prerequisites

§ 5. ¹ To be admitted to the program, applicants must have one of the following qualifications:

- a. a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration worth 180 ECTS credits⁷ and at least “good” grades.
- b. an equivalent degree from an institution of higher learning for a similar degree program worth 180 ECTS credits⁷ and at least “good” grades.

² Decisions concerning the equivalence of qualifications in accordance with § 1b above are at the discretion of the head of the degree program.

³ Applicants must also fulfill the following requirements:

- a) They must provide proof of their knowledge of English at the C1 Level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), unless English is their mother tongue; and they must
- b) pass the aptitude assessment.

⁴ The requirements for the aptitude assessment are regulated in the Appendix.⁶

§ 6.⁸

Final Exclusion by Another University

§ 6. a.⁷ Individuals who were definitively excluded from an equivalent Master's degree program by another university will not be admitted to this degree program. The decision lies with the head of the degree program.

C. Modules

Module Language and Courses Offered

§ 7. ¹ The modules are taught in English.

² Module courses are usually offered once a year.

³ Students are not entitled to a place in any particular elective module.

D. Exams and Other Performance Assessments

Passing a Module

§ 8. A module is considered passed if...

- a. the module grade is at least 4.0, and
- b. all the module's non-graded performance assessments have been completed successfully, unless the module description specifies different requirements for passing the module.

Examiners ("Experten")

§ 9. A module description may provide for an examiner to evaluate performance assessments, in particular in the case of the Master's thesis and practical assignments.

Revision or Retaking of Performance Assessments

§ 10. ¹ Individual performance assessments or modules may be revised or retaken, provided the module description provides for this possibility and the grade achieved was at least 3.50. The highest grade possible for a revised or retaken performance assessment is 4.00.

² The type, scope, format, and timeframe of the revision or retake will be determined by the head of the degree program.

Retaking a Module

§ 11. In the case of a failed module, the student only needs to retake the performance assessments that have not been passed.

E. Graduation and Master's Degree

Title

§ 12. Successful graduates of the Master's degree program are awarded the title of "Master of Science ZFH in International Business" ("*Master of Science in International Business (UAS Zurich)*").

Requirements for Passing the Program

§ 13.⁷ A Master's degree is awarded if...

- a. all the required modules have been passed; and
- b. 90 ECTS credits have been achieved.

Final Grade

§ 14.⁷ The final grade is calculated from the average of all relevant module grades. The module grades are weighted according to their ECTS credits.

ECTS Credits from Compulsory Electives Exceeding Requirements

§ 15.^{6,1} If a student takes more compulsory electives than required, the surplus will be counted as electives.

² The head of the degree program regulates

- a. whether it is possible to sign up for surplus compulsory electives and
- b. how the students determine when they select their modules which compulsory electives are surplus to requirements.

³ The surplus compulsory electives are not used to calculate the final grade.

¹ [OS 71, 120](#); explanation see [ABI 2016-02-26](#). Approved by the Council of Universities of Applied Sciences on 9 February 2016.

² In effect as of 1 May 2016.

³ [LS 414.252.3](#).

⁴ Added by decision of 3 November 2016 ([OS 72, 121](#); [ABI 2017-01-13](#)). In effect since 1 April 2017.

⁵ Version acc. to decision of 24 October 2017 ([OS 73, 58](#); [ABI 2017-11-17](#)). In effect since 1 February 2018.

⁶ Added by decision of 22 August 2019 ([OS 75, 51](#); [ABI 2019-11-01](#)). In effect since 1 April 2020.

⁷ Version acc. to decision of 22 August 2019 ([OS 75, 51](#); [ABI 2019-11-01](#)). In effect since 1 April 2020.

⁸ Rescinded by decision of 22 August 2019 ([OS 75, 51](#); [ABI 2019-11-01](#)). In effect since 1 April 2020.

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