Subject Examination Regulations for the Examination in the Continuing-Education Master's Programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in the Department of Design at Trier University of Applied Sciences, dated 12 September 2020

Official translation for the accreditation documents. The German original published in "publicus" 2020-10, pp. 93–98 remains legally authoritative. The PDF also contains the preceding Ordinance on the Repeal of the previous Subject Examination Regulations, translated below.

Ordinance on the Repeal of the Subject Examination Regulations for the Examination in the Continuing-Education Master's Programme Gemstones and Jewellery in the Department of Design at Trier University of Applied Sciences, dated 12 September 2020

On the basis of Section 7 (2) No. 2 and Section 86 (2) No. 3 of the Rhineland-Palatinate Higher Education Act (HochSchG) in the version of 19 November 2010 (GVBl. p. 463), most recently amended by Article 4 of the Act of 18 June 2019 (GVBl. pp. 101, 103), BS 223-41, the Department Council of the Department of Design at Trier University of Applied Sciences adopted the following Ordinance on the Repeal of the Regulations for the Master's Examination in the Gemstone and Jewellery programme on 20 July 2020. It was approved by the President of Trier University of Applied Sciences on 21 July 2020 and is hereby published.

§ 1 Expiration of the Previous Examination Regulations

The Subject Examination Regulations for the Examination in the Master's programme Gemstones and Jewellery of 26 September 2019 (publicus, 2019-06 of 20 December 2019, pp. 175–180) are hereby repealed.

§ 2 Transitional Provisions

(1) Students who were enrolled in the continuing-education Master's programme Gemstones and Jewellery before the entry into force of the new Subject Examination Regulations of 12 September 2020 may complete their studies under the Regulations named in § 1 until 1 March 2023. In cases of hardship, the Examination Committee may extend this deadline.

(2) Students will also be enrolled under the previous Examination Regulations named in § 1 after the entry into force of the Subject Examination Regulations of 12 September 2020, provided that upon enrolment in the continuing-education Master's programme named in § 1 they are placed in a higher semester of study and the courses of the higher semester are not yet offered according to the curriculum of the currently applicable examination regulations of their programme.

(3) Students under paragraph 1 may apply to transfer to the Subject Examination Regulations of 12 September 2020 of the continuing-education Master's programme Gemstones and Jewellery. In this process, equivalent achievements already completed, as well as failed attempts in examinations of modules identical in content that were completed under the Subject Examination Regulations of 12 September 2020 in the respectively valid version, are credited. The application is irrevocable.

(4) Students under paragraph 1 who have not yet completed their Master's studies after the deadline stated therein apply for transfer to the Subject Examination Regulations of 12 September 2020 of the continuing-education Master's programme Gemstones and Jewellery. In this process, periods of study and equivalent achievements already completed, as well as failed attempts in examinations of modules identical in content that were completed under the Subject Examination Regulations of 12 September 2020 in the respectively valid version, are credited. The application is irrevocable.

(5) The Examination Committee regulates the details of the transition.

(6) In the case of a transfer not yet completed from the Regulations of 19 December 2013, repealed on 1 February 2020 (publicus 2014-02 of 5 February 2014, pp. 43–54), to the Regulations named in § 1, the provisions of these Regulations apply mutatis mutandis to these students.

§ 3 Entry into Force

These Regulations enter into force on the day after their publication in the official publication organ of Trier University of Applied Sciences, "publicus".

Trier, 12 September 2020

signed: Prof. Dr. Matthias Sieveke The Dean of the Department of Design

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§ 1 Scope, Superordinate and Supplementary Regulations

These Subject Examination Regulations govern the programme-specific examination requirements and examination procedures for the continuing-education Master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery".

The General Examination Regulations for the Examinations in the Degree Programmes at Trier University of Applied Sciences apply supplementarily in their respective version.

The legal basis for this fee-based continuing-education Master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" is Section 35 HochSchG.

The fees for the programme are set out in the Fees Regulations for the continuing-education Master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in the respectively valid version.

§ 2 Purpose of the Examination

The Master's examination leads to a professionally qualifying academic degree. The Master's examination determines whether students have an overview of the interrelations of their subject and possess the ability to independently apply and further develop academic and artistic or design methods and findings, to take on

complex development, planning and organisational tasks, and are able to meet the requirements of a constantly changing professional field competently and innovatively and to assume leadership roles. Furthermore, it determines whether students possess the abilities qualifying them for research and other activities requiring a high degree of abstracting and formalising engagement and constructive problem-solving competence.

§ 3 Final Degree

Upon passing the Master's examination, the academic degree "Master of Fine Arts" (abbreviated "M.F.A.") is awarded.

§ 4 Aptitude Examination Board

For the Gemstone and Jewellery subject area, the Examination Committee appoints an Aptitude Examination Board. Further details are determined by the Regulations on the Determination of Programme-Specific Aptitude for the continuing-education Master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in their respectively valid version.

§ 5 Admission to the Programme

(1) The prerequisites for taking up the programme are:

1. a written application by the applicant,
2. a higher education entrance qualification under Section 65 (1) or (2) HochSchG, and
3. a successfully completed degree programme and qualified professional experience of, as a rule, no less than one year, or at least three years of relevant professional activity, and passing an aptitude examination under Section 35 (1) sentence 3 HochSchG, by which the equivalence of the professional qualification with that of a completed undergraduate degree (equivalence examination) is determined,
4. passing an artistic aptitude examination. Further details are determined by the Regulations on the Determination of Aptitude for the continuing-education Master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in their respectively valid version,
5. the determination of sufficient English language skills.

(2) Admission may be subject to further conditions.

(3) The Examination Committee decides on the fulfilment of the admission requirements, in particular under paragraph 1, and on conditions under paragraph 2.

§ 6 Standard Period of Study, Structure of the Programme and Extent of the Course Offer

(1) The period of study in which the programme can usually be completed (standard period of study) is 4 semesters with a total student workload corresponding to 120 credit points (ECTS). One credit point (ECTS) corresponds to a student workload of 30 hours. The Master's examination can be taken within the standard period of study.

(2) The course offer extends over the number of semesters stated in paragraph 1. The course offer is fully modularised and comprises compulsory courses totalling 45 contact hours per week per semester (SWS).

The courses of the compulsory and compulsory elective area are usually offered in English, but may also be offered in another language.

When participating in courses with a limited number of places, students enrolled in the programmes named in § 1 have priority.

(3) The number and allocation of credit points (ECTS) and the modules in accordance with Section 25 (2) HochSchG are set out in Annex 1 of these Regulations.

(4) Up to 30 ECTS of achievements may be replaced by corresponding periods at a foreign university, by a semester abroad or, in exceptional cases, by equivalent practical projects. The decision rests with the Examination Committee.

§ 7 Types of Examination Achievements: Portfolio Examination

Supplementing the provision in § 5 (3) of the General Examination Regulations for the Examinations in the Degree Programmes at Trier University of Applied Sciences, the portfolio examination is established. It demonstrates the ability to carry out design projects, from the initial research to the finished project result. The portfolio examination includes the documentation of one or more projects developed within the module, usually in particular the research, idea generation, the detailed description of the elaboration, the application of the project result, the result itself, as well as an outlook on further work. A presentation may be part of a portfolio examination. The scope and components of the portfolio examination are announced by the respective examiners at the beginning of the semester or at the start of the course.

§ 8 Study Achievements

Annex 2 lists the modules with their respective titles and the number of study achievements to be completed.

§ 9 Final Thesis

(1) The final thesis is intended to show that students are able to work on a subject-specific project largely independently and in a largely self-directed manner using academic and artistic methods within a set deadline. It consists of a written part and an artistic or design final project. An interdisciplinary final thesis in conjunction with other subject areas is possible.

(2) Students may register for the final thesis at the earliest after notification of the attainment of 90 credit points (ECTS).

Students must register for the final thesis no later than one month after notification of the attainment of 95 credit points (ECTS).

The Examination Committee decides on exceptions.

The registration deadlines are announced via the university's own electronic examination administration system. If registration for the final thesis is not made on time, it is deemed to have been failed on the first attempt.

(3) The processing period is up to 15 weeks. It begins with the issue of the topic. In individual cases, the Examination Committee may extend the processing period by up to 6 weeks upon justified application.

§ 10 Colloquium on the Final Thesis

Students present their final thesis, graded at least "sufficient", in a colloquium. The provisions for oral examinations in accordance with § 7 of the General Examination Regulations for the Examinations in the Degree Programmes at Trier University of Applied Sciences apply to the colloquium.

§ 11 Calculation of the Overall Grade

(1) The overall grade results from the weighted individual grades. The weighting of the individual grades can be found in Annex 1 of these Regulations.

(2) In calculating the overall grade, only the first decimal place after the decimal point is taken into account; all further digits are truncated without rounding. For outstanding achievements (overall grade up to 1.3), the overall verdict "with distinction" may be awarded.

§ 12 Repetition of Examination Achievements

In accordance with § 14 (3) of the General Examination Regulations for the Examinations in the Degree Programmes at Trier University of Applied Sciences, the following is established:

The repetition of an examination achievement passed in the first examination attempt for the purpose of improving the grade is permissible once at the respectively next examination date. If a grade improvement is not achieved, the grade obtained in the first examination attempt remains valid. For the final thesis and the colloquium on the final thesis, a repetition for the purpose of improving the grade is not permissible.

§ 13 Entry into Force

These Subject Examination Regulations enter into force on the day after their publication in the official publication organ of Trier University of Applied Sciences, "publicus". They apply to all students commencing their studies from the winter semester 2020/2021.

§ 14 Expiration of the Previous Examination Regulations and Transitional Provisions

The expiration of the previous examination regulations and transitional provisions are set out separately in a Repeal Ordinance.

Trier, 12 September 2020

signed: Prof. Dr. Matthias Sieveke The Dean of the Department of Design

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Annex 1: Study Schedule (Studienverlaufsplan)

of the continuing-education Master's programme Gemstones and Jewellery (SWS = contact hours per week per semester; LP = credit points/ECTS)

Module Group Project

Module	SWS Sem. 1	ECTS Sem. 1	SWS Sem. 2	ECTS Sem. 2	SWS Sem. 3	ECTS Sem. 3	SWS Sem. 4	ECTS Sem. 4	SWS Total	ECTS Total	Weight %
Project 1	6	21							6	21	14
Project 2			6	21					6	21	14
Project 3*					6	21			6	21	17
Total	**6**	**21**	**6**	**21**	**6**	**21**			**18**	**63**	

Module Group Theory

Module	SWS Sem. 1	ECTS Sem. 1	SWS Sem. 2	ECTS Sem. 2	SWS Sem. 3	ECTS Sem. 3	SWS Total	ECTS Total	Weight %
Theory 1	8	9					8	9	3
Theory 2			8	9			8	9	6
Theory 3					8	9	8	9	6
Total	**8**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**24**	**27**	

Module Group Thesis

Module	SWS Sem. 4	ECTS Sem. 4	SWS Total	ECTS Total	Weight %
Preparatory Project	2	7	2	7	9
Thesis		20		20	28
Presentation	1	3	1	3	3
Total	**3**	**30**	**3**	**30**	

Grand Total

	SWS	ECTS	Weight %
Total	**45**	**120**	**100**

* The module comprises 2 examination achievements.

A stay at another university is particularly suitable in the 3rd semester of study.

Annex 2: Modules with Study Achievements

in accordance with § 8 as a prerequisite for the successful completion of a module in the continuing-education Master's programme Gemstones and Jewellery (number of study achievements per semester)

Module	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	Sem. 3	Sem. 4	Σ
Project 1	2				2
Project 2		2			2
Project 3			1		1
Theory 1	3				3
Theory 2		3			3
Theory 3			4		4
Preparatory Project				1	1
Presentation				1	1
Σ	**5**	**5**	**5**	**2**	**17**