Degree Examination Regulations
for the examination in the Master's degree program
Gemstones and Jewellery
in the Department of Design at Trier University of Applied Sciences
of 12 September 2020

On the basis of § 7 (2) No. 2 and § 86 (2) No. 3 of the Rhineland-Palatinate Higher Education Act (HochSchG) in the version of 19 November 2010 (Official Gazette p. 463), most recently amended by Article 4 of the Act of 18 June 2019 (Official Gazette p. 101, 103), the Departmental Council of the Department of Design at Trier University of Applied Sciences adopted the following degree examination regulations on 4 September 2020. These regulations were approved by the President on 8 September 2020 and are hereby published:

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§ 1 Scope and Superseding Regulations

These degree examination regulations govern the subject-specific examination requirements and examination procedures for the Master's degree program Gemstones and Jewellery. In addition, the **General Examination Regulations** for examinations in study programs at Trier University of Applied Sciences, in their respective valid version, also apply.

§ 2 Purpose of the Examination

The Master's examination leads to a professionally qualifying academic degree. Through the Master's examination it is determined whether the students have an overview of the interrelations of their field and are able to independently apply and further develop scientific and artistic/creative methods and knowledge, to undertake complex developmental, planning and organizational tasks, and whether they are able to respond competently and innovatively to the demands of a constantly changing professional environment and to take on leadership roles. Furthermore, it shall be determined whether the students possess the abilities enabling them to engage in research and other activities requiring a high level of abstraction, formalization, and constructive problem-solving competence.

§ 3 Academic Degree

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

§ 4 Aptitude Examination Committee

For the specialization in Gemstones and Jewellery, the examination board shall appoint an aptitude examination committee. Further details are determined by the regulations for determining the discipline-specific aptitude for the Master's program "Gemstones and Jewellery" in their currently applicable version.

§ 5 Admission to Study

(1) Requirements for admission to the program are:

1. a written application by the applicant,
2. a successfully completed university degree,
3. passing the aptitude examination pursuant to § 66 HochSchG. Further details are determined by the regulations for determining the discipline-specific aptitude for the Master's program "Gemstones and Jewellery" in their currently applicable version,
4. proof of sufficient English language skills.

(2) In accordance with § 19 (2) sentence 3 HochSchG, admission to the Master's program may be granted before completion of the Bachelor's program if, at the time of the beginning of the first subject semester, all examination achievements of the Bachelor's program — with the exception of the Bachelor's final thesis and, if applicable, its colloquium — have been successfully passed. Enrollment lapses if the admission requirements are not proven by the end of the first semester after enrollment. A new enrollment in a Master's program at Trier University of Applied Sciences is only possible after successful completion of a first professionally qualifying university degree, provided the admission requirements are fulfilled.

(3) Admission may be subject to further conditions.

(4) The examination board decides whether the admission requirements, particularly those under paragraph 1, are met, and about conditions under paragraph 3.

§ 6 Standard Period of Study, Program Structure and Scope of the Course Offer

(1) The period of study in which the program may be completed under normal circumstances (standard period of study) is **4 semesters**, with a total student workload corresponding to 120 credit points (ECTS). One credit point (ECTS) corresponds to 30 hours of student work.

(2) The course offering spans the number of semesters named in paragraph 1. The offering is fully modularized and comprises compulsory courses amounting to a total of 45 weekly hours (SWS). The course offering in the compulsory and elective compulsory area is generally provided in English, but may also be offered in another language. In courses with limited places, students enrolled in the program specified in § 1 have priority.

(3) The number of modules, allocation of credits (ECTS), and the modules themselves in accordance with § 25 (2) HochSchG are contained in Annex 1 of these regulations.

(4) Up to 30 ECTS may, in agreement with the examination board, be replaced by equivalent periods at a foreign university or by a semester abroad, or in exceptional cases by equivalent practical projects.

§ 7 Types of Examination Achievement: Portfolio Examination

In addition to the regulation in § 5 (3) of the General Examination Regulations for examinations in the study programs at Trier University of Applied Sciences, a **portfolio examination** is specified. Through it, the ability to carry out creative projects—from research to the finished project result—is demonstrated. The portfolio examination comprises the documentation of one or more project(s) developed within the module(s), usually including research, ideation, detailed description of elaboration, application of the project outcome, the result itself, and an outlook on further work. A presentation can be part of the portfolio examination. The scope and components of the portfolio examination are announced by the respective examiners at the start of the semester or of the course.

§ 8 Coursework

Annex 2 lists the modules with their designations and the number of coursework achievements required for a successful completion of a module in the Master's program Gemstones and Jewellery.

§ 9 Final Thesis

(1) The final thesis is intended to show that students are able to undertake an academic assignment within a given time frame largely independently using scientific and artistic methods. It consists of a written part and an artistic/creative final project. An interdisciplinary final thesis in conjunction with other disciplines is possible.

(2) Students may register for the final thesis no earlier than after the notification of the achievement of 90 credits (ECTS). They must register at the latest one month after notification of the acquisition of 95 credits (ECTS). The examination board decides on exceptions.

(3) The processing period is up to 15 weeks. It begins upon assignment of the topic. In individual cases, upon reasoned request, the examination board may extend the processing period by up to 6 weeks.

§ 10 Colloquium on the Final Thesis

Students whose final thesis is graded "sufficient" or better present their work in a colloquium. The rules for oral examinations in § 7 of the General Examination Regulations for examinations in study programs at Trier University of Applied Sciences apply to the colloquium.

§ 11 Formation of the Overall Grade

(1) The overall grade is derived from the weighted individual grades. The weighting of the individual grades is given in Annex 1 of these regulations.
(2) Only the first decimal place behind the comma is considered; all further digits are truncated without rounding. In the case of outstanding performance (overall grade up to 1.3), the overall assessment “with distinction” is possible.

§ 12 Repetition of Examination Achievements

In accordance with § 14 (3) of the General Examination Regulations for examinations in study programs at Trier University of Applied Sciences, the following applies: Repetition of an examination performance passed in the first attempt is permitted once at the next possible exam date for the purpose of improving the grade. If no better grade is achieved, the grade from the first attempt remains valid. For the final thesis and its colloquium, a repetition for the purpose of grade improvement is not permitted.

§ 13 Entry into Force

These degree examination regulations enter into force on the day following their publication in the official publication organ of the university and apply to all students who begin their studies from the winter semester 2020/2021 onward.

§ 14 Repeal of Previous Examination Regulations and Transitional Provisions

The repeal of the previous examination regulations and the transitional provisions are set out separately in a repealing regulation.

Trier, 12 September 2020
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Annex 1: Study Schedule of the Master’s Program Gemstones and Jewellery
(footnote: For a change to another university, especially for the 3rd semester)

Annex 2: Modules with Coursework
Pursuant to § 8 as prerequisites for successful completion of a module in the Master’s program Gemstones and Jewellery