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Examination Regulations for the Advanced Studies Master's Programme "Gemstones and Jewellery"
(Fee Regulation for the Advanced Studies Master's Programme "Gemstones and Jewellery")

Examination Regulations for the Advanced Studies Master's Programme "Gemstones and Jewellery"
at the Department of Design, Hochschule Trier
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 (GVBl. p. 463), most recently amended by Article 4 of the law of 18 June 2019 (GVBl. p. 101, 103), the departmental council of the Department of Design at Hochschule Trier resolved on 4 September 2020 the following subject-specific examination regulations. The President approved them on 8 September 2020. They are hereby promulgated.

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§ 1 Scope, Overriding and Supplementary Regulations

These subject-specific examination regulations govern the programme-specific examination requirements and procedures for the advanced studies master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery." In addition, the General Examination Regulations for the degree programmes at Hochschule Trier apply in their respective versions. The basis for this fee-based advanced studies master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" is § 35 of the HochSchG. The fees for the programme are stipulated in the fee regulation for the advanced studies master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in its currently valid version.

§ 2 Purpose of the Examination

The master's examination leads to a professionally qualifying academic degree. With the master's examination, it is established whether the students can grasp the contexts of their subject, independently apply scientific, artistic or design methods and insights, develop them further, undertake complex development, planning, and organizational tasks, and competently and innovatively respond to the demands of a continually changing professional field, and take on leadership roles. Furthermore, it must be demonstrated whether the students possess the abilities that qualify them for research and other activities requiring a high degree of abstract and formal reasoning and constructive solution competence.

§ 3 Degree Awarded

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

§ 4 Admissions Examination Commission

For the subject area Gemstones and Jewellery, the Examination Board appoints an admissions examination commission. Further details are determined by the regulations for determining subject-specific aptitude for the advanced studies master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in its applicable version.

§ 5 Admission to the Programme

(1) Prerequisites for admission to the programme are:

1. a written application from the applicant,
2. a university entrance qualification (Hochschulzugangsberechtigung) according to § 65 (1) or (2) HochSchG,
3. a successfully completed university degree and a qualified professional practice experience of typically not less than one year, or a minimum of three years of relevant professional activity, plus passing an aptitude test in accordance with § 35 (1) sentence 3 HochSchG, through which the equivalence of the professional qualifications with those of a completed basic degree (equivalence assessment) is determined,
4. passing an artistic aptitude examination. Further details are specified in the regulations for determining aptitude for the advanced studies master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery" in its currently valid version,
5. proof of sufficient English language proficiency.

(2) Admission may be subject to further conditions.
(3) The Examination Board decides on whether the admission prerequisites under paragraph 1 are met, and about any additional conditions pursuant to paragraph 2.

§ 6 Standard Duration, Programme Structure and Scope of Course Offerings

(1) The standard period of study (in which the programme can be completed normally) is 4 semesters, with a total student workload corresponding to 120 credit points (ECTS). A credit point (ECTS) corresponds to 30 hours of student work. The master's examination may be taken within that period.
(2) The teaching offering spans the semesters named in paragraph 1. The curriculum is fully modularized and includes compulsory courses amounting to a total of 45 contact-hours per week (SWS). The curriculum in the compulsory and elective compulsory area is normally

offered in English but may also be offered in another language. When participating in courses with limited places, priority is given to students enrolled in the programme named in § 1.
(3) The number, assignment of ECTS credits, and modules pursuant to § 25 (2) HochSchG are in Annex 1 of these regulations.
(4) Up to 30 ECTS may be substituted by equivalent periods at a foreign university or through a semester abroad or, in exceptional cases, by equivalent practical projects. The decision lies with the Examination Board.

§ 7 Types of Examinations: Portfolio Examination

In addition to the regulation in § 5 (3) of the General Examination Regulations, the portfolio examination is defined. It demonstrates the ability to carry out design projects from research to finished project result. The portfolio examination includes documentation of one or more module projects, typically including research, idea development, detailed description of the execution, application of the project result, the final result itself, and an outlook on further work. A presentation may be part of a portfolio examination. 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 Course Work (Study Achievements)

Annex 2 lists the modules with their designations and the number of course achievements required.

§ 9 Final Thesis

(1) The final thesis should demonstrate that students are able to work—largely independently and using scientific and artistic methods—on a subject within a given time frame. It consists of a written part and an artistic or design final project. An interdisciplinary final thesis in connection with other fields is possible.
(2) Students may register for the final thesis no earlier than after notification of acquisition of 90 ECTS. Students must register for the final thesis at the latest one month after announcement of achievement of 95 ECTS. Exceptions are decided by the Examination Board. The registration deadlines are announced via the university’s electronic examination management system. If the registration for the final thesis is not made within the deadline, the registration is considered to have failed on first attempt.
(3) The processing period is up to 15 weeks, starting from the date the topic is assigned. In individual cases, the Examination Board may, upon justified request, extend the processing period by up to 6 weeks.

§ 10 Colloquium on the Final Thesis

Students present their passing final thesis in a colloquium. The regulations for the colloquium follow those for oral examinations in § 7 of the General Examination Regulations at Hochschule Trier.

§ 11 Calculation of the Overall Grade

(1) The overall grade is derived from the weighted individual grades. The weighting of individual grades is taken from Annex 1 of these regulations.

(2) When calculating the overall grade, only the first decimal place behind the decimal point is considered; further places are truncated (not rounded). For outstanding performance (overall grade up to 1.3), the overall evaluation "with distinction" may be awarded.

§ 12 Repetition of Examination Performances

According to § 14 (3) of the General Regulations, the following is determined:
A repeated attempt to improve a grade is allowed once at the next examination date for an examination performance passed in the first attempt. If a grade improvement is not achieved, the grade first achieved remains valid. For the final thesis and its colloquium, a repetition for the purpose of improving the grade is not permitted.

§ 13 Entry into Force

These subject-specific examination regulations enter into force on the day after their publication in the official publication organ of Hochschule Trier. They apply to all students commencing their studies from the winter semester 2020/2021 onward.

§ 14 Repeal of the Previous Examination Regulations and Transitional Provisions

The repeal of the previous examination regulations and the transitional provisions are separately established in a rescission regulation.

Trier, 12 September 2020
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Annex 1: Study Sequence Plan for the Advanced Studies Master's Programme "Gemstones and Jewellery"

(Here there is a tabular listing of modules per semester, indicating credits, etc. — omitted in this translation, but I can translate it if you'd like.)

Annex 2: Modules with Course Achievements (per § 8) for successful completion of a module in the advanced studies master's programme "Gemstones and Jewellery"

(Here follows a list of module names and number of required study achievements. I can also translate this list for you.)