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**Examination regulations for the examination in the English-language Bachelor's degree  
program Sustainable Business and Law  
in the Department of Environmental Economics/Environmental Law at  
Trier University of Applied Sciences from 05.03.2025**

Based on Section 7 (2) No. 2 and Section 86 (2) No. 2 of the Rhineland-Palatinate Higher Education Act (HochSchG) of September 23, 2020 (GVBl. p. 461), last amended by Article 3 of the Act of November 26, 2024 (GVBl. p. 373, BS 223-41), the Faculty Council of the Department of Environmental Economics/Environmental Law at Trier University Applied Sciences adopted the following subject examination regulations on November 13, 2024. These examination regulations were approved by the Presidential Board of Trier University of Applied Sciences on 26.02.2025.

It is hereby .

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## **§ 1 Scope of application and overriding regulations**

These subject examination regulations govern the course-specific examination requirements and examination procedures for the above-mentioned Bachelor's degree course.

In addition, the General Examination Regulations for the examinations in the degree programs at Trier University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter: **APO**) apply in the currently valid version.

## **§ 2 Purpose of the audit**

The Bachelor's examination forms the professional qualification for the Bachelor's degree course mentioned here. With the successful completion of the Bachelor's examination, students have shown that they have acquired the specialist knowledge and corresponding skills required for entry into professional practice, have an overview of the interrelationships of their subject and have the ability to apply scientific and practical methods and knowledge.

## **§ 3 Degree**

The academic degree "Bachelor of Arts" (abbreviated to "B.A.") is awarded on successful completion of the Bachelor's examination.

## **§ 4 Admissions Committee**

An admissions committee is not planned.

## **§ 5 Admission to studies**

(1) The prerequisite for admission to the course is the higher education entrance qualification defined in § 65 HochSchG or a higher education entrance qualification recognized as equivalent by the responsible state authorities.

(2) In addition, only sufficient English language skills at level B2 CEFR are required for admission, as the majority of courses and examinations are held in English. Proof must be provided in accordance with the currently valid enrolment regulations of Trier University of Applied Sciences.

In deviation from this, proof of sufficient English language skills can also be provided in particular by a recognized language test, e.g. TOEFL iBT (72), TOEIC (Listening and Reading Test: 785 + Speaking Test: 160 + Writing Test: 150, IELTS (5.5), Cambridge First Certificate in English + Grade B or C (FCE) and the B2 Certificate in English from the Language Test Centre of Trier University of Applied Sciences.

The above-mentioned English certificates do not have to be provided if the school education/previous studies were completed in English. The same applies to native speakers or applicants from countries where English is the official and educational language.

## **§ 6 Standard period of study, course structure and scope of courses offered**

(1) The course is designed to be completed within the standard period of study. The standard period of study is 6 semesters. A student workload corresponding to 180 credit points (ECTS) is assigned to the degree program. One credit point (ECTS) corresponds to a student workload of 30 hours.

(2) The range of courses extends over the number of semesters specified in paragraph 1. The curriculum is fully modularized. The scope of the compulsory and compulsory elective modules can be found in Annex 1.

The compulsory and compulsory elective courses are generally offered in English, but can also be offered in another language.

Students who are enrolled in the degree program mentioned here have priority when attending courses with limited places.

(3) The number and awarding of credit points (ECTS) and the modules in accordance with §§ 7 and 8 of the State Ordinance on Study Accreditation can be found in Annex 1 of these regulations. The type and form of examination are regulated in the respective module handbook .

### **§ 7 Academic achievements**

These regulations do not contain any coursework.

### **§ 8 Thesis**

(1) The final thesis should demonstrate that students are able to work independently on a specialist problem or topic using scientific methods within a specified period of time. An interdisciplinary thesis in conjunction with other subject areas is possible.

(2) Students can register for the final thesis at the earliest after they have been notified that they have achieved 120 credit points (ECTS), whereby at least the achievements of semesters 1 to 3 according to Annex 1 must have been successfully completed.

Students must register for the final thesis no later than 12 months after the announcement of the acquisition of 165 credit points (ECTS). The announcement is made via the university's own electronic examination administration system, by posting a notice or in another suitable manner. If registration for the final thesis is not completed on time, it is deemed to have been failed for the first time.

(3) The processing period for the thesis is up to 9 weeks. It begins with the issue of the topic. In individual cases, the examination board may extend the completion period by up to 4 weeks upon justified request.

### **§ 9 Colloquium on the thesis**

Students present their final thesis, which is graded at least "sufficient", in a colloquium lasting 30 minutes as a rule. The content of the thesis is examined in the context of the respective degree program. The presentation takes place in front of an examination committee. This consists of:

1. the examiners of the final thesis in accordance with Section 10 (2) of the APO or
2. one examiner of the thesis and one other expert observer to be appointed by the examination board.

§ Section 7 (4) to (6) of the APO apply accordingly.

### **§ 10 Formation of the overall grade**

(1) The overall grade is calculated from the weighted module results. The weighting of the module results can be found in Annex 1 of these regulations.

(2) If compulsory elective modules are grouped into areas in Annex 1, an average grade weighted according to ECTS points is first calculated for the allocated compulsory elective modules for each area. The weighting of the average grade determined in this way can also be found in Annex 1.

(3) Only the first decimal place after the decimal point is taken into account when calculating grades in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2; all other decimal places are deleted without rounding. In the case of outstanding performance (overall grade up to 1.3), the overall grade "with distinction" may be awarded.

### **§ 11 Passing, failing and repeating examinations**

(1) In accordance with § 14 para. 3 of the APO:

The repetition of an examination passed in the first examination attempt is permitted once on the next examination date in order to improve the grade. If a grade improvement is not achieved, the grade achieved in the first examination attempt remains valid. The final thesis and the colloquium on the final thesis cannot be repeated to improve the grade.

(2) Compulsory attendance may be required for individual modules if this is necessary in accordance with § 26 Para. 2 No. 7 HochSchG as a prerequisite for achieving the learning objectives and passing the examination.

### **§ 12 Certificate, Diploma Supplement**

In addition to the regulation in § 16 para. 3, 4 and 5 of the APO, the following is stipulated:

The certificate and the appendix are issued in German and English. The certificate is to be signed by the chairing member of the examination board and bears the date of the day on which the last performance was completed.

### **§ 13 Entry into force**

The subject examination regulations come 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 2025/2026**.

Birkenfeld, 05.03.2025

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**Appendix 1: English-language Bachelor's degree program in Sustainable Business and Law**

		SHW	ECTS	Module Weight
1st semester	M 1 Fundamentals of Science and Scientific Methods	4	5	5
	M 2 Fundamentals of Law	4	5	5
	M 3 Fundamentals of Sustainable Business I	4	5	5
	M 4 Fundamentals of Accounting	4	5	5
	M 5 Intercultural Communication	4	5	5
	M 6 German I / Foreign Language / Elective *4	4	5	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
2nd semester	M 7 Sustainability in Law: ESG I*1	4	5	5
	M 8 Sustainability in Law: ESG II*1	4	5	5
	M 9 Fundamentals of Sustainable Business II	4	5	5
	M10 Digitization	4	5	5
	M11 Accounting	4	5	5
	M12 German II / Foreign Language / Elective *4	4	5	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
3rd semester	M13 Legal Compliance	4	5	5
	M14 Energy and Resource Law	4	5	5
	M15 Economics and Fundamentals of Business Taxation	4	5	5
	M16 Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship	4	5	5
	M17 Corporate Finance	4	5	5
	M18 German III / Foreign Language / Elective *4	4	5	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
4th semester	M19 Advanced Seminar	4	5	5
	M20 Labor and Supply Chain Law	4	5	5
	M21 Comparative Legal Case Studies	4	5	5
	M22 Sustainability and Business Communication	4	5	5
	M23 Elective *2	4	5	5
	M24 German IV / Foreign Language / Elective *4	4	5	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
5th semester	M25 Ethics and Society	4	5	5
	M26 Legal Foundations of Green Finance	4	5	5
	M27 Sustainability Reporting	4	5	5
	M28 Quantitative Business and Management	4	5	5
	M29 Elective *2	4	5	5
	M30 German V / Foreign Language / Elective *4	4	5	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
6th semester	M31 Elective *2	4	5	5
	M32 Interdisciplinary Project *3	8	10	10
	M33 Bachelor Thesis and Colloquium Bachelor Thesis Colloquium	-	15 12 3	15 12 3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>132</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>

**Further information and explanations on the curriculum**

**\*1** Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

**\*(2)** In the fourth, fifth and sixth semesters, students on the English-language Bachelor's degree course in Sustainable Business and Law have the opportunity to focus on specific areas of study in order to develop an individual profile and focus on a future field of work.

A total of three electives (modules 23, 29 and 31) with a total of 15 ECTS must be taken in accordance with the module handbook. These are generally completed in the form of 5 ECTS modules each and must be selected from the compulsory elective module catalog for the degree program regulated in these regulations. The catalog of compulsory elective modules is determined and published by the head of degree program. It can be updated every semester.

Alternatively, an elective (5 ECTS module) from the Bachelor's degree programs offered at the Environmental Campus Birkenfeld can be taken after consultation with the head of the degree program.

Further details can be found in the applicable module handbook.

**\*(3)** The module is usually carried out in the form two projects, each comprising 5 ECTS credits. It is also possible to combine this module into one large project with a scope of 10 ECTS.

**\*(4)** The modules "German I-V / Foreign Language / Elective" include the courses "German as a foreign Language I-V" for foreign students. For students whose native language is German and foreign students with proven German language skills, there are alternative options for taking other languages or electives from the compulsory elective module catalog of this degree program. Further details can be found in the relevant module handbook.