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**Study and Subject Examination Regulations
for the European Economic Studies (EES)
Master's Degree Programme
at the University of Bamberg
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In accordance with Article 13 Paragraph 1 Clause 2 in conjunction with Article 58 Paragraph 1 Clause 1 and Article 61 Paragraph 2 Clause 1 of the Bayerische Hochschulgesetz (BHschG, Bavarian Higher Education Act), the University of Bamberg issues the following

Study and Subject Examination Regulations

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Scope of application and academic degree

(1) These study and subject examination regulations establish the purpose, content and examination procedures for the master's degree programme in European Economic Studies (EES) in the University of Bamberg's Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration.

(2) ¹These study and subject examination regulations supplement the general examination regulations for bachelor's and master's degree programmes in the University of Bamberg's Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration (APO SoWi).

²In case of doubt, the General Examination Regulations take precedence.

(3) Upon successful completion of the master's degree programme in European Economic Studies, the academic degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)" is conferred.

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Programme admission requirements

(1) ¹Admission to the European Economic Studies master's degree programme stipulates that candidates possess a university degree or an equivalent German or foreign degree comprising at least six semesters of study and 180 ECTS points with a final mark of at least 2.5 (good). ²The degree must be completed in a subject area in the social sciences, economics or natural sciences, in the field of mathematics or within the scope of a degree in which competences are acquired that correspond to the 75-ECTS bachelor's degree major in European Economic Studies (EES) in accordance with the applicable study and examination regulations for the bachelor's degree programme in European Economic Studies (EES) at the University of Bamberg. ³The qualifying degree in accordance with sentences 1 and 2 must contain a total of at least 18 ECTS credits in the fields of economics, mathematics or statistics.

(2) ¹Furthermore, admission to the master's degree programme requires verification of English language proficiency at the Common European Framework B2, which is deemed suitable for a programme with English as the language of instruction. ²English proficiency is verified by the Abitur certificate, the university transcript, or by comparable evidence.

³Comparable evidence is:

- IELTS 6.5
- TOEFL mind. 80 iBT
- Cambridge FCE
- TELC B2

and transcripts of records for completed degree programmes from the following countries:

- Australia
- Ireland
- Canada
- New Zealand
- The United Kingdom
- The United States of America

(3) ¹Applicants according to paragraph 1 shall be permitted to commence their studies before they have fulfilled the admission requirements stipulated in paragraph 1.

²Achievement of the admission requirements as per paragraph 1 must be verified by the end of the first semester. ³In this case, admission is granted only provisionally. ⁴Enrolment is limited to one semester. ⁵The limitation is cancelled ex officio if the verification of achievement in accordance with sentence 2 is provided within the period stipulated.

⁶Otherwise, the student shall be de-registered from the master's degree programme. ⁷De-registration takes effect at the end of the first semester.

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Master's degree programme objectives

¹The master's degree programme in European Economic Studies (EES) leads to a second professional and research qualification at a university-level institution of higher education.

²It is intended to enable students to utilise scientific methods to conduct in-depth analyses of economic problems and to develop independent and innovative solutions. ³In addition to foreign language training, in-depth micro- and macroeconomic knowledge in the field of European and international economics is taught in order to create qualified application opportunities in professional practice on the one hand, and on the other hand, to enable students to conduct their own research work. ⁴Depending on the individual focus in the master's programme, this also lays the foundation for subsequent academic qualifications such as a doctoral degree. ⁵Furthermore, this programme aims to facilitate the ability to recognise interdisciplinary problems and to develop possible economic contributions to the solution of such problems.

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Programme structure, content, scope and language

(1) ¹Students in the European Economic Studies (EES) master's degree programme gain skills and expertise in the following five module groups:

MAEES1: Core Curriculum: Economic Theory and Methods

MAEES2: Foreign Business Language

MAEES3 bis MAEES11: Specialisation

MAEES12: Master's Thesis

²Students are individually responsible for selecting their modules within the specified ranges so that a total of 120 ECTS points is achieved for the master's degree. ³The modules to be completed in the module groups are indicated in the appendix.

(2) The modules contained in the module group MAEES1 "Core Curriculum: Economic Theory and Methods" cover advanced economic subject matter – particularly microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics and mathematics – that is relevant to the master's degree programme in European Economic Studies (EES).

(3) In the module group MAEES2 "Foreign Business Language" students receive training in a foreign business language that prepares them for an international study and work environment.

(4) ¹The module groups MAEES3 to MAEES11 in the Specialisation elective area further reinforce the interdisciplinary and European orientation of the European Economic Studies (EES) degree programme. ²Students can choose from a wide range of economics modules and other modules at the University of Bamberg in accordance with the elective options listed in the appendix to these examination regulations. ³The Specialisation elective area is intended to enable students to pursue a specialisation in line with their career aspirations.

(5) ¹A master's thesis must be completed in the module group MAEES12 "Master's Thesis" (see §§ 30 and 31). ²The master's thesis is generally supervised by a representative of the Institute of Economics.

(6) ¹Courses in required modules are taught in English. ²Courses in required elective modules are taught in German or English. ³Modules that can only be completed in English are labelled accordingly in the module handbook. ⁴Module examinations in required modules are held in English; module examinations in required elective modules are held in German or English; the master's thesis may be written in German or English. ⁵It is ensured that a complete degree programme (120 ECTS) can be completed in English.

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Studies abroad and internships in an international context

(1) ¹Over the course of the master's programme, students can complete one semester of structured studies abroad at a foreign university. ²In addition, students can complete an internship in an international context.

(2) ¹Students are responsible for arranging their own studies or internship abroad. ²The University of Bamberg's International Office provides assistance with the arrangement of foreign studies within the framework of established university partnerships and available aid programmes. ³There is no entitlement to placement in a foreign study programme.

(3) ¹Students who begin the master's degree programme in the winter semester should complete their stay abroad in the third semester of study, and those who begin the programme in the summer semester should complete their stay abroad in the fourth semester of study. ²At least 24 ECTS per semester should be completed during the structured studies at a foreign university. ³If an internship in an international context is completed, it will be credited, without a corresponding mark, with 6 ECTS per month, but no more than 12 ECTS. ⁴Prior to the start of studies abroad, the examinations to be taken should be arranged with the responsible examining board (credit recognition agreement). ⁵Modules corresponding to a module offered in Bamberg in accordance with the appendix to these study and subject examination regulations (no significant differences with regard to the competences acquired), which can be systematically assigned to the required elective areas MAEES 2 to MAEES11 in accordance with the appendix or which are suitable for learning the national language of the host university can be taken during studies abroad; modules which can be systematically assigned to the required elective area MAEES2 and modules for learning the national language of the host university can only be taken for credit of no more than 6 ECTS in total. ⁶Course and examination credit from studies abroad that has been completed previously cannot be recognised again. ⁷§ 10 APO SoWi also applies with regard to the recognition of credits earned during studies abroad.

(4) ¹An internship in an international context is a subject-specific internship in an occupational field relevant to the EES degree programme, which is to be completed in an international context, preferably abroad. ²The internship can be carried out in the private or public sector, in ministries, public authorities, banks, insurance companies or with a political representative and must be arranged in advance with the examining board. ³An internship shall be chosen in such a way that the educational objectives of § 27 are met. ⁴The internship is to be completed full-time, has a duration of at least one month and can be completed in a maximum of two segments. ⁵A segment may not be shorter than one month. ⁶Alternatively, the internship may also be completed part-time; the total workload must be equivalent to that of a full-time internship. ⁷Verification of the internship shall take the form of an internship certificate issued by the department or organisational unit in which the

internship was completed. ⁸The internship certificate is to be submitted to the responsible examining board.

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Admission to the master's thesis, topic and processing time

(1) ¹Admission to the master's thesis requires successful completion of modules comprising at least 60 ECTS points. ²The admissions process is governed by § 17 APO SoWi.

(2) ¹The examining board will notify the candidate in writing of admission to the master's thesis and the examiner responsible for the selection of the topic and supervision. ²The topic of the master's thesis is issued to the candidate by the examiner following submission of this notification. ³The topic of the master's thesis must be related to the field of economics. ⁴Upon application to the examining board, the master's thesis may be written in a non-economic field.

(3) With the consent of the examining board, the topic can be returned once within one month of being issued if there are reasons for which the candidate is not responsible.

(4) ¹The processing time begins at the end of the day on which the topic of the master's thesis is issued. ²The date of issue must be recorded. ³The processing time for the master's thesis is five months. ⁴If there are reasons for which the student is not responsible, the processing time may be extended by a maximum of one month upon written application, which must generally also include a vote by the examiner. ⁵In the case of a medically certified illness, the deadline can be interrupted by a maximum of two months upon written request; if this deadline is exceeded, the topic is deemed not to have been issued.

(5) The date of issue for the master's thesis topic as per Paragraph 4 must be chosen by the candidate in such a way as to ensure that the degree programme can be completed within the maximum allowed duration of study as per § 3 Abs. 3 Satz 3 APO SoWi.

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Form, submission and assessment of the master's thesis

(1) ¹The master's thesis is to be written in German or English. ²Upon written request and with the consent of the examiner, the examining board may authorise the master's thesis to be written in another living language.

(2) ¹The master's thesis is to be submitted to the Office of Examinations in typewritten, paper form in two firmly bound copies together with the written declarations in accordance with § 6 Abs. 6 Sätze 2 and 3 APO SoWi within the deadline as per § 30 Abs. 4. ²In addition to the bound copies, an electronic version of the entire thesis in PDF format must be sent by email to the supervisor upon the supervisor's request; the electronically submitted version must be identical in content to the bound copies submitted.

(3) ¹If the master's thesis is not submitted within the deadline as per Section 30 (4), it will be assessed with the mark "insufficient" (5.0). ²If the master's thesis is sent by post, the date of the postmark is considered decisive for meeting the deadline.

(4) If a master's thesis submitted within the deadline is assessed as "insufficient" (5.0), as a rule the candidate must be notified of this two months after the date of submission.

(5) If the master's thesis is the last module examination or module examination segment, the assessment should take place within two months of submission.

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Regulations deviating from the APO SoWi

Notwithstanding § 21 Abs. 1 APO SoWi, further additional module examinations or module examination segments (additional examinations) from other master's degree subjects offered by the University of Bamberg may be taken.

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Entry into force

(1) These study and subject examination regulations enter into force on 1 April 2022.

(2) With the entry into force of these study and subject examination regulations, the examination and study regulations for the master's degree programme in European Economic Studies (EES) of 12 October 2012 (citation: https://www.uni-bamberg.de/fileadmin/uni/amtliche_veroeffentlichungen/2012/2012-72.pdf), last amended by the statutes of 20 March 2018 (citation: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/fileadmin/www.abt-studium/amtliche-veroeffentlichungen/2018/2018-12.pdf>) shall cease to apply.

(3) Modules already completed in accordance with the previously applicable examination regulations and modules completed in segments in accordance with the module handbook remain unaffected by these amendment statutes.

Appendix: Module Groups and Modules in the European Economic Studies (EES) master's degree programme as per § 28

Module group		ECTS
MAEES1	Core Curriculum: Economic Theory and Methods	24
MAEES2	Foreign Business Language	12
Specialisation		60
MAEES3	International Economics	
MAEES4	Empirical Microeconomics	
MAEES5	Public Economics	
MAEES6	Economic Policy	
MAEES7	Economic Theory	
MAEES8	Macroeconomics and International Finance	
MAEES9	Labour, Regional and Migration Studies	
MAEES10	Statistics and Econometrics	
MAEES11	Interdisciplinary Specialisation	
MAEES12	Master's Thesis	24
Total		120

1. ¹Modules comprising 24 ECTS points must be completed in the module group MAEES1 “Core Curriculum: Economic Theory and Methods”. ²The modules MAEES1.1, MAEES1.2 and Mathe-M-01 are compulsory. ³Students must complete one of the modules SuStat-014-M and SuStat-013-M according to their own selection. ⁴The regulations governing the modules of the Survey Statistics and Data Analysis degree programme can be found in the study and subject examination regulations for the master's degree programme in Survey Statistics and Data Analysis at the University of Bamberg's Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration of 20 April 2023.

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES1.1 Advanced Microeconomics	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES1.2 Advanced Macroeconomics	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

Mathe-M-01 Advanced Mathematical Methods	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
SuStat-014-M Advanced Econometrics	6	As per StFPO MA Survey Statistics and Data Analysis
or		
SuStat-013-M Introduction to Econometrics	6	As per StFPO MA Survey Statistics and Data Analysis

2. ¹Modules in a foreign business language comprising a total of 12 ECTS points must be completed in the module group MAEES2 “Foreign Business Language”. ²Two specialisation modules must be selected. ³Students who do not possess the general language skills required in the specialisation modules, have the opportunity to complete foundation modules, with the exception of Business English. ⁴§ 10 Abs. 1 APO SoWi remains unaffected. ⁵Business German can only be selected by students who have not obtained their university entrance qualification in German, provided that the examining board has approved a corresponding application. ⁶Details, in particular the foreign business languages and modules available for selection, as well as the module examinations and module examination segments to be completed in each case, are governed by the examination regulations for practical language modules at the University of Bamberg.
3. ¹The “Specialisation” required elective area comprises the module groups MAEES3 to MAEES11. ²A total of 60 ECTS points must be earned in this area. ³Modules comprising at least 36 ECTS points must be completed from the module groups MAEES3 to MAEES10. ⁴To achieve the remaining 24 ECTS points, students can select any additional modules from the module groups MAEES3 to MAEES11. ⁵With the free combination of module formats in the respective module groups of other degree programmes, the minimum number of ECTS points required to pass the “Specialisation” required elective area can be slightly exceeded.

a) Module group MAEES3 International Economics

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES3.1 International Economics 1	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES3.2 International Economics 2	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES3.3 International Economics 3	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

MAEES3.4 International Economics 4	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
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b) Module group MAEES4 Empirical Microeconomics

Modul	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES4.1 Empirical Microeconomics 1	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES4.2 Empirical Microeconomics 2	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES4.3 Empirical Microeconomics 3	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES4.4 Empirical Microeconomics 4	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

c) Module group MAEES5 Public Economics

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES5.1 Public Economics 1	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES5.2 Public Economics 2	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES5.3 Public Economics 3	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES5.4 Public Economics 4	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

d) Module group MAEES6 Economic Policy

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES6.1 Economic Policy 1	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES6.2 Economic Policy 2	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES6.3 Economic Policy 3	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES6.4 Economic Policy 4	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

e) Module group MAEES7 Economic Theory

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES7.1 Economic Theory 1	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES7.2 Economic Theory 2	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES7.3 Economic Theory 3	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES7.4 Economic Theory 4	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

f) Module group MAEES8 Macroeconomics and International Finance

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES8.1 Macroeconomics and International Finance 1	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES8.2 Macroeconomics and International Finance 2	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES8.3 Macroeconomics and International Finance 3	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

MAEES8.4 Macroeconomics and International Finance 4	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
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g) Module group MAEES9 Labour, Regional and Migration Studies

Module	ECTS	Module examination
MAEES9.1 Regional and Labour Studies	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio
MAEES9.2 Migration Studies	6	Written examination or term paper with presentation or term paper or oral examination or portfolio

h) Module group MAEES10 Statistics and Econometrics

Module	ECTS	Module examination
WiMa-M-002 Zeitreihenanalyse	6	As per StFPO MA Survey Statistics and Data Analysis
SuStat-026-M Rechnerintensive Verfahren/Monte-Carlo-Methoden	6	As per StFPO MA Survey Statistics and Data Analysis
SuStat-011-M Stichprobenverfahren	6	As per StFPO MA Survey Statistics and Data Analysis

i) Module group MAEES11 Interdisciplinary Specialisation

¹In the module group MAEES11 “Interdisciplinary Specialisation”, students can choose from the following offerings from other degree programmes. ²The examination and study regulations of the degree programmes to which each of these modules are assigned apply.

³The following may be selected

- business administration modules from Business Administration master’s degree programme,
- business administration modules from International Business Administration master’s degree programme,
- political science modules from the Political Science master’s degree programme,
- sociology modules from the Sociology master’s degree programme,
- statistics modules of the Survey Statistics master’s degree programme that are not already a component of these examination regulations,
- the required elective module “SuStat-014-M Advanced Econometrics”, insofar as this has not already been completed in the module group MAEES1 “Core Curriculum: Economic Theory and Methods”,

- modules comprising up to 12 ECTS points from module group MAEES2 that have not yet been taken in accordance with the regulations specified therein, whereby foundation modules in a foreign business language can only be selected if the specialisation modules in this foreign business language have not yet been selected in module group MAEES2,
- Master's modules in law from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration

as well as

- the following modules from Economic and Innovation History / Economic and Social History:

Module			
Abbreviation	Title	ECTS	Module examination
MA WiGe 1a	MA Wirtschaftsgeschichte 1a	6	Term paper
MA WiGe 1b	MA Wirtschaftsgeschichte 1b	6	Written or oral examination
MA WiGe 2a	MA Wirtschaftsgeschichte 2a	6	Term paper
MA WiGe 2b	MA Wirtschaftsgeschichte 2b	6	Written or oral examination
MA WiGe 3	MA Wirtschaftsgeschichte 3	6	Term paper
MA WiGe 4	MA Wirtschaftsgeschichte 4	6	Term paper

⁴Upon application to the examining board, further modules in relevant subject areas of the SoWi Faculty and other University of Bamberg faculties may be selected. ⁵Modules from the master's degree programme in Information Systems, for example, are considered relevant to the subject area. ⁶The module catalogue can be expanded in the module handbook to include comparable subject-specific modules.

4. The Master's Thesis module in module group MAEES12 Master's Thesis must be completed for 24 ECTS points.

Modulbezeichnung	ECTS	Modulprüfung
MAEES12.1 Master's Thesis	24	Master's thesis (Processing time: 5 months)

Issued on 11 March 2022 in accordance with the resolution passed on 22 December 2021 by the Senate of the University of Bamberg and with the permission of the President of the University of Bamberg pursuant to Article 13 Paragraph 2 Clause 2 and Article 61 Paragraph 2 Clause 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (*Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG*).

Bamberg, 11 März 2022

Prof. Dr. Kai Fischbach
President

These statutes were set down in writing on 11 March 2022 in the University of Bamberg and made known on the same day by being placed on display in the University. The date of their promulgation is, therefore, 11 March 2022.