

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg



**Amended Version of the
University of Bamberg's
Subject Examination Regulations
For the European Joint Master's Degree
In English and American Studies**

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Based on Article 13, Section 1, Paragraph 2, in conjunction with Article 61, Section 2, Paragraph 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHSchG), the University of Bamberg enacts the following

Subject Examination Regulations:

§ 29 Area of Application

- (1) The present subject examination regulations contain specific regulations for the “European Joint Master’s Degree in English and American Studies” master’s degree programme at the University of Bamberg.
- (2) ¹The subject examination regulations supplement the general examination regulations for bachelor’s and master’s degree programmes in the Humanities and Human Sciences Faculties, and for module examinations within the scope of state teaching examinations (APO) at the University of Bamberg. ²In cases of doubt, the general examination regulations take precedence.

§ 30 Examining Board

The examining board is made up of the professors of English and American Studies at the University of Bamberg.

§ 31 Beginning Studies and Programme Duration

¹The programme may be started in both the winter and summer semesters. ²The standard programme duration is four semesters. ³The degree programme may be completed on a part-time basis.

§ 32 Requirements for Admission

- (1) Admission into the “European Joint Master’s Degree in English and American Studies” master’s programme requires a university or equivalent degree involving at least 45 ECTS points in English and/or American Studies or another philological subject.
- (2) ¹In addition, English language proficiency at a level enabling master’s studies with English as the language of instruction must be verified. ²English language proficiency is to be verified by one of the most prevalent English language examinations passed

with the following minimum scores: TOEFL: 250 (computer-based) or 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based); IELTS: (academic or general test) minimum score of 7.0; Cambridge Proficiency Exam: pass; Trinity Ca' Foscari Certification: C1-Level: pass. ³Verification of language proficiency is not required of applicants whose native language is English (equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference C2 level).

- (3) ¹In exceptional cases, the examining board may allow studies to be started prior to the verification of the admissions requirements stipulated in section 1. ²The admissions requirements must be verified within the first semester. ³In such a case, admission is only granted provisionally. ⁴Enrolment limited to one semester is granted. ⁵The limitation is officially lifted following verification of admissions requirements. ⁶If verification of admissions requirements is not submitted within the time limit, the student's enrolment will be terminated. ⁷The acquisition of programme credit prior to conclusive verification of admissions requirements is granted only conditionally.

§ 33 Programme Curriculum

- (1) ¹The master's degree programme is comprised of studies in the following three specified module groups:

- English and American Literature
(Compulsory Module: Master's module 10 ECTS points; where applicable, required elective module: immersion module [10 ECTS] or area of specialization [28 ECTS]);
- English Linguistics
(Compulsory Module: Master's module 10 ECTS points; where applicable, required elective module: immersion module [10 ECTS] or area of specialization [28 ECTS]);
- Cultural Studies
(Compulsory Module: Master's module 10 ECTS points; where applicable, required elective module: immersion module [10 ECTS] or area of specialization [28 ECTS]).

²The master's thesis module [30 ECTS points] correlates thematically with one of the three module groups. ³The area of specialization requires completion of elective modules amounting to 28 ECTS points within the module group with which the topic of the master's thesis correlates. ⁴An elective module of 10 ECTS points must be completed in one of the remaining two module groups.

- (2) Studies in the specified module groups is supplemented by:

- the English Language Proficiency module (10 ECTS),
- the Elective Distribution module group (12 ECTS), which includes modules from other subjects.

- (3) From among the degree programme's modules, a minimum of 30 ECTS points are to be completed at a partner university involved in the European Joint Master's Programme, accordant to the examination regulations effective at that university.

§ 34 Modules and Module Examinations

- (1) ¹In the compulsory modules of the specified module groups (in each instance 10 ECTS) and in the immersion module of each module group, the module examination is to be completed in the form of a term paper (of at least 4,500 words). ²The modules are comprised of courses ranging from 2 to 4 hours per week per semester.
- (2) ¹Each module group's area of specialization comprises 2 to 5 modules with between a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 ECTS. ²The modules are comprised of courses ranging from 2 to 4 hours per week per semester. ³Each module examination is to be completed in the form of a term paper (of at least 4,500 words).
- (3) ¹The Language Proficiency module comprises courses ranging from 4 to 8 hours per week per semester. ²The module examination is to be completed in the form of at least two written or two oral partial examinations and at most 4 written or oral partial examinations, or as a combination of written and oral examinations totaling no more than four partial examinations.
- (4) ¹The Elective Distribution module group comprises at least one module and at most four modules from one or more other subjects. ²Modules in the distribution area are subject to the examination regulations of the degree programme or subject to which they are allocated.

§ 35 Master's Thesis Module

- (1) ¹The scope of the master's thesis amounts to 26 ECTS points. ²It serves as proof of the ability to study and research independently. ³It should be written in English and should comprise 25,000 to 35,000 words. ⁴The master's thesis must include a summary (approx. 1,000 words) that is to be written in both English and German. ⁵Upon request, the examination board may approve a language other than German. ⁶The scope of the thesis-related oral examination is 4 ECTS points. ⁷The purpose of this examination is the defence of the master's thesis. ⁸It is held in English and may take place once the master's thesis has conclusively been awarded a minimum mark of "pass" (4.0). The oral examination takes 30 minutes.
- (2) ¹Master's thesis authorization is granted based on the following requirements: Verification of at least 60 ECTS points in the „European Joint Master's Degree in English and American Studies" master's degree programme. ²The application for authorization must be submitted no later than would allow for the completion of the programme within the maximum time permitted.
- (3) The period of time allotted to the writing of the thesis is six months.

- (4) ¹Evaluation of the thesis is performed by the examiner responsible for setting the topic and overseeing the work and by a second examiner. ²The second assessment should be performed by a professor (or teaching staff member of equivalent status) from a partner university.

§ 36 Coming into Effect, Transition Regulations

- (1) ¹These regulations become effective on the day after their publication. ²The coming into effect of these regulations renders invalid the subject examination regulations for the “European Joint Master’s Degree in English and American Studies” master’s degree programme at the University of Bamberg from 20 February 2008 (source: http://www.uni-bamberg.de/fileadmin/uni/amtliche_veroeffentlichungen/2008/2008-01.pdf) amended on 31 March 2009 (source: http://www.uni-bamberg.de/fileadmin/uni/amtliche_veroeffentlichungen/2009/2009-28.pdf).

- (1) (2) ¹Students who began their studies prior to the coming into effect of these examination regulations shall complete their studies according to the hitherto effective regulations. ²By request, studies may also be continued according to the present Regulations. ³The formal request must be submitted to the chairperson of the examining board.