

Academic and Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree in International Management at Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences (SPO M-IntMan)

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The following text is a translation in English language, helping you to understand the contents of the German document. The legally binding text remains the German version (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung für den Masterstudiengang International Management an der Technischen Hochschule Aschaffenburg – <https://www.th-ab.de/bekanntmachungen>). Please refer to the German text if possible or seek advice in case of uncertainties.

Based on Article 9, Article 80 (1) and Article 84 (2), sentence 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG) of 5 August 2022 (GVBl. p. 414, BayRS 2210-1-3-WK), as amended by Section 3 of the Act of 23 December 2025 (GVBl. p. 657), Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences hereby enacts the following statutes:

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Section 1 Purpose of the Academic and Examination Regulations

These Academic and Examination Regulations are intended to complete and augment the General Examination Regulations (APO) of Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences of 14 February 2023, as amended.

Section 2 Aim of Studies

- (1) The aim of the degree programme is to enable especially talented students who have completed their bachelor's degree to consolidate their business and economics knowledge and broaden their specialist training in the business administration theory of International Management so as to further develop their qualification, which is compatible with international standards.
- (2) ¹The programme aims to develop students' expertise in handling complex tasks independently by providing classes from various specialist fields of International Management and focusing on interdisciplinary approaches. ²The intention is to sharpen students' awareness of interdependencies in interdisciplinary tasks. ³Practical relevance is guaranteed by project work and an extensive final thesis.
- (3) The degree programme aims to further develop not only subject-specific knowledge, but also overarching qualifications like social competence and communication skills and hence the ability to work successfully in a group or to lead a working group.
- (4) The degree programme prepares students both for business-oriented professional fields in International Management, public service and self-employed activities and for further academic qualification in a doctoral programme that may follow.

Section 3 Qualification requirements

- (1) Applicants who meet the qualification requirements for the Master's programme are those who
 1. hold a university degree or an equivalent qualification obtained through university study in 'Business Administration', 'Business Administration and Law', 'International Real Estate Management', 'Digital Real Estate Management', 'International Technical Sales Management' or a related field from a German university, or an equivalent domestic or foreign qualification,
 2. have completed this degree with an overall grade of at least 2.5, or if they can prove that they were among the top 50% of graduates in their course and
 3. can prove the required language skills as set out in paragraph 3.
- (2) ¹Where applicants provide evidence of a higher education degree or an equivalent qualification obtained through higher education studies for which fewer than 210 ECTS credits, but at least 180 ECTS credits, were awarded, additional evidence of qualifications is required in addition to the requirements set out in paragraph 1. ²In such cases, admission is subject to the condition that the evidence specified in the fourth sentence is provided within one year of commencing the Master's programme, in accordance with Article 90(1), fourth sentence, of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHIG). ³If this evidence is not provided by the deadline, the student shall be de-registered in accordance with Article 92(2), second sentence, of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHIG) at the end of the semester in which the evidence should have been provided. ⁴The required qualification shall be demonstrated by relevant academic achievements, in particular by ECTS credits from the undergraduate programmes offered by Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences, by additional academic achievements completed alongside the first degree (e.g. certificates) or by the recognition of professional experience; further provisions in this regard are laid down by the Faculty of Economics and Law and set out in the curriculum for the Master's programme. ⁵The Examination Board decides which of the achievements or combinations of achievements referred to in sentence 4 are to be credited or recognised in each individual case.

- (3) Proof of the language proficiency required under paragraph 1(3) must be provided as follows:
1. Sufficient knowledge of the German language. The required language proficiency must correspond to at least level A1 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and must be demonstrated by means of an appropriate language test. Section 5(3), sentence 2, of the Statutes on Enrolment, Re-enrolment, Leave of Absence and Withdrawal from the Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences of 26 June 2023, as amended, shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. Proof is also deemed to have been provided if the applicant can demonstrate that they have successfully completed a German-language course of study at a secondary school or university, or if German is their mother tongue.
 2. Sufficient knowledge of the English language. The required language proficiency must correspond to at least level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and must be demonstrated by means of an appropriate language test. Section 5(3), sentence 3, of the Statutes on Enrolment, Re-enrolment, Leave of Absence and Withdrawal from the Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences of 26 June 2023, as amended, shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. For applicants with a German school-leaving qualification, sufficient knowledge of English is deemed to have been demonstrated if the general university entrance qualification certificate shows a grade of at least 'sufficient' for English as a continued foreign language, or if the "Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife" from a public or state-recognised technical college or vocational upper secondary school shows at least a grade of "sufficient" in English.
- (4) ¹The Examinations Committee decides on the equivalence of university degrees and on the fulfilment of the required qualifications. ²In the case of degrees that have not been graded in accordance with the German grade system, the overall grade will be converted in accordance with the specifications set out in the current ECTS Guide or, if this cannot be applied, in accordance with the modified Bavarian formula. ³If no overall grade has been indicated on the graduation certificate, the arithmetic means of the individual grades will be calculated and converted, where applicable, in accordance with sentence 2.
- (5) ¹Notwithstanding paragraph 1, applicants who do not yet hold a university degree by the time of commencing their studies may only be admitted if they have completed all examination components of the undergraduate degree and only marking of these remains pending. ²Admission is subject to the condition that the degree certificate with overall examination grade required under paragraph 1, no. 2 will be submitted within three months after commencing the master's studies. ³If proof is not provided by the deadline, the student will be de-registered in accordance with Article 92(2), sentence 2, of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHIG) at the end of the semester in which the proof should have been provided.
- (6) There shall be no entitlement to have the master's degree programme conducted in the event of an insufficient number of applicants.

Section 4 Standard Duration of Studies, Structure of the Degree Programme

- (1) ¹The master's degree programme comprises a standard duration of studies of three semesters for full-time studies. ²The standard duration of studies in the part-time degree programme is six semesters.
- (2) In the last semester of full-time study or in the last two semesters of part-time study, a master's project is carried out, which concludes with the master's thesis.
- (3) In accordance with the curriculum ("Studienplan"), the following specialisations are offered, from which a specialisation must be chosen no later than upon enrolment:
- Finance and Accounting
 - Marketing and HRM.
- (4) ¹The faculty shall draw up a curriculum ("Studienplan") and a module handbook to ensure the provision of

courses and to inform students. ²The curriculum ("Studienplan") shall be adopted by the Faculty Council and published publicly within the university. ³New regulations must be published no later than the start of the lecture period of the semester in which the regulations are to be applied for the first time.

Section 5 Part-time Study, Switching from full-time to part-time Study, Credit point limit

- (1) ¹The master's degree programme may be completed on a part-time basis. ²The choice of the full-time or part-time variant shall be made for the first time with the application for a place of study.
- (2) ¹Switching from full-time to part-time study is permissible at the latest two weeks before the beginning of the semester in which the change is to take place. ²A change from full-time to part-time study is excluded if the work on the master's thesis was started in the context of full-time study and the deadline for the work ends in the semester for which the enrolment in part-time study is to apply. ³When changing from full-time to part-time studies, two part-time semesters shall be credited for each semester completed full-time, irrespective of the extent of study and examination achievements to be credited.
- (3) ¹In part-time studies, a maximum of 18 credit points may be acquired per academic semester. ²Since the time allowed for completing the master's thesis extends over two semesters, the ECTS credit points for the master's thesis shall be allocated proportionately to both semesters when calculating the maximum permissible number of ECTS credit points. ³If the maximum number of ECTS points permitted in one semester is exceeded, the corresponding part-time semester shall be subsequently converted into a full-time semester. ⁴The Examinations Committee may approve an exception to sentence 1 on the basis of a justified written application; the application must be submitted before the respective examination begins.

Section 6 Modules, ECTS Credit Points, Language of Instruction

- (1) All modules are either compulsory modules, compulsory elective modules or elective modules:
 - a) *Compulsory modules* are the degree programme modules that must be taken by all students.
 - b) *Compulsory elective modules* are degree programme modules that are offered alternatively, either individually or in groups. Students must make a particular selection from them in accordance with these Academic and Examination Regulations. The modules selected are treated as compulsory modules.
 - c) *Elective modules* are modules which are not compulsory to achieve the aims of the degree programme. Students may select them additionally from the study programmes offered by the University
- (2) ¹The compulsory modules, compulsory elective modules, their number of hours, type of classes, the type, scope and contents of the examinations, ECTS credit points as well as other regulations in this regard are defined in the annexes to these statutes. ²The regulations are supplemented by the curriculum ("Studienplan") and the module handbook.
- (3) ¹There is no entitlement to the provision of all compulsory elective modules or elective modules as scheduled. ²Furthermore, there is no entitlement to the relevant courses being held if there are insufficient numbers of participants.
- (4) ¹Credit points under the "European Credit Point Transfer System" (ECTS Credit Points) will be awarded for all modules that are successfully completed. ²The credit points are contained in annex 1 to these statutes. ³A total of 90 ECTS credit points must be earned. ⁴Each credit is equivalent to a student workload of 30 hours.
- (5) All classes and examinations are held in English.
- (6) Students should complete at least one compulsory elective module abroad.

Section 7 Differentiated Grading of Assessments

In order to achieve a differentiated grading of examination components and continuous assessments, all the grade digits from 1 to 5 are lowered or raised by 0.3, but the possibility of awarding grades 0.7 / 4.3 / 4.7 and 5.3 is excluded.

Section 8 Examinations Committee

An Examinations Committee consisting of one presiding member and two other members and appointed by the Faculty Council will be formed.

Section 9 Master's Thesis

- (1) ¹The topic of the master's thesis is jointly defined by the student and the supervising professor and approved by the Examinations Committee. ²A topic may be assigned to several students to be worked on together if the individual performance of each student is clearly definable and assessable.
- (2) ¹The time limit from assignment of the topic to submission of the master's thesis is four months for full-time studies and eight months for part-time studies. ²It may be extended by a maximum of two months if the reasons for the extension are beyond the student's control.
- (3) ¹The master's thesis must be written in English. ²It must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs in two bound copies as well as in a suitable electronic form, unless the examiner has waived the requirement for a printed copy at the time of registration. ³The master's thesis must be explained in the form of a personal oral presentation.
- (4) The date on which the topic is assigned and the submission deadline will be defined by the supervisor (examiner) and recorded together with the topic.
- (5) The Examinations Committee will confirm the topic prior to assignment to the student.

Section 10 Overall Examination Grade, Certificates and other Graduation Documents

- (1) The overall examination grade is determined by calculating the arithmetic means of the module grades weighted by the ECTS credits (see annex 1) and rounding the result down to one decimal place.
- (2) A certificate and other graduation documents in accordance with section 24 of the General Examination Regulations of Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences (APO) and the model in the annex will be issued in respect of the passed master's examination.

Section 11 Academic Degree

- (1) Based on the successful completion of the master's examination, the academic title of "Master of Arts", short form: "M.A.", will be conferred.
- (2) A certificate and other graduation documents in accordance with the model in the annex to the General Examination Regulations of Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences (APO) will be issued in respect of the conferral of the academic title.

Section 12 Entry into Force

¹These Academic and Examination Regulations shall enter into force on the day after they are announced. ²They shall apply to students who commence their studies from the summer semester 2026 onwards. ³For students who commenced their studies prior to the summer semester of 2026, the Academic and Examination Regulations for the master's programme in International Management dated 17 May 2023 shall continue to apply in their currently valid version. ⁴In all other respects, these regulations shall expire at the same time.

Annex 1 to the Academic and Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree in International Management at Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences

Overview of the Modules and Examinations

1. Compulsory Modules (1st or 2nd semester)

If the specialisation **Finance and Accounting** is chosen, these modules are completed in the winter semester. If the specialisation **Marketing and HRM** is chosen, these modules are completed in the summer semester.

Module Nr.	Modules	Type of class	ECTS	SWS	Admission to the module	Admission to the examination	Type and duration of Examinations ¹	Grading	ECTS Weighting
A	International Management	SU/Ü	6	4			Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
B	Case Studies in International Management	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs.	yes	1
C	International Law	SU/Ü	6	4			Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
D	International Competencies: International Cooperation & Communication	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs.	yes	1
E	Intensive Period Global Management Studies (IPGMS) (see curriculum - „Studienplan“)	SU/Ü/Ex	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs. or PrA with mdl. Präs. or schriftl. Pr. (90-120 min.) or mdl. Pr.	yes	1
	Total		30	20					

2. Specialisation modules (1st or 2nd semester)

2.1 Specialisation Finance and Accounting

These modules are taken in the summer semester if this specialisation is chosen.

Module Nr.	Modules	Type of class	ECTS	SWS	Admission to the module	Admission to the examination	Type and duration of Examinations ¹	Grading	ECTS Weighting
FI-F	International Financial Reporting Standards	SU/Ü	6	4			Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
FI-G	International Real Estate Management	SU/Ü	6	4			Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
FI-H	International Financial Management	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs. or PrA with mdl. Präs. or Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
FI-I	International Economics and Trade	SU/Ü	6	4			Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
J	Compulsory elective module Advanced International Management (AIM)	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs. or PrA with mdl. Präs. or schriftl. Pr. (90-120 min.) or mdl. Pr.	yes	1
	Total		30	20					

2.2 Specialisation Marketing and HRM

These modules are taken in the winter semester if this specialisation is chosen.

Module Nr.	Modules	Type of class	ECTS	SWS	Admission to the module	Admission to the examination	Type and duration of Examinations ¹	Grading	ECTS Weighting
MA-F	International Marketing	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs. or schriftl. Pr. (90-120 min.)	yes	1
MA-G	International Human Resources	SU/Ü	6	4			Schriftl. Pr. 90-120 min	yes	1
MA-H	Organizational Behavior	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs. or PrA with mdl. Präs. or schriftl. Pr. (90-120 min.) or mdl. Pr.	yes	1
MA-I	Marketing Simulation	SU/Ü	6				StA with mdl. Präs.	yes	1

¹ Further details are set out in the curriculum ("Studienplan") by the Faculty Council.

Module Nr.	Modules	Type of class	ECTS	SWS	Admission to the module	Admission to the examination	Type and duration of Examinations ¹	Grading	ECTS Weighting
J	Compulsory elective module Advanced International Management (AIM)	SU/Ü	6	4			StA with mdl. Präs. or PrA with mdl. Präs. or schriftl. Pr. (90-120 min.) or mdl. Pr.	yes	1
	Total		30	20					

3. Compulsory module and Master's thesis (3rd semester)

Module Nr.	Modules	Type of class	ECTS	SWS	Admission to the module	Admission to the examination	Type and duration of Examinations ¹	Grading	ECTS Weighting
K	Presentation & Moderation	SU/Ü	5	4			mdl. Präs.	yes	1
L	Master project		25						
L 1	Research Seminar	SU/Ü		4		TN=ZV	mdl. Präs.	mE/oE	5/25
L 2	Master's thesis	M					Abgabe M and mdl. Präs.2	yes	20/25
	Total (3. Semester)		30	8					

Abbreviations

ECTS	European credit transfer system, ECTS Credit Points
Ex	excursion
LV	lecture
M	writing a Master's thesis
mdl.Pr	oral examination (ca. 15 min./participant)
m.E./o.E.	passed with success/passed without success
Pr	Examination
Internship report	Internship report (15-20 pages in length according to the standard for academic papers at the TH AB)
mdl.Präs	oral presentation (duration: min. 15 min.-max 20.min with subsequent discussion in the same amount of time.
PrA	Project Work
S	Seminar
schriftl.Pr	written examination
StA	Student research project (15-20 pages according to the standard of academic work of the TH AB)
SU	seminar-style course
SWS	Teaching hours per week
TN	Participation certificate
Ü	Practice
ZV	Admission requirement

² Oral presentation of the Master's thesis, lecture and discussion (40–60 mins)

Annex 2 to the Academic and Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree in International Management at Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences

(no translation available at the moment; please have a look at the original german document; you can find more detailed information about the modules in the module handbook)