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Faculty of Economic Sciences:

Following the resolution passed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economic Sciences dated 26.06.2024, the Presidential Board of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen approved the twenty-fourth amendment to the examination and study regulations for the consecutive Master's degree programme "International Economics" on 30.10.2024 in the version published on 27.03.2012 (Official Announcements I no. 10/2012, p. 257), last amended by resolution of the Presidential Board dated 03.04.2024 (Official Announcements I no. 13/2024, p. 267) (§ 44 section 1 sentence 2 NHG in the version contained in the announcement dated 26.02.2007 (Nds. GVBl. p. 69), last amended by Article 12 of the Act dated 14.12.2023 (Nds. GVBl. p. 218); § 37 section 1 sentence 3 no. 5 b NHG, § 44 section 1 sentence 3 NHG).

Examination and study regulations for the consecutive Master's degree programme "International Economics" at the University of Göttingen

§ 1 Scope

(1) The provisions of the "General examination regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes as well as other degree programmes offered by the University of Göttingen" (APO) and the "General examination and study regulations and study regulations for the Master's degree programme of the Faculty of Economic Sciences" (RPO-MA) in the respective applicable version apply to the consecutive Master's degree programme "International Economics" of the University of Göttingen.

(2) These regulations stipulate the additional provisions for the Master's degree programme.

§ 2 Aim of the qualification

¹In addition to the general aims of Master's degree programmes defined in the RPO-MA, graduates of the Master's degree programme "International Economics" shall acquire in-depth knowledge in the fields of foreign trade, macroeconomics of open economies, microeconomics and econometrics in due consideration of the newest technical-scientific developments. ²The degree programme gives students the opportunity to select among the fields of "international trade and production", "development economics", "behavioural and institutional economics" or "quantitative methods of economic analysis" in order to either specialize or choose a broader range of study. ³Based on the acquired knowledge, skills and methods of economics with a special focus on international economic relations, graduates are placed in a position to produce independent academic work and to critically classify academic insight. ⁴Due to the international focus of the contents and the regular offers of English courses, students are further prepared

for work in an international environment. ⁵After graduation, graduates may thus take on higher-ranking positions or doctoral studies in international relations both nationally and internationally.

§ 3 Recommended prior knowledge

¹For the Master's programme, it is required in particular to have sound knowledge of the English language, mathematics, statistics and computer skills. ²Students whose credits in mathematics and statistics were not better than satisfactory in the course of their preliminary studies, and whose English and/or computer skills are low, are recommended to qualify themselves appropriately before taking on the Master degree programme.

§ 4 Structural contents of the Master's academic programme and credit requirements

(1) The 120 C to be completed in the Master's degree programme in International Economics in a standard period of study of four semesters are comprised as follows:

1. Advanced economics	24C
2. Economic specialisation	48 C
3. Elective area	24 C
4. Master thesis	24 C

(2) ¹A written Master thesis with a weightage of 24 C, has to be completed within a preparation time of 17 weeks. ²The Master thesis can be commenced only after 18 C have been done from the advanced economics area and a seminar course from the economic specialization area has been successfully completed.

(3) ¹The coursework and examinations are to be completed in compulsory, compulsory elective and elective modules. ²The module catalogue, which also contains the overview of modules within the meaning of § 4 section 1 sentence 1 APO, is published separately; it is an integral part of these examination and study regulations. ³The compulsory, compulsory elective and elective modules are bindingly specified in the module catalogue. ⁴Examples of an appropriate structure of the degree programme can be found in the exemplary curricula attached in the appendix.

(4) ¹In the Master's degree programme, the students specialise in Economics and in particular in international economic relations. ²This also gives them the opportunities for designing their studies individually and choosing their area of specialisation, so as to acquire special professional qualifications. ³Students can on application obtain an addendum in the Master's certificate, which indicates such an area of specialisation.

(5) ¹Study abroad for at least one semester at a foreign university is an integral part of the Master's degree programme in International Economics for students who have acquired their university entrance qualification in the Federal Republic of Germany or in a country or a region in which German is the official language. ²During the stay abroad, components with a rating of

30 C should be completed as a rule; however minimum of 18 C have to be earned and proven. ³The components must correspond essentially to the qualification standard of a Master's degree programme and may not be part of a module exam that has been passed or pending completion as part of this degree programme before the stay abroad. ⁴The Examination Board shall decide on the recognition of the work performed at the foreign University. ⁵This can be bindingly stipulated prior to the stay abroad by concluding a learning agreement. ⁶The Examination Board may, upon request, release students from the obligation to spend a period abroad if they have already provided evidence of a period abroad in the previous degree programme. ⁷A stay abroad is proven if least 18 C were acquired as part of the stay abroad and were obtained in this course of study. ⁸Failed examination components as part of the one semester study abroad at a foreign university can be retaken at the University of Göttingen.

§ 5 Areas of specialisation

(1) ¹Students can apply to have an area of specialisation shown in their Master's certificate.

²Areas of specialisations are:

- International Trade and Production
- Developmental Economics,
- Behavioral and Institutional Economics,
- Quantitative Methods of Economic Analysis.

(2) ¹For showing an area of specialisation, modules with a rating of at least 24 C creditable to the respective area of specialisation should be successfully completed. ²The allocation of modules to the areas of specialisation can be found in the module catalogue.

§ 6 Double Degree with the University of Groningen

(1) ¹The University of Groningen and the University of Göttingen have joined hands to conduct a double degree programme. ²The provisions of these examination and study regulations shall apply, provided that the following does not stipulate any other procedure. ³For modules offered by the university of Groningen, the provisions of the University of Groningen shall apply exclusively.

(2) Students of the Master's degree programme "International Economics" are eligible to take part in this programme in accordance with the provisions laid down in the following regulations.

(3) ¹A selection procedure will be carried out for the 5 places allocated to the students in the Master degree programme "International Economics". ²The selection committee consists of the person responsible for the Master degree programme "International Economics", the double degree coordinator and one teaching member of the faculty group at the Faculty of Economic Sciences. ³The member of the faculty group will be appointed by the corresponding faculty representation on the Faculty Council at the Faculty of Economic Sciences.

(4) ¹The application for inclusion in the double degree programme must be submitted to the Dean's Office at the Faculty of Economic Sciences by no later than May 15 and at the same time as the application for admission to the Master's degree programme "International Economics". ²The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

- the degree certificate from the applicant's previous degree programme in the form of certified transcripts or certified English translations; if a degree certificate is not yet available, a certificate in English stating the achievements, credits and average grade must be submitted.
- a written presentation in the English language, detailing the applicant's motivation for inclusion in the double degree programme and the aims of his or her studies and
- a curriculum vitae in tabular form and in the English language, detailing concisely the educational path that demonstrates which practical professional skills and other specialist qualifications or periods spent abroad the applicant is able to present.

(5) ¹The selection committee in the degree programme makes its selection on the basis of the following criteria:

a) The following prerequisites for entry shall apply:

- aa. the applicant has already completed their studies in a relevant Bachelor's degree programme or in an equivalent degree programme at the time of application or has earned at least 150 credits;
- bb. bb) the overall grade or the average grade of the previous degree programme determined from the previous examination results is better than 2.60;
- cc. cc) proof of at least 60 ECTS credits in economics, including at least 30 ECTS credits in economic theory, finance and foreign trade;
- dd. dd) more than 10 ECTS credits are earned in the fields of foreign trade and/or development economics.

b) Applicants who are eligible according to the criteria mentioned in a) are selected on the basis of a points scale. This is based on the following criteria:

aa. Average grade of the proven achievements in Economics totalling at least 60 ECTS credits (maximum 8 points):

Grade	Points
1.00	8
more than 1.0 up to and including 1.3	7
more than 1.3 up to and including 1.6	6
more than 1.6 up to and including 1.9	5
more than 1.9 up to and including 2.2	4

more than 2.2 up to and including 2.5		3
more than 2.5 up to and including 2.8		2
more than 2.8 up to and including 3.0		1

bb. Letter of motivation (maximum 4 points):

The motivation is		Points
entirely convincing		4
very convincing		3
convincing		2
not convincing		1

cc. The average grade of the modules demonstrated from the area Foreign Trade and/or Developmental Economics is more than 10 ECTS credits (maximum 4 points):

Grade		Points
1.0 up to and including 1.7		4
more than 1.7 up to and including 2.0		3
more than 2.0 up to and including 2.3		2
more than 2.3 up to and including 2.7		1

The points achieved according to letters aa), bb) and cc) are added together. In the event of a tie, the grade of the Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree or the average grade determined from the previous examination results shall be decisive; if the tie persists, the final decision shall be made by drawing lots.

(6) ¹Students who are part of the double degree programme with the University of Groningen, spend the first year of study at the University of Göttingen, and the second year of study at the University of Groningen. ²This results in the following structure of studies:

1. Advanced economics (Göttingen) 24 C,
2. Economic Specialization (Göttingen) 24 to 30 C,
3. Elective area (Göttingen) 6 to 12 C,
4. International Economics and Business (Groningen) 40 C,
5. Master thesis (Groningen) 20 C.

³The exact programme structure and the selectable modules can be found in the module catalogue.

(7) ¹Examinations for modules that were not successfully completed can also be repeated at the partner university. ²In this, the examination regulations issued by the university offering the

module shall apply; examiners at the university offering the module shall also evaluate the examinations.

(8) ¹20 credits are awarded for successful completion of the Master thesis. ²The examination rules and regulations of the University of Groningen shall apply to admission, supervision and assessment. ³At least one academic adviser and/or the evaluator from Göttingen must be an authorised examiner at the University of Göttingen; following notification by the University of Groningen, he/she is appointed by the Examinations department of the Faculty of Economic Sciences.

(9) Following successful completion of the master examination, the University of Göttingen awards the university degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)" and the University of Groningen awards the university degree "Master of Science (M.Sc.)" in Economic Development and Globalisation.

(10) ¹Each university will issue a degree certificate for the university degree they award, whereby the two degree certificates are integrated in such a way as to represent one single degree certificate in terms of content. ²The degree certificate can only be issued in an integrated form. ³The University of Göttingen shall issue its degree certificate for the academic title awarded "Master of Science" with the date of the certificate in English or on request in German. ⁴The degree certificate for the academic title awarded shall contain the statement of its bi-national structure in addition to specifying the degree programme.

(11) ¹The two university degrees can be listed as separate titles. ²In the event that both university degrees are listed as titles, they shall be connected by a hyphen. ³The same applies to the abbreviated form. ⁴This does not affect the statutory provisions concerning the listing as titles of foreign university degrees.

§ 8 Entry into Force

(1) ¹This regulation enters into force following its promulgation in the Official Announcements of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen on 01/04/2012.

(2) At the same time, the examination regulations for the Master's degree programme "International Economics" in the version contained in the announcement dated 30/03/2010 (Official Announcements I no. 7/2011 S. 809) last amended by the resolution of the Presidential Board dated 16/08/2011 (Official Announcements I no. 8/2011 pg. 487) and the study regulations for the Master's degree programme "International Economics" in the version contained in the announcement dated 30/03/2010 (Official Announcements I no. 8/2010 pg. 891) shall cease to be effective.

(3) ¹Students who commenced their academic programme before these study and examination regulations came into force will be examined exclusively on the basis of these study and examination regulations. ²This does not apply:

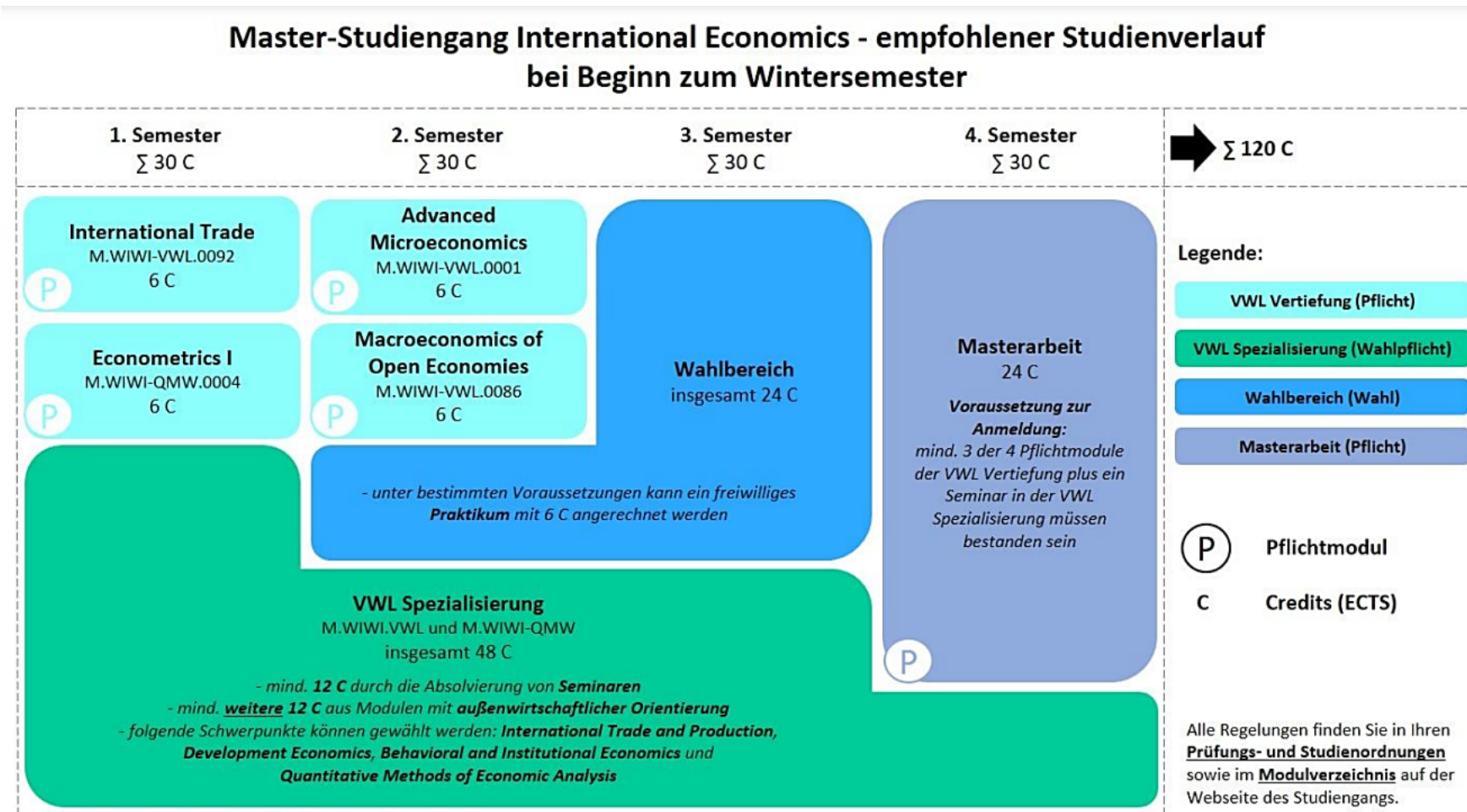
- a) In the event that other regulations than those specified in section 2 apply to individual students on the basis of provisions concerning examination regulations that have been in force to date, and
- b) In the event that a bond of trust with a student renders appropriate a different decision on the part of the examination board.

³This decision as specified under letter b) is possible especially in cases in which a module examination can be retaken or a compulsory module has been changed substantially or removed. ⁴The examination board can draw up general rules for this purpose. ⁵Modules and periods of studies completed before these study and examination regulations come into force remain unaffected. ⁶Examinations based on regulations valid before these examination and study regulations came into force will be held for the last time in the summer semester of 2014.

(4) ¹Students who commenced their academic programme before an amendment to these examination and study regulations came into force and who have remained enrolled therein without interruption, shall be examined on the basis of the examination and study regulations in place before the amendments came into force. ²In the case of pending examinations, this does not apply to overviews of modules and descriptions, unless the legal entitlements of a student calls for a different decision by the examination board. ³A different decision can be reached especially in cases where an examination can be repeated or a compulsory or compulsory elective module has changed significantly or been cancelled. ⁴The examination board can draw up general rules for this purpose. ⁵Examinations as per a valid version prior to an amendment of the existing of examination and study regulations coming into force, are conducted for the last time in the fourth semester after the amendment coming into force. ⁶On application, students affected by clause 1 shall be examined in general on the basis of the amended regulations.

Appendix: Graphic of the recommended course of study

a) Start of the winter semester



b) Start of the summer semester

Master-Studiengang International Economics - empfohlener Studienverlauf bei Beginn zum Sommersemester

