

**Examination Regulations for the Postgraduate Master Degree Programme
“Master of European Regulation of Network Industries”**

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I. General Information

§ 1 Objectives of the Master Programme

(1) The postgraduate course *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* is offered by the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn. Considering the needs and developments in the professional world, the programme is designed to provide the students with the necessary professional knowledge, skills and methods in the field of network industry regulation to qualify them for scientific work, for a critical assessment of scientific findings and for a responsible professional conduct.

(2) The *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* is an interdisciplinary programme which offers fundamentals in the fields of law, economics, political science and the engineering aspects of network technology. It addresses concepts, methods and instruments pertinent to the European regulation of network industries. The main emphasis is on the Law of the European Community applicable to network industries as well as its socio-economic prerequisites and outcomes.

(3) In line with the goals of applied postgraduate education, the master's examination is to assess whether the students have acquired the necessary knowledge for a successful application of the respective expertise in their future professional careers and whether or not they can efficiently employ the scientific methodology and findings obtained during the studies.

(4) The Programme is designed for those who have already obtained a graduate degree from an institution of higher education. It especially aims at applicants with a degree in law, economics and political science as well as those fields of engineering and computer science that are related to network industries.

(5) The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University awards the degree of a „Master of Law“ (short „L.L.M.“) after the successful passing of the master's examination.

§ 2 Master Degree

After having successfully passed the master's examination, the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn awards the academic degree of a “Master of Laws” (LL.M.) in the course *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries*.

§ 3 Certificate of Continuing Education

Applicants in the possession of a professional training in the field of network industries with a qualified further training can be admitted to further studies depending on the places available; they will receive a Certificate of Continuing Education. The certificate comprises the successful passing of all modules except for the master thesis.

§ 4 General Admission Criteria

(1) To be eligible to the postgraduate Master Programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* applicants have to meet and proof the following criteria:

1. They shall hold a graduate degree from an institution of higher education, preferably in the field of law, economics, engineering, IT or political science, with a standard period of studies of at least six semesters, or an equivalent degree of a foreign university.
2. They shall pass the pre-entry exam to determine their special aptitude in the particular field of studies; The details are settled in annex 1.

The degree of no. 1 shall clearly demonstrate the special aptitude for scientific work in a particular field of studies.

- (2) The application for admission to the programme has to contain
- the transcript of the completed studies at a recognised institution of higher education and
 - a description of the applicant's educational and professional career as well as evidence of professional experience of at least one year (e.g. job references).

§ 5 Duration of Studies, Scope and Content of the Programme

(1) The standard period of studies, including the writing of the master thesis, comprises two semesters. The study programme covers the modules listed in Annex 2 and accounts for 38 credit points; the master thesis accounts for additional 16 credit points; the two term papers are 1 credit point each; and the other course-related activities make for 4 credit points in total.

(2) The study programme's volume of work totals up to 1,800 hours.

(3) The programme's content is conveyed by means of modules comprised of thematically, methodically or systematically interrelated teaching units. Modules ranging over two successive semesters are permissible.

(4) Each module ends with a graded exam which may consist of several part exams and is assessed by credit points according to the ECTS System (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).

(5) The tuition language is English.

(6) It is only possible to begin the programme in the winter semester; the winter semester starts on September 15th each year according to international habit.

§ 6 Exams and Registration Deadline

(1) The master's examination consists of the module examinations, two written term papers and the master thesis as the final examination.

(2) The examinations will be taken alongside the studies and shall be completed during the standard period of studies stipulated in section 5 subsection 1.

(3) The application for the admission to the master's examination is to be combined with the registration for the first module examination. The written registrations need to be handed in to the Examination Committee. The Examination Committee announces the deadline of registration which shall be at least six weeks ahead of the date of examination.

(4) The examination language is English.

§ 7 Examination Committee

(1) The Center for European Integration Studies forms an Examination Committee that fulfils the tasks assigned to it by these regulations. The Examination Committee consists of the Directors of the Center and the Programme's manager. The Examination Committee chooses its chairman and his deputy out of the group of professors belonging to the Committee.

(2) The Examination Committee is a public authority in the sense of the law of administrative proceedings and the administrative procedural law (*Verwaltungsverfahren- und Verwaltungsprozessrecht*).

(4) The Examination Committee decides by simple majority. In the case of equal votes, the chairman's vote rules.

§ 8 Examiners and Associate Examiners

(1) The Examination Committee appoints the examiners and their associates for the different examinations. In general, the examiners are professors or lecturers of the programme. In addition, the Committee is allowed to appoint any person as examiner who has successfully passed the master's examination or a comparable exam and has acted as an independent lecturer in the examination subject during the previous period of studies. The master thesis is supervised by a professor or a habilitated lecturer of the programme of *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries*. Only a person that has successfully passed the master's examination or a comparable exam can be appointed as an associate examiner.

(2) The examiners are independent in their examining work.

(3) The examinee may suggest the examiners for the master thesis and the oral exams. The suggestions of the examinee shall be taken into consideration if possible; yet, they do not provide any reason for claims.

(4) The Examination Committee ensures that the examiner's name will be announced to the examinee in time, but at least two weeks before the date of the respective examination.

§ 9 Recognition of Study Performance and Examination Results

(1) Study and examination performances in the same course of studies at other institutions of higher education in the scope of the German Constitution (*Grundgesetz*) will be credited ex officio without inspection of its equivalence.

(2) Equivalent study and examination performances in other fields of study or at other institutions of higher education in the scope of the German constitution will be credited ex officio. Equivalent performances at institutions of higher education outside the scope of the German Constitution will be credited on request; doing so, the equivalence agreements approved by the conference of the ministers of education and cultural affairs (*Kultusministerkonferenz*) as well as agreements within the scope of partnerships between universities are to be taken into consideration. In the case of doubts about the equivalence of performances, the central agency for foreign education (*Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen*) can be heard. Equivalence is to be declared if study and examination performances essentially correspond to the content, the scope and the requirements of the programme of the *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries*. For that, not a schematic comparison, but a general inspection and assessment need to be made.

(3) The Examination Committee is in charge of the transfer of credits according to subsections 1 and 2. Responsible representatives of the respective field of study need to be heard before declaring equivalence.

(4) If course and examination credits are transferred, the grades will be adopted and incorporated into the account of the final grade according to the respective assessment factor – as far as the grading systems are comparable. In case of incomparable grading systems, the notation “passed” is taken. The credit transfer will be marked in the transcript. Course and examination performances in programmes without credit point system will be converted into credit points by the Examination Committee if the respective examination corresponds to modules of this examination regulation.

(5) The satisfaction of the requirements of the subsections 1 and 2 constitutes the legal claim for credit transfer. The student has to present the documents necessary for the transfer and give the necessary information. A transfer may be refused as long as the student does not comply with his duty to cooperate.

§ 10 Protection, Absence, Resignation, Deception, Offence of the Regulations

(1) Maternity protection periods as stipulated in the statutory protection of rights of mother (*Mutterschutzgesetz – MuSchG*) are to be accounted for on request. The necessary evidence is to be attached to the request. The maternity protection period interrupts any time limit of this regulation; it is accounted for in the calculation of deadlines.

(2) The parental leave according to the law of parental money and parental leave (*BEEG*) effective at the time being is to be taken into consideration on request as well. The examinee has to inform the examination committee in written when (during which period(s)) he wants to take the leave and enclose the necessary evidence at least four weeks before the planned beginning of the parental leave. The Examination Committee has to check whether the legal requirements are met which would give an employee the claim for parental leave according to the BEEG and it promptly informs the examinee about the result achieved and – if necessary – about the new examination deadlines. The time limit for the adaptation of the master’s thesis can not be interrupted by the parental leave. The thesis given is regarded as not given. After the end of the parental leave the examinee will be given a new topic.

(3) Lost time because of nursing and taking care of one’s wife or husband or a registered life partner, relatives in the direct line of descent or by the first degree of affinity is to be considered on request, if such a person needed care or nursing. The Examination Committee has to control whether the requirements of sentence 1 are met. The request has to be made promptly after the occurrence of the required circumstances. Clear evidence needs to be attached to the request. The Examination Committee promptly informs the candidate about the result and – if necessary – about the new examination deadlines. The time limit for the adaptation of the master thesis cannot be interrupted by such excluded times. The thesis given is regarded as not given. After the end of the excluded time the examinee will be given a new topic.

(4) If the examinee does not appear to an examination without giving good reason, resigns from an examination after its beginning without good reason or does not hand in the master thesis in time, the performances will be graded as “not sufficient” (5.0). The same applies if a written examination is not made within the fixed time. The examinee can sign off in written from a module

examination by one week before the date of this examination at the latest. Decisive is the date of receipt by the Examination Committee.

(5) The reasons given for the resignation or the default have to be reported and proofed prima facie to the Examination Committee in written promptly. In case of an illness of the examinee, a doctor's certificate can be demanded including the information of the medical findings which the Examination Committee needs to determine the examination inability. In particular cases, the Examination Committee can ask for a certificate by a panel doctor appointed by the Examination Committee. If the Examination Committee approves the reasons, the examination attempt is regarded as not taken.

(6) If the examinee tries to influence the examination result by deceiving or using impermissible means of aid, the examination performance concerned will be graded "not sufficient" (5.0); the declaration will be made by the respective examiner or the supervisor, recorded and passed on to the Examination Committee. An examinee disturbing the correct procedure of the examination, can be excluded from further continuation of the examination by the respective examiner or the supervisor after a simple warning; in this case, the respective examination will be declared as "not passed" and be graded as "not sufficient" (5.0). The reasons for the exclusion are to be put on record.

(7) The examinee can demand a review by the Examination Committee of the decisions made according to subsections 4 sentence 1 and 2 within two weeks.

(8) In case of repeated or in some other way serious attempts to deceive, the examinee can be excluded from any further examination proceedings. This decision is made by the Examination Committee.

II. Master's Examination

§ 11 Mode and Scope of the Master's Examination

(1) The master's examination consists of

1. course-related module examinations in the sections "basics", "advanced" and "specialization",
2. two course-related term papers which need to be taken in the subfield "specialization",
3. the master thesis

The master's examination including the master thesis shall be completed within the standard period of studies fixed in section 5 subsection 1.

(2) The necessary examination performances will be taken alongside the studies. One module examination is assigned to each module, even if consisting of several courses, whose credit points will be credited with the passing of the module examination. A date of examination will be scheduled at the end of a module for all module examinations taken in the form of written or oral exams. Re-examinations take place 6 weeks after the announcement of the results at the earliest, at the end of the academic year at the latest.

(3) The examinations will be held alongside the studies as written exams, oral exams or term papers. The form of the examination will be determined by the Examination Committee on the grounds of the requirements in annex 2 and published in time before the beginning of the semester.

(4) The scope of each module amounts to at least 20 and at the most 200 hours of work except for the master thesis. Condition for the grant of credit points is the performance of the examinations required for the respective module.

(5) Modules offered by the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* are listed in annex 2.

§ 12 Admission to the Exam, Registration and Deadlines

(1) Only those can be admitted to the master's examination resp. to the module examinations who

1. meet the entrance requirements stated in section 4 subsection 1;
2. have passed the examination to determine special aptitude in the particular field of study according to annex 1 and
3. are enrolled at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms university for the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries*.

(2) The application for admission to the master's examination is to be handed in to the Examination Committee in written together with the registration for the first course-related examination.

To be enclosed, if not already presented, are the following documents:

- evidence of meeting the admission requirements laid down in subsection 1,
- a personally signed declaration in which the examinee states whether he has passed or definitively not passed an examination or the master's examination of the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* or a related resp. comparable programme or whether he is involved in the examination proceedings of such a programme at the same time.

(3) Students have to register to each examination according to section 6 subsection 3 sentences 2 and 3. To be added to the registration:

1. a domestic address sufficient for a summons
2. the name of the module to be examined.

A registration is only possible as far as and as long as the admission requirements are met. The dates of examination and the deadlines for registration will be announced by public notice; they are preclusive periods. The students can de-register in written without giving any reasons one week before the respective date of examination at the latest. A cancellation after the issue of the topics or the allocation of the places is not possible for such courses whose examinations are spread over the entire semester.

(4) If it is not possible for the examinee to present one of the documents of subsection 1 or 2 in the prescribed way, the Examination Committee may allow to furnish evidence in a different way than producing the documents.

§ 13 Procedure of Admission

(1) The Examination Committee decides about the admission to the master's examination on the grounds of the documents handed in.

(2) The admission is to be rejected if

- a) the requirements of section 12 subsection 1 are not met,

- b) the documents according to section 12 subsection 2 are not complete and/or not being produced in spite of a request,
- c) the examinee has definitively not passed an examination or the master's examination in the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* or a related resp. comparable programme or
- d) the examinee is currently participating in the examination procedure for the same, a related or a comparable programme at another university.

§ 14 Course Work Assessment

- (1) Module examinations refer to the course contents of the modules listed in annex 2.
- (2) The module examinations test the theoretical knowledge of the taught subject gained in the respective module and the ability to grasp and understand comprehensive contexts.
- (3) Failed attempts at other institutions of higher education are taken into account.
- (4) Dates of repeat or substitute examinations will be fixed according to necessity. The Examination Committee may determine the form of a repeat or a substitute examination deviating from annex 2 according to section 11 subsection 3.
- (5) The examination is regarded as passed if the performance is assessed as "sufficient" (4.0) or better. The examinee receives the designated credit points for each examination graded with "sufficient" or better.
- (6) A module is regarded as passed as a whole if all examinations belonging to it are passed. The overall grade only consists of module grades, not of the grades of particular examinations which are not completed yet.
- (7) If the module examinations consist of several exams, two examinations in the subfield "specialization" at most are already considered as passed if half or the majority of the examinations are graded "sufficient" (4.0) or better and each partial examination has been attempted at least once.
- (8) If the examinee shows the Examination Committee credibly by appropriate evidence that he is not able to take part of or the entire examination in the prescribed form because of a permanent or more than one semester enduring handicap or a chronic disease, the Examination Committee permits to take the study performance and/or examination in a tailored form and where necessary in an extended period of working time.

§ 15 Written Exams

- (1) The written exams aim at assessing the examinee's ability to identify problems in the particular field of the module in accordance with the pertinent methodology of this subject and to present ways of solving them in a limited period of time and with limited means of support.
- (2) The examiners will announce the approved means for taking the written exams in due time.
- (3) The duration of a written exam is at least 60 minutes, and 240 minutes at most.
- (4) Each written exam will be assessed by two examiners. The grade results from the arithmetic average of the separate evaluations.
- (5) Inspection of the graded written exams by the candidate is to be allowed on request. The request needs to be filed one month after the disclosure of the examination results at the latest. The Examination Committee notifies the period of inspection to the candidate in time.

§ 16 Oral Exams

(1) By means of oral examinations, the examinee is supposed to demonstrate his ability of identifying specific problems within the context of a particular subject and to present ways of solving them.

(2) Oral exams are taken in front of either several examiners (panel of examiners) or in front of one examiner in the presence of a competent and skilled associate in the form of a single or a group examination. In the case of several examiners, each examinee is only assessed by one examiner in one subject. Before determining the grade, the examiner has to hear the other examiners resp. the associate without the examinee.

(3) The oral exam of each examinee shall endure at least 15 minutes and 30 minutes at the most. In case of group examinations, it is to be ensured that the same time of examination is allotted to each candidate within the same group.

(4) Essential subjects and the result of each examination need to be recorded in the minutes. The result is to be announced to the examinee directly after the oral exams.

(5) Students who want to take the same examination at a later date of examination shall be granted access as listeners according to the spatial conditions if the candidate does not veto. The decision is made by the examiner, in case of an examination by a committee, it is made by its chairman. The admission does not comprise the consultation and announcement of the examination results. The listeners are not allowed to take any notes during the examination.

§ 17 Term Paper

(1) The term papers serve to assess the examinee's ability of working independently on a specific narrowly defined topic using the tools pertinent to the particular field and of presenting the results – in written form and within the prescribed time limits – which comply with the basic requirements of a scientific research.

(2) Every term paper amounts to 12 to 18 pages (DIN A4) and is to be evaluated by two examiners. This rule can only be waived upon decision of the Examination Committee due to forceful reasons; the reasons are to be put on record.

(3) The Examination Committee - in mutual agreement with the candidate - may replace the term paper by a written or an oral examination which covers the particular field of the module. Due notice about this will be given at the beginning of the module and recorded in the examination file.

§ 18 Grading

(1) The respective examiner suggests the grade for a particular exam to the Examination Committee which will determine the grade. In case the exam is assessed by several examiners, the grade shall be calculated as the arithmetic mean of the separate assessments. The following grades are to be used for evaluation purposes:

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| 1 | very good | an excellent performance; |
| 2 | good | a performance being well above average; |
| 3 | satisfactory | a performance complying with the average requirements; |

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| 4 | sufficient | a performance that still complies with the requirements despite of its deficiencies |
| 5 | not sufficient | a performance that does not comply with the requirements due to considerable deficiencies |

By increasing or decreasing the particular grade by 0.3, interim values can be calculated in order to obtain a more sophisticated assessment; whereas the grades 0.7, 4.3, 4.7, 5.3 are excluded.

(2) The examinee is to be informed about the evaluation of the written examinations not later than eight weeks, of the assessment of the master thesis not later than ten weeks after the closing date by the Examination Committee. The information shall be given before the end of the standard period of studies.

(3) The grade of a particular module is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the exam evaluations (adjusted by an applicable factor, if necessary) of a particular module:

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| a mean of up to 1.5 | very good |
| a mean from 1.6 to 2.5 | good |
| a mean from 2.6 to 3.5 | satisfactory |
| a mean from 3.6 to 4.0 | sufficient |
| a mean exceeding 4.1 | not sufficient (failed) |

(4) The master's examination is passed if all module examinations, the term paper and the master thesis obtained at least a "sufficient" (4.0) evaluation and if 60 credit points have been gained.

(5) In order to simplify international comparability, each module's grade as well as the final grade is also to be expressed in accordance with the requirements of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The examination performances will be converted into the equivalent ECTS grades according to the effective standards of the association of universities and other higher education institutions in Germany (*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz*) to be laid down in the transcript.

(6) The overall grade consists of the grades obtained in the examinations listed in section 11 subsection 1 no. 1 to 3 adjusted by an applicable factor. Subsection 3 sentence 2 applies *mutatis mutandis* to the evaluation.

(7) Only the first place after the decimal point is considered when generating the module grade and the overall grade; all other decimals are deleted without rounding.

(8) Instead of obtaining the overall grade "very good" according to subsection 5, the overall assessment "passed with honour" is awarded if the master thesis is assessed as 1.0 and the module grades reach an average of at least 1.8.

(9) An examinee has definitively failed the master's examination if he fails to pass one module examination three times or if the master thesis has been evaluated no better than "not sufficient" (4.1) after two attempts.

§ 19 Master Thesis

(1) The master thesis is a written paper completing the scientific part of the education. It is supposed to demonstrate the examinee's ability to work independently on a particular topic of the programme's curriculum using scientific methods and to find and adequately present a solution for it within the prescribed period of time.

(2) The topic of the master thesis is provided by an examiner appointed according to section 8 subsection 1 who generally also supervises the master thesis. The master thesis may only be supervised by another professor active in research and teaching or be carried out at another institution outside university, if the Examination Committee agrees. The agreement can only be given if an appropriate supervision by an examiner according to section 8 subsection 1 is ensured.

(3) The Examination Committee ensures that the examinee is assigned a topic for his master thesis in due time. The examinee has to be granted the opportunity to propose a field of research from which the topic of his master thesis will be chosen; yet, the Examination Committee is not bound by these proposals.

(4) The topic of the master thesis is issued by the Examination Committee. The topic of the master thesis and its time of issue are to be put on record.

(5) The master thesis is to be written within three months. The topic, the particular content of the master thesis and its extent are to be limited in a way that it can be adequately completed within the specified time frame. The topic of the master thesis can only be handed back by the examinee once and only within the first month after the issue of the topic. In the case of such a return of the topic, the master thesis is regarded as not issued. In particular cases, the Examination Committee can by way of exception extend the period of editing time up to six weeks on well-founded request of the examinee; the supervisor of the master thesis is to be heard.

(6) The length of the master thesis shall be limited to 50 to 80 pages (A4).

(7) A master thesis obtaining the evaluation "sufficient" (4.0) or better is awarded 16 credit points.

(8) The master thesis is usually assigned during the second semester which allows the examinee to complete it until the end of the same semester taking advantage of the course-free semester time.

(9) The master thesis includes an index of all resources and means of support employed in its drafting, a summary of its content and a declaration stating that the examinee has completed the thesis independently and without using any other resources or means of support but those listed in the index. The Examination Committee can demand an affidavit of the candidate in case of doubt.

§ 20 Approval and Grading of the Master Thesis

(1) The master thesis is to be handed in in duplicate to the Examination Committee within the time limit; the time of delivery needs to be put on record. The examinee can not withdraw a master thesis which has been handed in. If the master thesis is not handed in within the time limit, it will be assessed as "not sufficient" (5.0).

(2) The master thesis is to be examined and evaluated by two examiners appointed according to section 8 subsection 1. One of those examiners is the one who has provided the topic; the second examiner will be determined by the Examination Committee among the persons of section 8 subsection 1. The examinee has got the right of proposal; yet there is no reason for the claim of obtaining a particular examiner.

(3) The particular assessment has to comply with section 19 subsection 1 and written reasons need to be given. The grade of the master thesis shall be calculated as the arithmetic mean of the separate assessments if the difference is less than 2.0. In case of a difference of 2.0 or

more, the Examination Committee will appoint a third examiner for the assessment of the master thesis. In this case, the grade results from the arithmetic mean of the two better separate assessments. The mean is calculated pursuant to section 19 subsection 7. However, the master thesis can only be graded “sufficient” or better if at least two grades are “sufficient” or better.

§ 21 Repetition of Exams and the Master Thesis

(1) If the master thesis has not been passed or is regarded as not passed, the examinee may repeat it once. Failed attempts in the same subject at other institutions of higher education are taken into account. The topic of the second master thesis does not need to belong to the same field from which the topic of the first master thesis had been chosen. In case of the repetition of the master thesis, the topic can only be returned within the period of time stipulated in section 20 subsection 5 sentence 5 if the examinee did not use this opportunity when drafting the first master thesis.

(2) If the second master thesis is assessed as “not sufficient” as well, the master’s examination is definitively not passed.

(3) Every other course-related module examination can be repeated twice in the case of “not sufficient” performances. If an examiner grades the performance of an examinee in a module which can not be repeated any more as “not sufficient” (5.0), this examinee will be exmatriculated from the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries*.

(4) An examination assessed as at least “sufficient” (4.0) can not be repeated.

§ 22 Transcript

(1) Subsequent to the announcement of all grades, the examinee receives a preliminary statement on the successful completion of the master’s examination. Then - usually within four weeks - a formal transcript in German, with an English translation certified by the Examination Committee, is issued to the examinee. This transcript contains grades and credit points of all module examinations, their average grade, the topic of the master thesis and its grade as well as the final grade of the master’s examination and the equivalent ECTS grade. The overall grade according to section 19 subsection 5 is given in words and figures with one decimal.

(2) The transcript bears the date of the last examination. It is signed by the chairman of the Examination Committee.

(3) If the master’s examination is definitively not passed or regarded as finally not passed, the Examination Committee will issue a written notification of this containing instruction of one’s rights. After the definitive failure of the master’s examination, the examinee is to be exmatriculated.

(4) Students of the master programme leaving the University of Bonn without completion of their studies receive a certificate of their entire course and examination performances on request after the removal from the register of students. This certificate only shows the successfully passed parts of the programme. In addition, the Examination Committee can edit a certificate on request of the student which shows which examinations have not been passed or are lacking for passing the master’s examination.

(5) Participants attending courses of particular modules without aiming at obtaining a degree according to section 2 can receive a certificate about the participation on request.

§ 23 Diploma Supplement

The transcript is complemented by a Diploma supplement. The Diploma supplement provides – in a standardised manner – additional information on contents and structure of the programme, the academic and professional qualifications acquired and the awarding institution.

§ 24 Master Certificate

(1) When receiving the transcript, the examinee is also provided with a master certificate in German containing the date of the transcript. This is to certify the award of a degree pursuant to section 2. An English copy of the master certificate is enclosed.

(2) The master certificate is signed by the vice-chancellor of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn and bears the seal of the university.

III. Final Regulations

§ 25 Invalid Exams, Deprivation of the Master Degree

(1) If the examinee deceived in an examination and if this fact is not becoming public until the issue of the transcript, the Examination Committee can correct the grades of the examination results concerned as well as the overall grade accordingly ex post and declare part of or the entire examination as failed.

(2) If - after the issue of the transcript - requirements for the admission to an examination turn out to having been unsatisfied, but the examinee did not intend to deceive about this, this deficit is healed by passing the examination. If the examinee deliberately effects such a wrong admission, the Examination Committee determines the legal consequences in accordance with the law of administrative proceedings of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia (*Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz Nordrhein-Westfalen*)

(3) The examinee is to be given the opportunity of being heard before the decision.

(4) The incorrect examination transcript is withdrawn. A new transcript is to be issued if the examination is still considered as passed.

(5) A decision pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 sentence 2 is not possible after the period of five years from the date of issue of the transcript.

(6) If the master's examination is being declared as entirely failed, the Master degree is to be deprived and the master's transcript and certificate will be withdrawn promptly.

(7) The withdrawal of a document according to this regulation includes the particular English copy.

§ 26 Examination Records

(1) The Examination Committee grants the candidate inspection of the examination records that concern him on written request within one month' time after the issue of the transcript.

(2) The Examination Committee determines time and place of inspection. It is not allowed to copy the records or to remove parts of them.

§ 27 Effectiveness and Publication

This examination regulation comes into force the day after its publication in the official journal of the Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms University of Bonn.

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Annex 1: Pre-Entry Assessment to Determine the Special Aptitude in the Particular Field of Study

I. General Principles

1. The admission to the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* requires evidence of special aptitude in the particular field of study according to the stipulations of this annex in addition to the evidence of the requirements listed in section 4 of the examination regulations.
2. The evidence of the special aptitude in the particular field of study is determined in a special procedure (procedure of determining aptitude) according to this annex.
3. This procedure aims at determining an applicant's special aptitude in the particular field of study allowing the expectation that he will successfully complete the master programme.

II. Entitlement, Application Procedure, Admission to the Procedure of Determining Aptitude

1. Every applicant who meets the requirements listed in section 4 subsection 1 sentence 1 of the examination regulations may take part in the procedure of determining aptitude.
2. Admission is only granted for the winter semester. The application deadline is September 1st of the year in which the applicant is seeking to enrol in the L.L.M. course. Decisive for complying with the deadline is the postmark.
3. Copies of the following documents need to be enclosed to the application:
 - a. evidence of the formal qualifications according to section 4 of the examination regulations,
 - b. proof of English skills on the level of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) 550 or Computer TOEFL 213 or an equivalent test,
 - c. a duly completed MERNI application package.
4. The decision about the admission to the procedure of determining aptitude is made by the chairman of the Examination Committee.
5. Admission is denied if the application is not complete or if the requirements stipulated in no. 3 are not met. The respective notice is to be provided with instruction on right to appeal.

III. Implementation of the Procedure of Determining Aptitude and Examiners

1. The Examination Committee is responsible for the implementation of the procedure of determining aptitude.
2. The Examination Committee appoints the examiners for the procedure of determining aptitude.

IV. Procedure of Determining Aptitude

The special aptitude in the particular field of study is assessed by an interview which aims at determining whether the applicant is in command of the requirements necessary for the successful completion of the programme *Master of European Regulation of Network Industries* in one or several of the following fields depending on the applicant's previous studies:

- economy of networks
- public and private commercial law
- sector specific regulation of networks
- competition law
- technological and operational basis of network industries.

Interviews are conducted by several examiners or an examiner in the presence of a competent and skilled associate in form of single or group discussions. Before determining the result, the examiner has to hear the associate without the applicant.

The interview takes at least 10 minutes and 30 minutes at most.

The interview is to be held on the grounds of a previously set and for all applicants equally effective questionnaire. The proceeding of the interview is to be recorded in written and needs to be provided with a short assessment of the aptitude.

If the candidate proves by doctor's certificate that he is not able to take part of or the entire examination of aptitude in the prescribed form because of a permanent or more than one semester enduring handicap or a chronic disease, the Examination Committee permits equivalent performances in another form.

V. Notification of the Result and Repetition of the Procedure of Determining Aptitude

The applicant will be given written notice of the result of the aptitude examination. A negative notice is to be provided with instruction on right to appeal. It shall give the reasons for the negative decision.

Unsuccessful applicants may not undergo the procedure of determining aptitude again before the appointed time of the following year. A second repetition is not possible.

Annex 2: Overview: Courses, Modules and Credit Points (CP)

Basic Modules				
<i>module abbreviation</i>	<i>module title</i>	<i>credit points</i>	<i>relative weight with respect to final grade</i>	<i>type of examination</i>
basic 1 + 2	Introduction/ Liberalization of Network Industries in the European Community	1.0	3	written exam
basic 3	Introduction to the Economics of Network Industries	2.0	4	written exam
basic 4	Business Concepts for Network Industry Analysis	1.0	3	written exam
basic 5	Introduction to EC Antitrust Law	2.0	4	written exam
basic 6	State Aid and Public Procurement in Network Industries	1.0	3	written exam
basic 7 + 8	The International Framework for the Regulation of European Network Industries/ Regulatory Rationale and Remedies	1.0	3	written exam

Specialised Modules				
<i>module abbreviation</i>	<i>module title</i>	<i>credit points</i>	<i>relative weight with respect to final grade</i>	<i>type of examination</i>
Comm	Electronic Communication	6.0	5	2 integrated written exams
Electricity	Energy: Electricity	5.0	5	2 integrated written exams
Gas	Energy: Gas	4.0	5	2 integrated written exams
Post	Postal Services	5.0	5	2 integrated written exams
Air	Transport: Air	3.0	5	2 integrated written exams
Railway	Transport: Railway	4.0	5	2 integrated written exams
Water	Water	3.0	5	2 integrated written exams

Advanced Studies
One more module examination in each of the following groups in the field of "specialisation":
1. Comm, Post, Air, Water

2. Electricity, Gas, Railway

The advanced examinations are weighted with the factor 2.5.

Term Papers

Two term papers in different sectors of the specialised modules, which are assigned 1 credit point each and weighted with the factor 7.5.

Master Thesis

Master thesis in the field of network industries, which is assigned 16 credit points and weighted with the factor 25.

Regulator's Dialogues & Workshops

Dialogues and Workshops on subjects related to the Specialised Modules, which are assigned 4 credit points in total.