

This document is not the legally binding version, but only a translation of the official study and examination regulations into German.

## **EXAMINATION AND STUDY REGULATIONS FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**"Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung"  
"German and Comparative Law"**

**Master of Laws (LL.M.)**

**AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG**

**dated 30.08.2024**

**AMENDED BY THE STATUTES OF JULY 15, 2025**

On the basis of Art. 9 sentence 1 in conjunction with Art. 80 para. 1 sentence 1, Art. 84 para. 2 sentence 1, Art. 86 para. 3 sentence 4, Art. 88 para. 9 sentence 1, Art. 90 para. 1 sentences 2 and 7 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG), the University of Regensburg issues the following examination and study regulations:

Preliminary note on the use of language:

The official, personal and functional designations used in these regulations include all genders (male, female, diverse). This also applies if only the female and male form is addressed.

### **Table of contents**

I. General provisions

§ 1 Scope of application

§ 2 Purpose of the examination, academic degree

§ 3 Start of studies, standard period of study, structure of studies, languages of instruction

§ 4 Qualification

§ 5 Academic advising

§ 6 Credit point system and credit account

§ 7 Courses, study and examination achievements

§ 8 Modules

§ 9 Examination board

§ 10 Examiners and assessors

§ 11 Exclusion due to personal involvement, duty of confidentiality

§ 12 Recognition and crediting of competencies

§ 13 Consideration of special life situations

§ 14 Special concerns of students with disabilities or chronic illnesses

## II. Special examination regulations

§ 15 Components of the Master's examination

§ 16 Form and procedure of Master's examination and module examinations

§ 17 Examination dates, registration for module examinations

§ 18 Written module examinations

§ 19 Master's thesis

§ 20 Registration for the Master's thesis

§ 21 Examination deadlines

§ 22 Assessment of examinations, announcement of the examination result

§ 23 Repeatability of module examinations and Master's thesis

§ 24 Defects in the examination procedure

§ 25 Failure, withdrawal, cheating, breach of regulations

§ 26 Passing the Master's examination, overall grade

§ 27 Certificate, Master's certificate, Diploma Supplement

§ 28 Invalidity of examinations

§ 29 Inspection of examination documents

§ 30 Withdrawal of the degree

## III. Final provisions

§ 31 Entry into force

## I. General provisions

### § 1 Scope of application

The University of Regensburg offers the Master's degree programs "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" and "German and Comparative Law", Master of Laws (LL. M.). These examination and study regulations govern the acquisition of study and examination achievements and the awarding of the academic degree in these degree programs.

### § 2

#### Purpose of the examination, academic degree

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The Master's examination to be taken during the course of study constitutes a further professional qualification of the degree program. <sup>2</sup>The Master's examination determines whether the student has acquired the in-depth specialist knowledge of the modules selected by him or her for the Master's degree course. <sup>3</sup>The Master's examination is intended to ensure that the student is able to work independently using academic methods and has acquired the specialist knowledge and skills required for subsequent doctoral studies or a transition into professional practice. <sup>4</sup>The Master's degree courses provide lawyers with a degree from abroad with basic knowledge in the areas of German law, including its fundamentals, and offer the opportunity to deepen selected areas of positive law. <sup>5</sup>They impart jurisprudential and

methodological skills in a research-oriented manner in comparative law with specific reference to the German legal system and legal doctrine.

- (2) The University of Regensburg awards the academic degree of "Master of Laws" (abbreviated to "LL.M.") upon successful completion of the Master's examination.

### **§ 3**

#### **Start of studies, standard period of study, structure of studies, languages of instruction**

- (1) The course can only be started in the winter semester.
- (2) The standard period of study is two semesters.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The degree courses have a modular structure. <sup>2</sup>The Master's degree program comprises the completion of the required modules (§ 15) and the Master's thesis.
- (4) A total of 60 ECTS credit points (ECTS) are required to successfully complete the Master's degree program.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>The languages of instruction and examination are generally German for the "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" degree program and English for the "German and Comparative Law"
- (6) degree program. <sup>2</sup>Students on both degree programs are permitted to attend courses in the other language. <sup>3</sup>Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the examination language is generally German in the "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" degree program and English in the "German and Comparative Law" degree program; § 19 (4) sentence 1 remains unaffected.

### **§ 4**

#### **Qualification**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The prerequisites for admission to one of the two Master's degree programs are
1. a law degree or equivalent degree in a country outside Germany with at least eight semesters of standard study time (240 LP) with a grade of at least 2.5; the conversion is based on the modified Bavarian formula.
  2. <sup>1</sup>Proof of suitability for the degree program; this is provided by a positively evaluated project outline of no more than 5,000 characters (including spaces). <sup>2</sup>This should outline a plan for the structure of the master's program, including the thematic focus of the master's thesis, which can be realized at the University of Regensburg, and it should explain how this plan fits into the applicant's previous and planned academic and professional development. <sup>3</sup>The evaluation is carried out by two persons authorized to examine in the degree program, who are determined in advance by the examination board. <sup>4</sup>Proof of suitability for the degree program is deemed to have been provided if the project outline has been positively evaluated by both examiners. <sup>5</sup>If necessary, these persons may consult with persons from the Faculty of Law who are more familiar with the subject matter before making their evaluation. If the degree certificate cannot yet be

submitted at the time of application, proof of qualification in accordance with para. 1 no. 1 can alternatively be provided by a current certified certificate of previous study and examination achievements from the degree program amounting to at least 210 LP; this certificate must show the provisional overall examination grade resulting from the previous achievements.

3. the required supporting documents, including a declaration of their language skills; Further details are set out in paragraphs 5 to 8.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The examination committee is responsible for checking that the requirements set out in paragraph 1 are met. <sup>2</sup>Section 12(3) applies.
- (3) If the degree certificate cannot be presented at the time of application, proof of qualification in accordance with paragraph 1 no. 1 may alternatively be provided by means of a current certified transcript of previous academic achievements and examination results from the degree program comprising at least 210 credit points; this transcript must show the provisional overall examination grade resulting from previous achievements.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>Applications for admission to one of the two master's programs must be submitted by June 1 for the respective winter semester. <sup>2</sup>If the degree certificate cannot be presented at the time of enrollment, enrollment will be provisional, subject to the condition that the degree certificate be presented by the end of the first semester at the latest.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>Applicants who wish to study the Master's degree program "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" and have not obtained their university entrance qualification at a German-speaking institution must provide separate proof of sufficient German language skills in the form of the German Language Test for University Admission (DSH) with an overall result of DSH-2 or an equivalent language certificate. <sup>2</sup>Applicants who have obtained a degree at a German-speaking institution and have already provided proof of the language proficiency required in sentence 1 in connection with this degree are exempt from this separate proof. <sup>3</sup>The proof must be submitted upon enrollment at the latest.
- (6) <sup>1</sup>Applicants who wish to study the Master's degree program "German and Comparative Law" and have not obtained their university entrance qualification at an English-speaking institution must provide proof of sufficient knowledge of English at level C1 CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). <sup>2</sup>Applicants who have obtained a degree at a German-speaking institution and have already provided the proof of language proficiency required in sentence 1 in connection with this degree are exempt from this separate proof. <sup>3</sup>The proof must be submitted upon enrollment at the latest.
- (7) By accepting the offer of a place on the course, applicants make a declaration in which they undertake to acquire passive knowledge of the language other than the language of instruction of the chosen course of study, both spoken and written, at a level corresponding to B2 CEFR by the start of the course.

- (8) <sup>1</sup>Applicants for the Master's degree program "German and Comparative Law" who have not obtained their university entrance qualification or their first degree at a German-speaking institution must provide proof of basic knowledge of the German language. <sup>2</sup>Proof must be provided in the form of language courses (basic courses) comprising at least 120 teaching hours or knowledge of the German language at level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). <sup>3</sup>If the proof is not submitted at the time of enrollment, enrollment is provisional under the resolutive condition that the proof is submitted by the end of the first year of study at the latest.

## **§ 5**

### **Academic advising**

<sup>1</sup>Students are offered both a central student advisory service and a subject-specific student advisory service. <sup>2</sup>It is recommended that the central student advisory service in particular

- before commencing studies,
- in the event of a change of subject or university,

the departmental student advisory service in particular

- for questions regarding the application, in particular the qualification requirements and the aptitude procedure,
- in all questions relating to study planning (including a stay abroad),
- for questions regarding the recognition of study and examination achievements,
- after failed examinations,

and, if required, the advice of the International Office.

## **§ 6**

### **Credit point system and credit account**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The credit points awarded within the framework of these Master's degree programs measure the workload required to successfully complete a module. <sup>2</sup>They are awarded on the basis of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS); one credit point (ECTS) corresponds to a student workload of 25 to a maximum of 30 hours of attendance and self-study. <sup>3</sup>In order to be able to adhere to the standard period of study in accordance with § 3 Para. 2, students are recommended to acquire an average of 30 ECTS per semester.
- (2) <sup>1</sup> Credit points are awarded for the successful completion of a module and the successful completion of the Master's thesis. <sup>2</sup>They can only be credited once within the chosen degree program.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>A credit point account is kept for all students by the Central Examinations Office for all modules, including the coursework and examinations taken to successfully complete them. <sup>2</sup>The student can view the status of his or her account at any time via the University's electronic examination administration system. <sup>3</sup>If the student discontinues or ultimately fails the degree course, he or she will receive an extract

from his or her account upon request as proof of study; this contains the credit points achieved and the modules successfully completed, with their grades if applicable, and indicates whether he or she is still entitled to take examinations.

## **§ 7**

### **Courses, coursework and examinations**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The following types of courses are intended to convey the objectives and content of the degree program:

Lectures

tutorials

seminars

<sup>2</sup>All courses are assigned to modules (§ 8). <sup>3</sup>The assignment results from the module catalog (§ 8 para. 5).

- (2) <sup>1</sup>Study achievements within the meaning of these regulations are tasks that are generally to be completed as part of courses; they can also be specified as a prerequisite for admission to a module examination in accordance with § 15. <sup>2</sup>The provisions on examinations in accordance with Section II of these regulations apply to coursework as follows: § 17, 18 (2), 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 apply accordingly; coursework can be assessed as "passed" or "failed" or graded in accordance with § 22; § 23 (1) to (3) apply with the proviso that coursework can be repeated as often as desired and the repetition deadlines should be observed. <sup>3</sup>Study achievements are presentations (modules MCL-M01 and MCL-M02) and passed performance assessments in accordance with the lecturer's requirements (module MCL-M02); students are also expected to regularly and actively participate in the courses of the modules MCL-M01 12. & 12.2, MCL-M02 12.1; 12.2 & 12.3 and MCL-M03 12.1.

- (3) Examinations and examinations within the meaning of these regulations are module examinations and the Master's thesis.

## **§ 8**

### **Modules**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>A module is an assessable unit with credit points that combines subject areas at a specific level. <sup>2</sup>As a rule, it should have a scope of at least five ECTS and be completed in a maximum of two semesters. <sup>3</sup>There are three graded modules; they are included in the overall grade of the Master's examination in accordance with § 26.

- (2) <sup>1</sup>For each module, the content to be taught, the competencies to be acquired and the requirements for awarding the credit points allocated to the module are specified. <sup>2</sup>The credit points allocated to a module are awarded after successful completion of the module. <sup>3</sup>Prerequisites for the successful completion of a module are
- a) a passed module examination in accordance with § 16 and
  - b) completed coursework in accordance with § 7 Para. 2.

- (3) <sup>1</sup>As a rule, only one examination within the meaning of § 7 (3) should be required for the successful completion of a module. <sup>2</sup>In exceptional cases where justified by the

subject, up to three examinations per module may be mandatory; the total examination load should not exceed an average of six examinations per semester.

- (4) <sup>1</sup>The course of study for both Master's degree programs comprises three compulsory modules. <sup>2</sup>All three must be completed and successfully completed. <sup>3</sup> There is no entitlement to a particular elective course within the MCL-M01 and MCL-M02 modules being held if there are insufficient numbers of students. <sup>4</sup>The same applies if no suitable lecturer is available at the University of Regensburg for the compulsory elective courses of the MCL-M01 and MCL-M02 modules. <sup>5</sup>The ability to study both courses must, however, be guaranteed.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>The individual courses assigned to the module, the content to be taught and the skills to be acquired, the specific requirements for the awarding of the credit points assigned to the module, the module-specific assessment rules and, if applicable, recommended prior knowledge for participation in a module are communicated to the students in a module catalog. <sup>2</sup>The module catalog is adopted by the Examination Board in agreement with the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law; it can be amended after two semesters at the earliest. <sup>3</sup>The module catalog is published on the website of the Faculty of Law at least one week before the start of the semester.

## **§ 9**

### **Examination board**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>An examination board shall be formed to organize and conduct the examinations, appoint the examiners and assessors and decide on examination matters. <sup>2</sup>It shall consist of three members. <sup>3</sup>The members are appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law. <sup>4</sup>The term of office of the members of the Examination Board is two years; reappointment is possible.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The Examination Board appoints a chairperson and a deputy chairperson from among its members. <sup>2</sup>The chairperson shall manage the day-to-day business and convene the meetings of the Examination Committee. <sup>3</sup>He or she is authorized to take decisions and measures alone in place of the Examination Committee that cannot be postponed. <sup>4</sup>He or she shall inform the Examination Committee of this immediately. <sup>5</sup>The examination board may revocably delegate the performance of further tasks to the chairperson, his or her deputy or the central examination secretariat.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The Audit Committee shall constitute a quorum if all members have been invited with at least three days' notice and the majority are present and entitled to vote; it shall pass resolutions at meetings by a majority of the votes cast. <sup>2</sup> Abstention, secret voting and proxy voting are not permitted. <sup>3</sup>In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote. <sup>4</sup> Protocol must be kept of the meeting, which must include the date and place of the meeting, the names of the persons present, the items discussed, motions, resolutions and the result of the vote. <sup>5</sup>As an alternative to sentence 1, resolutions may be passed by way of circulation, including in electronic form, in appropriate cases.

- (4) <sup>1</sup>The Examination Board shall issue the decisions required under these Examination Regulations in writing, stating the reasons and providing information on legal remedies. <sup>2</sup>The student shall be given the opportunity to comment before a decision is made which adversely affects him or her.
- (5) The Central Examinations Office supports the Examination Board in organizing and conducting the examinations.

## **§ 10**

### **Examiners and assessors**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Any person authorized to conduct university examinations in accordance with the BayHIG and the Hochschulprüferverordnung (HSchPrüferV) as amended may be appointed as an examiner. <sup>2</sup>Any member of the University of Regensburg who has successfully completed a corresponding or comparable academic degree program may be appointed as an assessor. <sup>3</sup>The assessors themselves do not examine.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>All university lecturers may be appointed as supervisors for the Master's thesis in accordance with Art. 19 Para. 1 Sentence 1 Alt. 1 and sentence 3 Alt. 1 BayHIG who belong to the faculty offering the subject.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>If a member authorized to conduct examinations leaves the University of Regensburg, the Examination Board may decide, at his or her request, that he or she will continue to act as an examiner for a reasonable period of time. <sup>2</sup>As a rule, the right to examine should be retained for up to two years. <sup>3</sup>A longer period may be provided for retired professors.
- (4) A change of examiner that becomes necessary for compelling reasons shortly before the start of the examination is permitted.

## **§ 11**

### **Exclusion due to personal involvement, duty of confidentiality**

- (1) Exclusion from deliberation and voting in the examination committee and from examination activities due to personal involvement is determined in accordance with Art. 51 Para. 2 BayHIG.
- (2) The obligation of the members of the examination board, the examiners, the examination assessors and other persons involved in examination matters to maintain confidentiality is governed by Art. 26 Para. 2 BayHIG.

## **§ 12**

### **Recognition and crediting of competences**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Study periods, coursework and examinations completed in degree programmes or through successful participation in a distance learning unit as part of a degree programme at state or state-recognized higher education institutions in the Federal



Republic of Germany or in degree programmes at foreign state or state-recognized higher education institutions, as well as degrees obtained on the basis of such degree programmes, shall be recognized, provided that there are no significant differences in the competences acquired and the competences to be demonstrated. <sup>2</sup>The same applies to coursework and examinations completed at a state or state-recognized higher education institution in Bavaria as part of modular and supplementary studies, at the Virtual University of Bavaria or as part of early or junior studies. <sup>3</sup>The recognition serves the continuation of studies, the taking of examinations, the commencement of further studies or admission to doctoral studies. <sup>4</sup>Study and examination achievements acquired abroad as part of the German-language degree programs of the Faculty of Law at the University of Regensburg are generally to be recognized.

- (2) <sup>1</sup>Competences acquired as part of further education or further qualification studies or outside the higher education sector may be credited if they are equivalent. <sup>2</sup>A maximum of 30 ECTS may be credited.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>If the grading system of the foreign university does not correspond to § 22 when recognizing and crediting study and examination achievements completed abroad, the grade of the examination achievement to be credited shall be determined in accordance with a university-wide grade conversion key. <sup>2</sup>If a grade conversion key has been agreed within the framework of partnership agreements with foreign universities, this shall be binding.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>The recognition and crediting of periods of study as well as study and examination achievements requires a written application from the applicant. <sup>2</sup>As a rule, one semester of study is recognized for each 30 LP completed. <sup>3</sup>The application must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Examination Board together with the relevant documents. <sup>4</sup>The documents to be submitted include, in particular, the module catalog, from which, among other things, the qualification objectives, the learning content and the scope of work must be derived, as well as the grading system on which the assessment of the module is based. <sup>5</sup>An application for recognition or crediting of previous study and examination achievements can only be submitted once, at the latest by the end of the first semester after (re-)commencement of studies at the University of Regensburg. <sup>6</sup>In the case of later acquisition, the application must be submitted within one semester. <sup>7</sup>Recognition or crediting is excluded once the examination to be replaced has been taken. <sup>8</sup>The Chairperson of the Examination Board shall decide on the existence of the requirements for recognition and crediting in agreement with the responsible subject representative body, taking into account Art. 86 BayHIG.

### **§ 13**

#### **Consideration of special life situations**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The use of the protective provisions of the Maternity Protection Act of May 30, 2017, as amended, is made possible. <sup>2</sup>In particular, the use of the protection periods in accordance with §§ 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Maternity Protection Act of May 23, 2017, as amended, as well as the periods of the Act on Parental Allowance and Parental

Leave of December 5, 2006, as amended, shall be guaranteed upon application for deadlines and dates. <sup>3</sup>The corresponding evidence must be kept; changes in the requirements must be communicated immediately.

- (2) <sup>1</sup>Upon application, periods of study shall not be counted towards examination deadlines if the student is unable to study properly or only to a very limited extent for reasons for which he or she is not responsible. <sup>2</sup>In particular, reasons for which the student is not responsible include illness or caring for seriously ill relatives at home. <sup>3</sup>The deadlines of the Caregiver Leave Act of May 28, 2008, as amended, regarding caregiver leave and its use are guaranteed upon application. <sup>4</sup>The relevant evidence must be provided without delay, in particular medical certificates or, in cases of doubt, official medical certificates. <sup>5</sup>Changes to the requirements must be notified immediately.
- (3) <sup>1</sup> Pregnant women may be granted a break in the examination upon request, in particular if it can be proven that the examination cannot be completed in the planned duration due to the pregnancy. <sup>2</sup>A medical certificate must be submitted. <sup>3</sup> § 14 (3) applies accordingly.
- (4) It is recommended that the family-friendly study and examination regulations - guidelines of the University of Regensburg - in the currently valid version are always taken into account.

## **§ 14**

### **Special concerns of students with disabilities or chronic illnesses**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The special situation of students with disabilities or chronic illnesses shall be taken into account in an appropriate manner. <sup>2</sup>If the student proves that he or she is unable to complete coursework and examinations in accordance with § 7 in full or in part in the prescribed form or within the prescribed period due to a disability or chronic illness, the Examination Board shall permit the extension of the processing time or the deadlines for the completion of coursework and examinations or the completion of equivalent examinations and coursework in a form appropriate to the student's needs.
- (2) If it is foreseeable that a course of study cannot be completed in the planned form or time due to disability or chronic illness, it is possible to draw up a study plan in consultation with the responsible faculty and the examination board, which is based on the individual's limited ability to perform.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The chairperson of the examination board shall decide on cases in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 upon written application, which must generally be submitted no later than eight weeks before the start of the examination, and shall inform the student of the decision in writing. <sup>2</sup>In the application in accordance with sentence 1, the student may also request that the Senate Representative for Students with Disabilities or Chronic Illnesses be consulted before a negative decision is made. <sup>3</sup>The decisions of the Examination Board must be presented when registering for and taking the examinations.

- (4) A medical certificate, or in cases of doubt an official medical certificate, must be submitted as proof of a disability or chronic illness.

## **II. Special examination regulations**

### **§ 15**

#### **Components of the Master's examination**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The Master's examination in the degree programs according to § 1 sentence 1 consists of proof of 60 ECTS. <sup>2</sup>These are achieved by the successful completion of the following modules in the scope of 60 ECTS, which are described in more detail in the module catalog:

Module abbreviation	Module name	ECTS	Form of examination	Audit scope
MCL-M01	German law and German jurisprudence in a comparative perspective	20	Term paper and presentation	10-20 pages in four weeks
MCL-M02	Legal history, comparative law and foreign law	20	Seminar paper and individual examinations of different formats	10-20 pages in four weeks
MCL-M03	Final module	20	Master thesis	50-70 pages in twelve weeks

### **§ 16**

#### **Form and procedure of Master's examination and module examinations, scope of application**

- (1) The Master's examination takes place during the course of study in the form of successfully completed modules in accordance with § 8 Para. 2 and the Master's thesis in accordance with § 19.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Module examinations are examinations whose results are included in the overall grade of the Master's examination and in the degree certificate in accordance with § 26. <sup>2</sup>The module examination is intended to determine whether the student has achieved the qualification and competence objectives of the module as specified in the module catalog. <sup>3</sup>The examination result is graded in accordance with § 22.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The specific structure (examination components, examination form, respective duration and content) of the module examinations shall be announced to the students in the module catalog. <sup>2</sup>The applicable module catalog shall be published on the Faculty of Law website no later than one week before the start of the semester.

- (4) The prerequisite for taking a module examination is enrollment as a student at the University of Regensburg.

## **§ 17**

### **Examination dates, registration for module examinations**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Module examinations shall be held at least once during the period in which the module takes place. <sup>2</sup>The specific examination dates shall be announced to students via the electronic examination administration system of the University of Regensburg.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>As a rule, registration for the examination shall take place via the electronic examination administration system of the University of Regensburg. <sup>2</sup>If electronic registration is not possible, written registration must be submitted to the examiner within the registration period.

## **§ 18**

### **Written module examinations**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Written module examinations take the form of term papers and seminar papers. <sup>2</sup>The maximum processing time is four weeks and should be ten pages long.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>If a written examination is assessed as "insufficient" (5.0), it must be assessed by a second examiner. <sup>2</sup>The overall grade shall be determined in accordance with § 22.

## **§ 19**

### **Master's thesis**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>As a rule, the Master's thesis should be completed in the second semester. <sup>2</sup>It should demonstrate that the student is able to work on a problem from the field of law using scientific methods and to present his or her results in an appropriate, factually correct and comprehensible manner.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The topic of the Master's thesis shall be assigned by the supervisor (§ 10 Para. 2). <sup>2</sup>The topic of the thesis and the date of its announcement to the candidate must be communicated to the Central Examination Office without delay and filed there.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The processing time for the Master's thesis may not exceed twelve weeks from the time the topic is assigned. <sup>2</sup>The topic and scope of the Master's thesis must be aligned with the processing time. <sup>3</sup>The deadline begins with the announcement of the topic to the candidate. <sup>4</sup>The thesis must be submitted in good time so that the submission date is before the date specified in § 21 (1) sentence 1. <sup>5</sup>If the candidate proves that he or she is prevented from working on the thesis for reasons for which he or she is not responsible, or that he or she is unable to meet the deadline in § 21 (1) sentence 1, he or she shall be granted a grace period upon request. <sup>6</sup>The written request must be submitted by the candidate to the chairperson of the examination board and the central examination secretariat immediately after the reason arises; § 25 (3) applies

accordingly.<sup>7</sup>Three bound printed copies and an additional electronic version (pdf file) of the thesis must be submitted to the Central Examination Office by the deadline.<sup>8</sup>The time of submission and completeness in accordance with sentence 7 must be recorded.<sup>9</sup>If the thesis is not submitted on time, it will be assessed as "insufficient" (5.0).

- (4) <sup>1</sup>In both LL.M. degree programs, the Master's thesis must be written in German or English at the student's discretion and should not exceed 50-70 pages. <sup>2</sup>The thesis must contain a declaration at the end by the author that the submitted printed copies and the submitted electronic version (pdf file) of the thesis are identical and that he or she has written the thesis independently and has not used any sources or aids other than those specified by him or her and has not already submitted the thesis to another university to obtain an academic degree. <sup>3</sup>The declaration shall contain a confirmation by the author that he or she is aware of the legal consequences provided for in § 26 (6).
- (5) <sup>1</sup>As a rule, the Master's thesis should be assessed by the supervisor no later than three months after submission. <sup>2</sup>If the Master's thesis is assessed as "insufficient" (5.0), it must be assessed by another assessor appointed by the Chair of the Examination Board. <sup>3</sup>The grade for the Master's thesis is determined in accordance with § 22.

## **§ 20**

### **Registration for the Master's thesis**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The application for admission to the Master's thesis and assignment of a topic should be submitted in writing to the Central Examination Office at the beginning of the summer semester. <sup>2</sup>It must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Examination Board. <sup>3</sup>The application must be accompanied by a declaration as to whether the candidate has already failed the Master's examination in the subject Master of Laws (LL.M.) "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" or "German and Comparative Law".
- (2) The prerequisite for admission to the Master's thesis is
1. proof of at least 30 LP
  2. enrolment in the respective LL.M. degree course in accordance with § 1 sentence 1 at the University of Regensburg.
- (3) Admission shall be refused if the candidate
1. does not fulfill the requirements specified in para. 2 or
  2. has already definitively failed the Master's examination in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree course "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" or "German and Comparative Law".
- (4) <sup>1</sup>In justified exceptional cases, the candidate may return the topic once within four weeks of it being assigned. <sup>2</sup>The declaration that the topic has been returned must be recorded. <sup>3</sup>§ 19 applies accordingly to the assignment of a new topic.

## **§ 21**

### **Examination deadlines**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>If the candidate has not acquired the 60 ECTS required to successfully complete the Master's examination by the end of the fourth semester in accordance with § 15 para. 1 sentence 2, the Master's examination shall be deemed to have been taken and failed for the first time, unless the student has been granted a grace period for reasons for which he or she is not responsible. <sup>2</sup>The reasons must be asserted and proven by the candidate without delay. <sup>3</sup>The written application must be addressed to the Chair of the Examination Board and submitted to the Central Examination Secretariat; § 25 (3) applies accordingly. <sup>4</sup> Modules not yet completed after the deadline in sentence 1 and the Master's thesis are deemed to have been taken and failed for the first time.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>If the outstanding achievements for successfully completing the Master's examination cannot be demonstrated within the following semester, the Master's examination is deemed to have been definitively failed, unless the student has been granted a grace period for reasons for which he or she is not responsible. <sup>2</sup> Paragraph 1 sentences 2 and 3 and § 23 (1) sentence 3 apply accordingly.
- (3) Study periods credited in accordance with § 12 shall count towards the deadlines.

## **§ 22**

### **Assessment of examinations, announcement of the examination result**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The examinations are graded as follows:

1 = very good	an outstanding performance;
2 = good	a performance that significantly exceeds the requirements;
3 = satisfactory	a performance that meets the requirements;
4 = sufficient	a performance that still meets the requirements despite its shortcomings;
5 = inadequate	a performance that no longer meets the requirements due to significant deficiencies.

<sup>2</sup>A grade of "6 = unsatisfactory" may only be awarded in the cases set out in § 25 (4) and (6).
- (2) <sup>1</sup>In order to differentiate the assessment of performance, the grades in accordance with para. 1 sentence 1 may be increased or decreased by 0.3. <sup>2</sup>The grades 0.7; 4.3; 4.7 and 5.3 are excluded.
- (3) An examination is successfully completed if the grade is at least "sufficient" (4.00).
- (4) The result of an examination is deemed to have been announced to the candidate one week after it has been entered into the electronic examination administration system of the University of Regensburg.

## **§ 23**

### **Repeatability of module examinations and Master's thesis**

- (1) 1 Any module examination that has not been passed for the first time may be repeated once. 2 In the course of the entire degree program, a failed examination may be repeated once again upon written application to the Examination Board and submitted to the Central Examination Office. 3 In this respect, a third attempt is granted once. 4 As a rule, the first repeat examination must be taken within six months, but no later than the examination dates of the following semester, unless the candidate is granted a grace period for special reasons for which he or she is not responsible; § 21 (1) sentences 2 and 3 apply accordingly. 5 The deadline is not interrupted by exmatriculation and leave of absence, unless the leave of absence was due to a semester abroad.
- (2) As a rule, the second resit examination must be taken no later than twelve months after the announcement of the result of the first attempt/failure of the first resit examination.
- (3) Voluntary repetition of a passed module examination is not permitted.
- (4) 1 If the Master's thesis is assessed as "insufficient" (5.0) or is deemed to have been failed in accordance with § 21 (1) sentence 4, it may be repeated with a new topic, subject to § 25 (6). 2 An application for the re-assignment of a topic must generally be submitted within six months of the announcement of the first failure, but in any case in good time so that the deadlines in § 22 can be met. 3 The deadline is not interrupted by exmatriculation and leave of absence, unless the leave of absence was due to a semester abroad. 4 A second resit is not possible; § 20 (4) does not apply.

## **§ 24**

### **Defects in the examination procedure**

- (1) If the examination procedure was flawed in a way that influenced the examination result, the examination or individual parts thereof must be repeated by a specific candidate or by all candidates at the request of the candidate or ex officio.
- (2) Defects in the examination procedure must be reported immediately to the chairperson of the examination board or to the examiner.
- (3) Six months after completion of the examination, no further ex officio orders may be issued in accordance with para. 1.

## **§ 25**

### **Failure to attend, withdrawal, cheating, breach of regulations**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The candidate may withdraw from the examination up to one working day before the start of the examination without giving reasons. <sup>2</sup>The candidate shall deregister

via the University's electronic examination administration system. <sup>3</sup>If it is not possible to deregister via the electronic examination administration system, a written deregistration must be submitted to the examiner within the period specified in sentence 1.

- (2) If the candidate withdraws from the examination after expiry of the deadline in paragraph 1 for reasons for which he/she is responsible or if he/she misses all or part of a multi-part examination for reasons for which he/she is responsible, the respective examination is deemed to have been taken and is assessed as "insufficient" (5.0).
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The reasons asserted for the failure or withdrawal in accordance with para. 2 must be reported to the Examination Board of the degree programs in writing without delay and evidence provided. <sup>2</sup>The same applies to an inability to take an examination that occurs before or during the examination. <sup>3</sup>In the case of inability to take an examination due to illness, a medical certificate must be submitted, which must be based on an examination that took place on the day of the claimed inability to take the examination. <sup>4</sup>In cases of doubt, an official medical certificate may be requested. <sup>5</sup>If the examination board recognizes the reasons given as sufficient, the legal consequences of paragraph 2 shall not apply and the candidate may re-register for the examination on the next examination date.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>If the candidate attempts to influence the result of an examination by cheating, exceeding the completion time or using unauthorized aids to their own or another's advantage, the examination in question will be graded as "unsatisfactory" (6.0). <sup>2</sup> In the case of written examinations, cheating is deemed to have occurred if unauthorized aids are found at the workstation after the start of the examination. <sup>3</sup>In repeated or serious cases, the Examination Board may decide that either the grade awarded in accordance with sentence 1 shall be offset by 50% against the grade achieved in the repeat attempt and thus be included in the overall grade of the Master's examination in accordance with § 26 or that the candidate shall no longer be given the opportunity to repeat the examination in accordance with § 23 (1) sentence 1 and the Master's examination shall therefore be deemed to have been definitively failed. <sup>4</sup> Sentences 1 and 3 apply accordingly to recognitions and credits in accordance with § 12.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>A candidate who disrupts the proper conduct of the examination may be excluded from continuing the examination by the respective examiner or invigilator; in this case, the examination in question will be assessed as "fail" (4.3; 4.7; 5.0). <sup>2</sup>In serious cases, the examination board may decide that the candidate will no longer be given the opportunity to retake the examination in accordance with § 23.
- (6) <sup>1</sup>If, when preparing a written paper or Master's thesis, the candidate violates the obligation to write the paper independently and to cite all aids and sources, the paper will be graded as "unsatisfactory" (6.0). <sup>2</sup> If it is a module examination, the Examination Board may decide in serious cases that the grade awarded in accordance with sentence 1 shall be offset by 50% against the grade achieved in the repeat attempt and thus be included in the overall grade of the Master's examination in accordance with § 26. <sup>3</sup>In the case of the Master's thesis, the Examination Board may decide in serious cases that the candidate will not be given the opportunity to resit



the thesis in accordance with § 23 (4) sentence 1 and that the Master's examination will therefore be deemed to have been definitively failed.

- (7) <sup>1</sup>The decisions in accordance with paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 must be communicated to the candidate in writing, must be justified and must include information on legal remedies. <sup>2</sup>§ 9 para. 4 sentence 2 shall apply.

## **§ 26**

### **Passing the Master's examination, overall grade**

- (1) The Master's examination has been passed if the 60 ECTS have been proven in accordance with § 15 Para. 1.
- (2) The overall grade for the Master's examination is made up as follows:
- Module MCL-M 01: 25 %
  - Module MCL-M 02: 25 %
  - Module MCL-M 03: 50 %
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The Master's examination is definitively failed if
1. the Master's thesis has been definitively failed,
  2. one of the required modules in the compulsory area has been definitively failed,
  3. the credit points to be acquired in the compulsory elective area can no longer be acquired,
  4. the 60 ECTS required to pass the Master's examination can no longer be achieved due to the expiry of the deadline in accordance with § 21 (2).
- <sup>2</sup>The Chair of the Examination Board shall issue a written notification of this, which must include information on legal remedies.

## **§ 27**

### **Certificate, Master's certificate, Diploma Supplement**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Once the candidate has passed the Master's examination, he or she shall receive a certificate listing the achievements required to pass the Master's examination with the corresponding credit points and grades as well as the overall grade. <sup>2</sup> The date on which the Master's examination was passed shall be the date on which the last examination was completed. <sup>3</sup>The certificate shall also state the topic of the Master's thesis, its grade and number of credit points. <sup>4</sup>The candidate also receives an English translation and a Diploma Supplement in English, which contains a description of the qualification acquired through the respective degree program. <sup>5</sup>In addition, the candidate will receive an extract from his or her credit point account with the certificate as proof of study.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>In addition to the certificate, the candidate will receive the Master's certificate and an English translation with the date of the certificate. <sup>2</sup>This certifies the award of the Master's degree in accordance with § 2 (2). <sup>3</sup>When the certificate is issued, the candidate is authorized to use the academic degree.

- (3) <sup>1</sup>The certificate is signed by the Chair of the Examination Board, the Master's certificate by the Dean of the Faculty of Law. <sup>2</sup>Both documents shall bear the seal of the Faculty.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>In addition to the certificate, an ECTS grading table will be issued upon request. <sup>2</sup>This table indicates for each level of the overall examination grade in accordance with § 22 (3) what proportion of graduates of the respective degree program completed their studies with this grade in the comparison period. <sup>3</sup>The degrees of the respective degree program from the previous eight semesters, but at least 30 degrees, are used as the comparison group. <sup>4</sup>The date of the last achievement is decisive for the assignment to the respective semester. <sup>5</sup>If the minimum number of degrees is not reached, the comparison group is extended by one semester until this is the case. <sup>6</sup>For degrees completed before the minimum number of degrees has been reached, an ECTS grading table will be issued subsequently upon request as soon as the minimum number of degrees has been reached at the end of a semester. <sup>7</sup> For this purpose, the semester in which the degree was obtained is also included in the comparison group. <sup>8</sup>The size of the respective comparison group and the period used to form it must be shown.

## **§ 28**

### **Invalidity of examinations**

- (1) If the candidate has cheated in an examination and this fact only becomes known after the certificate has been issued, the examination board may subsequently correct the grades concerned accordingly and declare the examination failed in whole or in part.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>If the requirements for admission to an examination were not met without the candidate intending to deceive about this, and this fact only becomes known after the certificate has been issued, this deficiency shall be remedied by passing the examination. <sup>2</sup>If the candidate has deliberately obtained admission unlawfully, the examination board shall decide on the withdrawal of unlawful administrative acts in accordance with the general principles of administrative law.
- (3) The candidate shall be given the opportunity to make a statement before a decision is made by the examination board in accordance with para. 1 or 2.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>The incorrect examination certificate shall be withdrawn and, if necessary, a new one issued. <sup>2</sup>A decision in accordance with para. 1 and para. 2 sentence 2 is excluded after a period of five years from the date of the examination certificate.

## **§ 29**

### **Inspection of the examination documents**

To inspect the examination documents, a written request must be submitted to the respective examiner within one month of the announcement of the examination result.

**§ 30**  
**Withdrawal of the degree**

Withdrawal of the degree is governed by Art. 101 BayHIG.

**III. Final provisions**

**§ 31**  
**Entry into force**

<sup>1</sup>These statutes shall enter into force on the day of their announcement. <sup>2</sup>It applies to all students who commence their studies in the Master's degree program "Deutsches Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" (LL.M.) or in the Master's degree program "German and Comparative Law" (LL.M.) from the winter semester 2024/25.