

Degree Programme and Examination Regulations for the Elite Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg - FPOSDAC -

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Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) has issued the following degree programme and examination regulations in accordance with Section 13 (1)(2), Section. 43 (5) (2) and Section 61 (2)(1) BayHSchG.

Preamble

Within the Elite Network of Bavaria, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) offers the Elite Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) – Knowledge, Authenticity, Time' in cooperation with the European Center for Chinese Studies (ECCS) at Beijing University.

Section 1 Scope

These degree programme and examination regulations for the research-orientated Elite Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) – Knowledge, Authenticity, Time' with the degree of 'Master of Arts (MA)' supplement the current version of the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg – **ABMStPO/Phil** – dated 27 September 2007.

Section 2 Qualification for a Master's degree programme

(1) Contrary to Section 35 **ABMStPO/Phil**, those applying for admission to the 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) – Knowledge, Authenticity, Time' Master's degree programme will be required to:

1. Hold a university degree (Bachelor, Diploma, Magister, Master or Staatsexamen) with an above-average grade, in particular in the fields of philology, social sciences, history, education, philosophy, religious studies, anthropology, economics, law, psychology or medicine with a specific academic or research-orientated emphasis or an equivalent degree in the same fields awarded by an institute of higher education in Germany or abroad, insofar as the academic or research-orientated nature of the degree does not deviate significantly from the specified requirements for admission
2. Successfully complete the qualification assessment process as described in **Appendix 2**.

(2) ¹Applicants must be among the top 50% of their intake or must have been awarded a grade of at least 2.00 ('good'). ²Section 15 (3) **ABMStPO/Phil** applies accordingly.

(3) ¹If, during the procedure specified in Section 1 (2)(2), the qualifications held by the applicant as required in Section 1 (1)(1) are found to be such that any differences to requirements are reconcilable, the Examinations Committee may grant admission on the condition that proof of further achievements to be specified by the committee and equivalent to a maximum of 20 ECTS credits is submitted within one year of admission to the Master's programme. ²Admission in this case shall be granted conditionally.

(4) ¹Paragraph 1 sentence 1 notwithstanding, students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme may be admitted to the Master's degree programme if they have acquired at least 140 ECTS credits. ²Proof of successful completion of a Bachelor's degree programme must be submitted at the latest within one year of admission to the Master's degree programme; the award of a Bachelor's degree is considered to be a formal requirement for admission to the Master's degree programme. ³Admission in this case shall be granted conditionally.

Section 3 Scope and structure of the Master's degree programme, teaching and examination language

(1) The scope and structure of the Elite Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) – Knowledge, Authenticity, Time' and the scope of and weighting afforded to examinations are specified in **Appendix 1**.

(2) ¹The Master's degree programme consists of two phases. ²The emphasis during the first two semesters is on theoretical content. ³The following two semesters are designed to enable participants to obtain practical experience (mandatory stay at ECCS in Beijing during the third semester) and consolidate their theoretical knowledge acquired during the previous semesters (the Master's thesis is to be written in the fourth semester).

(3) ¹The language of teaching and examination in the Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision- Making Across Cultures (SDAC) – Knowledge, Authenticity, Time' is English. ²Certain lectures and examinations in elective modules may be held in German and/or Chinese; the details are set out in the module handbook. ³In any case of uncertainty, the examination language shall be the same as the teaching language.

Section 4 Examinations Committee

(1) ¹Contrary to Sections 11 (1) and (14) **ABMStPO/Phil**, a dedicated Examinations Committee will be tasked with organising and implementing the examinations for the Elite Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) – Knowledge, Authenticity, Time'. ²It will consist of five members. ³The Professor of Cultural and Social Anthropology, the Junior Professor of Anthropology and the degree programme coordinator shall be members of the Examinations Committee together with the two speakers for the degree programme. ⁴The members shall be appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology. ⁵The Examinations Committee shall elect one of the speakers for the degree programme as the chairperson and appoint a deputy in the event of the chairperson's absence. ⁶The term of office of the members shall be five years. ⁷It is permissible to reappoint members and reelect the chairperson. ⁸The chairperson may assign tasks that are their responsibility to a member of the Examinations Committee.

(2) In addition, the Examinations Committee is responsible for verifying compliance with the qualifications and admission requirements as set out in Section 2 and **Appendix 2**.

Section 5 Resit examinations

¹Contrary to Section 39 (1) **ABMStPO/Phil**, it is only possible to resit the examinations of the Elite Master's degree programme once. ²To ensure compliance with the deadline for resitting examinations specified in Section 39 (2) in conjunction with Section 34 (1)(3) **ABMStPO/Phil**, it will also be possible to resit examinations for the modules to be completed in Beijing (modules 7 to 9) in Erlangen.

Section 6 Legal validity and transitional provisions

These degree programme and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

Appendix 1: Study plan of the Master's degree programme 'Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures' (SDAC)

Module title	Course	SWS (semester hours)				ECTS	Workload per semester in terms of ECTS credits				Type and scope of the examination/coursework	Module grade weighting
		L	T	E	C		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
Module 1: Theories of Decision-Making Across Cultural Contexts	Decision-Making across Cultures	2				10	2				Oral examination (20 min.)	1
	Decision-Making across Cultures		2				2					
	Aspects of Decision-Making in the Humanities				2		6					
Module 2: Concepts of Chinese Cultural Orientations and Decision-Making	Ordering the World and Deciding upon the Future – Decision-Making in East Asia	2				10		2			Written assignment (12-15 pages)	1
	Ordering the World and Deciding upon the Future – Decision-Making in East Asia				2			8				
Module 3: Comparative Philosophy/Fate, Freedom, and Prognostication I	Comparative Philosophy	2				10	5				Final examination (90 min.)	1
	Universal Rights for a Fragmented World? Principles and Pitfalls in the Philosophy of Human Rights	2					2					
	IKGF Lecture Series I	2					2					
	IKGF Lecture Series I		1				1					
Module 4: The Influence of Cultural-Religious Vari- ances on Decision-Making Processes Religious Variances on Decision-Making Processes/Fate, Free- dom, and Prognostica- tion II	The Influence of Cultural-Religious Vari- ances on Decision-Making Processes	2				10		5			Oral examination (20 min.)	1
	Sociological Perspectives on Intercultural Decision-Making Processes				3			2				
	IKGF Lecture Series II							2				
	IKGF Lecture Series II		1					1				
Module 5 – Compulsory elective module: Specific Approaches of Selected Academic Disciplines – Europe	<u>Modern Chinese Language and Culture</u> or: Comparative Philosophy II or: The influence of Cultural-Religious Variances on Decision-Making Processes				5	10	10				Final examination (90 min.)	1
Module 6: Rationalities of Decision-Making	IKGF Interdisciplinary Colloquium				2	10		4			Presentation (20 min.) with a handout (2 pages) in cooperation with an IKGF research fellow	1
	Summer school				4			6				

Module 7: Contexts of Decision-Making in China	Civil Examinations and Careers in Late Imperial China	2				10			2		Oral examination (20 min.)	1
	Decision-Making in Practice: Examples from Economy, Politics, and Society in China				2				6			
	Decision-Making in Practice		2						2			
Module 8 - Compulsory elective module: Specific Approaches of Selected Academic Disciplines – East Asia	Modern Chinese Language Training		6			10			10		Final examination (90 min.)	1
	or: Selected Lectures in English at Beijing University	6									Written assignment (12-15 pages)	
Module 9: Developing Transcultural Sensitivities	Lecture Series ECCS/Yenching Academy	2				10			2		Final report on the stay in China (15-20 pages)	1
	Decision-Making in China – Experiences (block seminar, Erlangen)				1				8			
Module 10: Master's Thesis	Master's Thesis					30				25	Master's thesis (ca. 60–80 pages) and presentation (approx. 20 min.)	2
	Master's Thesis Colloquium				2					5		
		18-24	6-12		23	120	30	30	30	30		
		Total SWS: 53					Total ECTS			120		

Appendix 2: Qualification assessment process

(1) The qualification assessment process will be carried out once per year before the start of the lecture period in the winter semester.

(2) ¹The following documents must be supplied with applications for admission to the Master's degree programme:

1. Completed admission application form
2. Documentation demonstrating that the applicant holds a university degree as specified in Section 2 (1)(1) (degree certificate, transcript of records, diploma supplement or comparable documents) or a transcript of records if there is application for admission under the circumstances described in Section 2 (4)
3. Proof of English language skills equivalent at least to Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CER) for languages or equivalent proof of English language skills if the higher education entrance qualification or the relevant initial professional qualification was not acquired in the English language
4. A CV in tabular form including a passport photograph
5. Other qualifications of relevance to the degree programme; e.g. proof of successful completion of modules relating to academic or research achievements (at least 6 ECTS credits), proof of successful completion of modules of an expressly cross-cultural nature (at least 6 ECTS credits) and/or proof of professional experience obtained in a non-Western country (at least 3 months full-time) or equivalent evidence.

²Proof that the applicant has the English language skills specified in Sentence 1 (3)(2) can be provided in the form of the German higher education entrance qualification (Abitur) or comparable documents evidencing skills at level UNiCert C2 or CER B2.

(3) ¹Applications must be submitted to the university's Master's Office at the latest by 15 July of a given year for the following winter semester. ²The Examinations Committee may grant an extension of this deadline on request.

(4) ¹In accordance with Section 4, the qualification assessment process shall be undertaken by the Examinations Committee. ²The Examinations Committee may transfer the task of coordinating and carrying out the process to individual members unless otherwise specified.

(5) ¹Admission to the qualification assessment process shall be subject to the timely and complete submission of the documents listed in Section 2. ²The qualification assessment process will be undertaken for applications submitted by applicants who meet the requirements specified in Section 6. ³Applicants who are rejected will receive a notification of rejection; this will specify the reasons for rejection and provide information on available legal remedies.

(6) ¹The Examinations Committee will preselect candidates on the basis of the submitted documentation during the qualification assessment process on the basis of whether they are suitable in general for admission to a Master's degree programme. ²Applicants holding the qualifications specified in Section 2 (1) (1) or, in cases in which the provisions of Section 2 (4) apply, who have an average grade to date of 2.00 (= good) or better and applicants who are among the top 50% of their intake will be invited to an interview of approx. 30 minutes that can also take the form of a video call; Section 15 (4) **ABMStPO/Phil** applies accordingly to qualifications for which a different grading system has been employed. ³Applicants holding the qualifications specified in Section 2 (1) (1) or, in cases in which the provisions of Section 2 (4) apply, with an average grade to date of

2.01 to 2.50 (= good) or better and/or applicants who belong to the top 60% of their intake will be invited to participate in a selection interview if they can furnish proof of qualifications of relevance to the Elite Master's degree programme as specified in Section 2 (5). ⁴The remaining applicants will receive a notification of rejection; this will specify the reasons for rejection and provide information on available legal remedies. ⁵The selection interview will be carried out by at least two members of the Examinations Committee. ⁶The Examinations Committee can request university lecturers whose qualifications correspond with the applicant's profile to take part in the interview in an advisory capacity (without the right to vote). ⁷Applicants must present and, on request, justify their qualifications during the selection interview and provide adequate answers to questions on topics of relevance to the Elite Master's degree programme. ⁸The suitability of applicants for admission to the Elite Master's degree programme will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria (weighting accorded to each criterion in brackets):

1. Quality of knowledge of cross-cultural issues and awareness of problems involved in interdisciplinary academic research (40%),
2. Their capacity for abstract thought and their ability to assess specific examples of intercultural decision-making practices (30%),
3. Their ability to express themselves and communicate (30%).

⁹The result of the selection interview will be rated as 'bestanden' (pass) or 'nicht bestanden' (fail). ¹⁰A record of the selection interview will be kept.

(7) ¹The result of the qualification assessment process will be rated as 'bestanden' (pass) or 'nicht bestanden' (fail); applicants will be notified of the result in writing. ²Any notification of rejection will specify the reasons for rejection and provide information on available legal remedies. ³It will not be possible to repeat the qualification assessment process on the basis of the documentation submitted with the first application.

(8) Applicants shall themselves bear the costs of the qualification assessment process.

(9) Confirmation that an applicant has successfully completed the qualification assessment process will remain valid indefinitely unless significant changes are made to the Master's degree programme.