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Faculty of Social Sciences:

Following the resolution of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 03.05.2023, the Presidential Board of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen on 03.08.2023 approved the eighth amendment of the Examination and study regulations for the non-consecutive Master's degree programme „Euroculture“ in the version of the announcement of 23.09.2011 (Official Announcements I no. 7/2011 p. 397), last amended by decision of the Presidential Board on 10.08.2021 (Official Announcements I no. 38/2021 p. 397), approved (§ 44 section 1 sentence 2 NHG in the version of the announcement of 26.02.2007 (Nds. GVBl. (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 69), last amended by Article 7 of the Act on 23.03.2022 (Nds. GVBl. (Lower Saxony Law and Official Gazette) p. 218); §§ 37 section 1 sentence 3 no. 5 letter b), 44 section 1 sentence 3 NHG).

Examination and study regulations for the non-consecutive Master's degree programme „Euroculture“ of the University of Göttingen

§ 1 Scope

- (1) The provisions of the "General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Programmes and Other Study Programmes at the University of Göttingen" (APO) in their respective valid version apply to the Master's degree programme "Euroculture".
- (2) These regulations govern the further provisions for the completion of the Master's degree programme.

§ 2 Organisation; Aim of the study programme; Objective of the examination

- (1) ¹The following faculties are involved in the Master's degree programme "Euroculture": Faculty of Theology (Theology), Faculty of Humanities (History; German Philology; English Philology) and Faculty of Social Sciences (Political Science, Sociology). ²Lead faculty is the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- (2) ¹The Master's degree programme "Euroculture" is an inter-university programme participating in the Erasmus Mundus Master's programme. ²The Georg-August-Universität Göttingen is a member

of the Euroculture consortium. ³The study programme is organised in cooperation with the participating partner universities.

(3) ¹The degree programme prepares graduates for activities in practical fields with scientific competence, for doctoral studies, and for careers in university or non-university research fields. ²The Master's degree programme "Euroculture" qualifies graduates for activities in the following fields: European institutions and non-governmental organizations; national and international institutions and projects; teaching, research and continuing education institutions; media, journalism, publishing and librarianship; political parties, foundations and associations; urban and regional planning; municipal and regional cultural institutions; cultural management; museums and exhibitions; tourism; counseling for foreigners and migrants; churches and church institutions; public relations, legal departments and human resources of internationally operating companies. ³The graduates shall acquire skills of scientific analysis and practical application in the field of European cultural research in the sense of the main focus of the degree programme. ⁴The Master's degree programme "Euroculture" imparts knowledge about the history, politics and society of Europe and its institutions. ⁵Students learn to reflect critically on the process of European integration. ⁶In addition, special Eurocompetence modules provide qualifications that open up career prospects for students in a labor market that is increasingly focused on Europe.

(4) ¹The concern of the study programme "Euroculture" is threefold. ²It is

- a) a political project as an own, substantial element of the European unification process in education;
- b) a training project: the provision of a new, future-oriented qualification for the participating students, which should both improve their chances on the labor market and help to increase their political and social competences in the unification process;
- c) an academic project: in this context, a critical monitoring of the European unification process, which allows to include new developments and to critically question them within the framework of the curriculum.

§ 3 Academic degree

¹After passing the master's examination, the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen and the partner university or the two partner universities of the international Euroculture consortium at which the student has successfully completed parts of the required studies and examinations shall jointly award the university degree "Master of Arts" (abbreviated to "M. A.") and issue a joint certificate to this effect. ²In the case of § 5 section 8, the Georg-August Universität shall award the university degree "Master of Arts" (abbreviated as "M. A.") after the master's examination has been passed.

§ 4 Recommended previous knowledge

Students are recommended to also learn the local language of the partner university they are attending.

§ 5 Structure of the study programme

(1)¹ The standard period of study is 4 semesters. ²The degree programme is not suitable for part-time study.

(2) The examination and study achievements are taken at at least two of the Euroculture consortium partner universities listed below:

- Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao, Spain)
- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Göttingen, Germany)
- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Groningen, Netherlands)
- Jagiellonian University Krakow (Krakau, Poland)
- Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci (Olomouc, Czech republic)
- Université de Strasbourg (Strasbourg, France)
- Uppsala Universitet (Uppsala, Sweden)
- Università degli studi di Udine (Udine, Italy)

(3) The degree programme comprises 120 credits (ECTS credits; abbreviated: C). ²The study programme is identical at all partner universities and is structured as follows:

- a. Introductory modules in the field of „Core Fields of European Society, Politics and Culture“ (25 C),
- b. Modules „Eurocompetences I, II & III“ (15 C),
- c. Modules in the field of “ Methodology, Research, and ,Intensive Programme” (25 C),
- d. „Final Examination“: Thesis Portfolio (5 C) und Master module (25 C),
- e. „Professional Track“ or „Research Track“ (25 C).

(4) ¹The compulsory, compulsory elective and elective modules are specified in a binding manner in the overview of modules (appendix I). ²For recommendation on the appropriate structure of the course of studies, please refer to the sample curriculums enclosed in appendix II. ⁴The list of modules is published separately; it is part of these regulations insofar as the modules are listed in the overview of modules (appendix I).

(5) ¹Students spend the first semester at the University of Göttingen or at a European partner university. ²Here they complete the introductory modules (25 C) and the module "Eurocompetence I" (5 C).

(6) ¹Students who have spent the first subject semester at the University of Göttingen shall study the second subject semester at one of the European partner universities. ²Students who have studied the first subject semester at a European partner university spend the second subject semester at the University of Göttingen and complete the modules "Eurocompetence II", Research-Seminar "Europe in a Global Context" and "Methodology Seminar - Intensive Programme Preparation" with a total of 25 credits. ³In addition, the Summer School "Intensive Programme" (5 C), oriented to the respective annual framework topic of the Euroculture Consortium, takes place in the second subject semester. ⁴This is hosted by one of the partner universities of the consortium and connects the students of the participating universities.

(7) ¹The third semester serves to set the focus and to prepare the master's thesis. ²Students must choose between two study paths:

- a) a job-related profile with an 18-24 week internship ("Internship") or
- b) a research-oriented profile ("Research Track").

³In addition, students prepare an exposé of their project ("Master Thesis Portfolio"), which serves as a basis for the preparation and supervision of the Master thesis in the fourth semester. ⁴The third subject semester is spent either in Göttingen again or at one of the partner universities. ⁵Partner universities in the Research Track are, in addition to the universities mentioned in section 2, also:

- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Mexico City, Mexico),
- Savitribai Phule Pune University (Pune, India),
- Indiana University-Purdue University (Indianapolis, USA),
- Osaka University (Osaka, Japan).

⁶Students who receive an Erasmus Mundus scholarship or who are citizens of a country outside the EU and who are not on an equal footing with Germans should spend the internship within the EU or the Research Track at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen or a European partner university.

(8) ¹Departing from sections 2, 6 and 7, sentence 4, the Examination Committee may, upon request, waive the requirement to complete examination and study achievements at a partner university if the student proves that

- a) he or she has already acquired the competences to be acquired through the stay abroad in another way, or
- b) the stay abroad is not possible or not reasonable for him or her due to serious personal reasons.

²In the case of sentence 1, the acquisition of a joint degree within the framework of the international Euroculture consortium is excluded.

(9) The fourth subject semester serves as a follow-up to the research track or internship as well as the preparation of the master's thesis.

§ 6 Registration for and deregistration from module examinations

Registration for oral and written module examinations is done electronically within the deadline set by the examination board.

§ 7 Subject-specific types of examination

In addition to the types of examination provided for in the APO (General examination and programme rules and regulations for B.A. and M.A. programmes), the following subject-specific examinations may be scheduled in modules of this degree programme:

- a) Intensive Programme-Paper: An independent scientific paper related to the annual framework theme;
- b) Master Thesis Portfolio: elaborated summary of the research question, method, outline and bibliography of a research project;
- c) Eurocompetence project report: description of work results;
- d) Reading Log: critical analysis of primary and secondary texts;
- e) Portfolio: A portfolio is an examination performance of its own kind. It consists of a collection of sub-tasks of a total of max. 20 pages, which are to be worked on successively during the lecture period and submitted collectively as an examination performance after the end of the lecture period. It contains specific products/work results and at the same time serves to document the learning/work process and its reflection. Mandatory interim submissions are not permitted. The final assessment of all subtasks will only take place after the portfolio has been handed in.

§ 8 Admission to the Master module

(1) The prerequisite for admission to the Master module is proof of at least 50 C from modules in the degree programme.

(1a) ¹For each academic year, the Examination Committee, in consultation with the Examination Committee of the partner universities involved in the examination procedure, shall regulate the periods during which admission to the Master module can be applied for and, based on this, when the Master thesis is to be submitted at the latest; § 9 sections 4 and 5 shall remain unaffected.

²Regulations according to sentence 1 shall be made known to the students in an appropriate manner.

(2) ¹Application for admission to the Master module must be made in text form to the Examinations Office. ²The application must be accompanied by:

a) the current certificate of enrollment,

b) a declaration that a Master's degree has not been obtained at any German or foreign higher education institution including the Master thesis submitted or equivalent in content, and that the master examination in the same or a comparable course of study at a higher education institution in Germany or abroad has not already been definitively failed,

c) a proposed topic for the Master thesis,

d) if applicable, a proposal for the supervisor of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen as well as for the supervisor of the foreign partner university where the second semester has been spent. ³The proposal according to sentence 1 letter c. as well as the proof according to sentence 1 letter d. are dispensable if the student assures that he or she has not found a supervisor. ⁴In the case of § 5 section 8, the first supervisor as well as the second supervisor must be proposed to the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

(3) ¹The examination board decides on admission. ²Admission shall be refused if the admission requirements are not met or if the master examination in the same or a comparable degree programme at a university in Germany or abroad has been definitively failed.

§ 9 Master thesis and Master module

(1) ¹By means of the Master thesis, the candidate shall prove that he or she is able to study a subject-specific topic in depth within a specified period of time, to deal with a scientific question methodically, theoretically and empirically in an appropriate manner, to develop an independent, scientifically substantiated judgment, to arrive at scientifically substantiated statements and to present the results appropriately in terms of language and form. ²By passing the Master thesis, 20 C are acquired.

(2) ¹The Master thesis is integrated into a Master module, which includes a Master colloquium. ²The Master module is passed if all partial module or submodule examinations are passed.

(3) ¹The topic is to be chosen from the subject area of the degree programme and should relate to the European context in the 20th or 21st century. ²Before registering for the examination, it must be agreed upon with a supervisor who is proposed as the first examiner. ³After the candidate has proposed the topic, the chairperson of the examination board shall decide on the topic to be submitted in consultation with the examination board of the partner university involved in the examination procedure and after consultation with the intended supervisor. ⁴The right to propose a topic does not constitute a legal claim. ⁵The candidate shall be heard before the proposed topic is rejected. ⁶If the candidate does not find a supervisor, the supervisor and a topic shall be determined

by the responsible examination board. ⁷The candidate must be heard on the choice of topic. ⁸The right to propose a topic does not constitute a legal claim.

(4) ¹The processing time for the Master thesis is 24 weeks. ²Upon application by the candidate, the examination board may, in consultation with the examination board of the partner university involved in the examination procedure and in agreement with the supervisor, extend the processing time by up to a maximum of twelve weeks if there is an important reason not attributable to the candidate. ³An important reason is usually an illness, which must be reported immediately and documented by a medical certificate.

(5) ¹The topic can only be returned once and only within the first six weeks of the processing period. ²A new topic must be agreed upon immediately, at the latest within four weeks, with a supervisor and the chairperson of the examination committee. ³In the case of a repetition of the Master thesis, the return of the topic according to sentence 1 is only permissible if the person to be examined had not made use of this possibility at the first attempt to write the Master thesis.

(6) ¹The Master thesis must be submitted to the responsible examination office by the deadline. ²The Master thesis must be submitted in text form in the format of a commonly used word processing program or in PDF format (unprotected). ³The time of submission is to be recorded on file. ⁴When handing in the thesis, the candidate must declare in text form that he or she has written the thesis independently and has not used any sources or aids other than those specified. ⁵At the same time, the Master thesis must be submitted to the partner university of the Euroculture consortium at which the second semester was spent, in accordance with the relevant examination regulations for the respective location; this does not apply in the case of § 5 section 8.

(7) ¹The examination office will forward the Master thesis to the supervisor of the University of Göttingen as a reviewer. ²The partner university according to section 6 sentence 5 will also appoint a reviewer. ³Each reviewer shall assign a grade. ⁴In the case of § 5 section 8, and in deviation from sentence 2, the Master thesis will also be forwarded to the second supervisor as a reviewer.

(8) The duration of the evaluation process should not exceed four weeks.

§ 10 Assessment of the Master Thesis

¹Each reviewer of the Master thesis assigns a grade. ²The grade of the Master thesis is the arithmetic mean of the two reviewers' grades. ³If the difference is at least 2.0 or if one evaluation is "not sufficient" but the other is "sufficient" or better, a third evaluator shall be appointed by the responsible examination board in consultation with the examination board of the partner university involved in

the examination procedure for the final evaluation of the Master thesis. ⁴This third assessor may choose one of the previous assessments or an intermediate assessment.

§ 11 Examination board

(1) For the organisation of the examinations and for the performance of all tasks assigned by these regulations and the APO, the faculties supporting the degree programme shall form an examination board.

(2) ¹The examination board consists of

- a) one member of the group of university teachers of each of the subjects involved in the degree programme (Theology, German Philology, English Philology, History, Political Science, Sociology), appointed in each case by the faculty council of the faculty to which he or she belongs;
- b) one member of the staff group appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences;
- c) one student member appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

²A deputy shall be appointed for each member at the same time. ³The term of office of the members of the examination board is four semesters, that of the student member one semester.

(3) The examination board elects a chairperson and a deputy chairperson from the group of members of the university teaching staff who are authorised to conduct examinations, as well as a deputy chairperson who is authorised to conduct examinations.

(4) The examination board shall consult the Board of Examiners of the Euroculture Consortium (BoE) on all major decisions. It shall follow the recommendations of the BoE unless there are important reasons to the contrary.

(5) The examination board shall take the place of the Faculty Council in decisions concerning the appointment of persons authorised to conduct examinations in accordance with § 11 section 1 sentence 1 APO.

§ 12 Examination organisation

¹The examination board is responsible for conducting the examination procedure. ²The organisation of the examinations may be delegated to the Examinations Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences, without prejudice to the competences of the examination board and the Dean of Studies. ³The latter shall also keep the examination files.

§ 13 Overall result

(1) The Master examination is passed if at least 120 credits from the required modules have been acquired and the module examinations and the Master thesis have been passed.

(2) The overall result "with distinction" is awarded if the Master thesis was evaluated with at least 1.3 and the overall result of the Master examination is at least 1.3.

§ 14 Certificates and attestations

¹The candidate shall receive a certificate with annexes in accordance with the provisions of the APO without delay, as a rule within 4 weeks, regarding the overall passing of the Master examination.

²Deed and certificate with annexes shall be issued in English. ³In the case of § 3 sentence 1, the evaluations of all reviewers are shown individually for the Master thesis.

§ 15 Student Advisory Service

(1) ¹The degree programme "Euroculture" appoints a student advisor for academic advising. ²The central student advisory service (ZSb) of the Georg-August Universität is available to students for general student advisory services. ³In addition, the participating faculties offer study and examination advising.

(2) ¹The subject representatives of the participating faculties are also obligated to provide individual subject advising. ²Consultations of this kind also serve the purpose of facilitating the speedy completion of studies.

§ 16 Entry into Force; Transitional provisions

(1) These regulations shall enter into force on 01.10.2011 following their publication in the Official Announcements of the Georg-August Universität of Göttingen.

(2) At the same time, the Examination and Study Regulations for the Master's degree programme "Euroculture" in the version of the announcement of 25.10.2010 (Official Announcements I no. 29/2010 p. 2553) shall expire.

(3) ¹Students who began their studies before an amendment to these Examination and Study Regulations came into force and who were continuously enrolled in this degree programme shall be examined according to the Examination and Study Regulations in the version applicable before this amendment came into force. ²In the case of examinations still to be taken, this does not apply to module directory and lists, unless the protection of a student's legal entitlements requires a deviating decision by the examination committee. ³A deviating decision is possible in particular in cases in which an examination or a partial examination requirement can be repeated or a compulsory or

required compulsory elective module has been substantially changed or cancelled. ⁴The examination committee may make general regulations in this regard. ⁵Examinations according to these regulations in the version valid prior to the entry into force of an amendment shall be taken for the last time in the fourth semester after the entry into force of this amendment. ⁶Upon application, students according to sentence 1 shall be examined in total according to the provisions of the amended regulations.

Appendix I Overview of modules

Master's degree programme „Euroculture“

A total of 120 C must be completed.

1. Core Areas of European Society, Politics and Culture

Modules totaling 25 C must be successfully completed in accordance with the following provisions.

a. Core concepts

The following four modules totaling 21 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.11: Political Construction of Europe	(6 C)
M.EuCu.13: Cultural Construction of Social Order	(5 C)
M.EuCu.17: Introduction to Euroculture and its Yearly Topic	(5 C)
M.EuCu.18: Social Science perspectives on Europe	(5 C)

b. Thematic focus

One of the following modules totaling 4 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.14: Thematic Focus „Society and Culture“ (Introductory course)	(4 C)
M.EuCu.15: Thematic Focus „History and Economy“ (Introductory course)	(4 C)
M.EuCu.16: Thematic Focus „Politics and Law“ (Introductory course)	(4 C)

2. Eurocompetences

The following three modules totaling 15 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.19: Eurocompetence I: Studying and Working in Europe	(5 C)
M.EuCu.26: Eurocompetence II: Project Management	(5 C)
M.EuCu.41: Eurocompetence III: Research or Professional Project Application Preparation and Writing	(5 C)

3. Research, Methodology and „Intensive Programme“

The following three modules totaling 25 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.23: Research Seminar: Europe in a Global Context	(10 C)
M.EuCu.25: Methodology Seminar - Intensive Programme Preparation	(10 C)
M.EuCu.21: Summer School "Intensive Programme on the Yearly Topic"	(5 C)

4. Area of Professionalisation: „Research Track“ or internship

Modules totaling 25 C must be successfully completed in accordance with the following provisions.

a. Job-related profile („Professional Track/Internship“)

If the job-related profile is chosen, the following module in the amount of 25 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.35: Internship (25 C)

b. Research-oriented profile („Research Track“)

If the research-oriented profile is chosen, modules totaling 25 C must be successfully completed in accordance with the following provisions.

aa. Research Track-Seminars

The following modules totaling 17 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.30: ResearchLab: Imagining Europe Differently (10 C)

M.EuCu.60: Analysing Europe (7 C)

bb. Research Track-Specialisation

Two of the following modules totaling 8 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.64: Research Focus “Society and Culture” (Advanced course) (8 C)

M.EuCu.65: Research Focus “History and Economy” (8 C)

M.EuCu.66: Research Focus “Politics and Law” (8 C)

5. Final examination

The following modules totaling 30 C must be successfully completed:

M.EuCu.37: Master Thesis Portfolio (5 C)

M.EuCu.42: Thesis and Seminar (25 C)

Appendix II Sample curricula

a. Studies with a focus on the "Professional Track/Internship" (internship)

	Master's degree programme „Euroculture“			
	Module	Module	Module	Module
1. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.11 Political Construction of Europe (6 C)	M.EuCu.13 Cultural Construction of Social Order (5 C)	M.EuCu.17 Introduction to Euroculture and its Yearly Topic (5 C)	M.EuCu.19 Eurocompetence I Studying and Working in Europe (5 C)
	M.EuCu.14 Society and Culture (4 C)	M.EuCu.18 Social Science Perspectives on Europe (5 C)		
2. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.21 Intensivkurs/ Workshop „Intensive Programme on the Yearly Topic“ (5 C)	M.EuCu.23 Research Seminar „Europe in a Global Context“ (10 C)	M.EuCu.25 Methodology Seminar - Intensive Programme Preparation (10 C)	M.EuCu.26 Eurocompetence II Project Management (5 C)
3. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.35 Internship (25 C)	M.EuCu.37 Master Thesis Portfolio (5 C)		
4. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.41 Eurocompetence III Research or Professional Project Application Preparation and Writing (5 C)	M.EuCu.42 Master Thesis and Seminar (25 C)		

b. Studies with a focus on the "Research Track"

Master's degree programme „Euroculture“				
	Module	Module	Module	Module
1. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.11 Political Construction of Europe (6 C)	M.EuCu.13 Cultural Construction of Social Order (5 C)	M.EuCu.17 Introduction to Euroculture and its Yearly Topic (5 C)	M.EuCu.19 Eurocompetence I Studying and Working in Europe (5 C)
	M.EuCu.14 "Society and Culture" (4 C)	M.EuCu.18 Social Science Perspectives on Europe (5 C)		
2. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.21 Intensive course/ Workshop „Intensive Programme on the Yearly Topic“ (5 C)	M.EuCu.23 Research Seminar „Europe in a Global Context“ (10 C)	M.EuCu.25 Methodology Seminar - Intensive Programme Preparation (10 C)	M.EuCu.26 Eurocompetence II Project Management (5 C)
3. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.64 Research Focus "Society and Culture" (Advanced course) (8 C)	M.EuCu.30 ResearchLab: Imagining Europe Differently (5 C)	M.EuCu.60 Analysing Europe (7 C)	M.EuCu.37 Master Thesis Portfolio (5 C)
4. Sem. 30 C	M.EuCu.41 Eurocompetence III Research or Professional Project Application Preparation and Writing (5 C)	M.EuCu.42 Master Thesis and Seminar (25 C)		