

**Examination Order  
for the Single-Subject Master Study Courses  
of the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences  
at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg  
as of 9.10.2009**

The Carl von Ossietzky University has adopted the following revised version of the examination order for the Single-Subject Master-Study Courses of the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences. According to § 37 clause 1. no 5 b) Niedersächsisches Hochschulgesetz it was approved by the presidential office.

### **§ 1 Scope of Application**

This Master Examination Order applies for the Single-Subject Master Study Courses of the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg.

### **§ 2 Aims of the Study Course**

As a rule, the Single-Subject Master-Study Courses are research-oriented and convey deep and broad knowledge in the particular subjects. It is the aim of the Master-Study Course to prepare the students for qualified professional work and to provide the basis for a PhD. Students shall learn to identify scientific problems, to work responsibly and interdisciplinarily and to present the results of their research. In order to solve complex scientific problems, creativity, originality, and interdisciplinary cooperation are developed. Moreover, after completion of the study course, students are able to impart their knowledge, their conclusions, and their rational theses to experts and non-experts.

### **§ 3 Academic Degree**

When all the examinations have been passed, the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg will award the academic degree of Master of Science (M.Sc.). The Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences will issue a dated certificate in German and English (attachment 1a,b).

### **§ 4 Purpose of the Examinations**

The module examinations and the following Master thesis shall show that the student has acquired the technical knowledge to start professional work, that he or she is able to overview scientific coherences as well as to apply profound scientific methods and findings. The final examinations of the study course leading to the degree Master of Science or Master of Engineering provide a professional qualification. The requirements for the examinations secure the standard of the training with regard to the standard period of study, the standard of knowledge and the occupational requirements.

### **§ 5 Duration, Scope, and Organisation of the Study Course, Part-Time Course of Study**

(1) The regular duration of the study course until the final examination is 4 semesters, i.e. two years of study (standard period of study). The study course comprises a total range of 120 credit points (CP). Exceptions are referred to in the respective attachments.

(2) On application, part-time studies on the basis of the “Niedersächsische Hochschulgesetz” are possible, unless excluded by the respective attachments.

- (3) The curriculum is to be organised in such a way that students will be able to
- a) successfully pass exams taken in the course
  - b) pass a part of the study course at a different university
  - c) finish and defend the Master thesis by the end of the standard period of study.

(4) The course programme is divided into single-subject modules, if necessary, modules from different departments and the final Master module equating to 30 CP. As a rule, extradepartmental interdisciplinary and qualifying parts are contained in the modules. Modules can also be studied at different universities at home and abroad. Before choosing the modules, the examination committee has to state the equivalence. The organisation of each Master-Study Courses is described in the respective attachments.

## **§ 6 Examination Committee, Examination Office**

(1) For the organisation of the examinations and the accomplishment of the tasks defined in this examination order, an examination committee is established. The members and the substitutes of the examination committee are elected by the Faculty Council. The examination committee consists of five members eligible to vote: three members of the staff of professors, including junior professors, one member of the teaching scientific staff, and one student of the study course in question. With regard to valuation and credit of academic credentials, the student member has only an advisory vote. The members of the examination committee elect a chairperson and the substitute. The chairperson has to be a member of the staff of professors; the substitute can be a member of the staff of professors or a member of the scientific staff. For joint study courses, specific attachments regulate the participation of the cooperating university.

(2) The examination committee takes care that the regulations of the „Niedersächsisches Hochschulgesetz (NHG)“ and this examination order are followed. The examination office handles the examination records.

(3) The examination committee decides with a majority of the valid votes cast; abstentions from voting are regarded as votes not cast. If there is an equal number of votes, the vote of the chairperson is decisive. The examination committee has a quorum if the majority of the members, among them the chairperson or the substitute and one further member of the scientific teaching staff are present.

(4) The members of the examination committee are elected for two years, the student is elected for one year.

(5) The examination committee can adopt a standing order. The meetings of the examination committee have to be recorded in writing. The essential parts of the discussions and the decisions of the examination committee shall be documented.

(6) The examination committee can confer revocable power upon the chairperson or the substitute. Concerning all administration procedures resulting from this examination order, the chairperson is supported by the examination office in charge.

(7) Members of the examination committee have the right to attend examinations as an observer.

(8) The meetings of the examination committee are private. The members of the examination committee and their substitutes have the duty to maintain absolute discretion. If they have no public-service employee status, the chairperson has to bind them to absolute discretion.

(9) The examination committee points out the essential examination regulations in a suitable way to the students.

(10) The examination committee can determine that decisions and other measures taken according to this examination order, especially application and examination dates, times and results can be made public in the university. Data protection laws have to be taken into account.

## **§7 Examiners**

(1) Examiners for these modules will be academic staff, who are responsible for the relevant degree course and entitled to conduct examinations, either from this or another equivalent university. Retired or released professors have the right to examine. Upon approval by the responsible examination committee, professionally experienced persons can be appointed as examiners.

(2) The right to perform module examinations or examinations in different fields is granted by the faculty council. In the module descriptions, the students are informed about the examiners. At the beginning of a term, the academic examination office is provided with up-to-date lists of examiners.

(3) Examiners must hold at least the qualification to be acquired in the examination or an equal qualification.

(4) As a rule, module examinations are evaluated by one examiner. In modules where different members of staff are teaching, examinations may be carried out in cooperation.

## **§ 8 Accreditation of Examination Performances**

(1) Examinations and professional activities in the same study course or at an equal university in the Federal Republic of Germany or in the European educational field are accredited without recognition of the equivalence.

(2) Examinations and professional activities in a different study course are accredited on request if the equivalence is recognised. Equivalence will be recognised, if study periods, examinations, and professional activities essentially correspond in content, extent, and standard to modules of the study course. Hereby, a general regard and valuation with respect to the achievements of the examinations for the academic degree “Master of Science” is to be considered. For the acknowledgement of the equivalence of a foreign study course, the equivalence agreements accepted by the „Kultusministerkonferenz“ and the „Hochschulrektorenkonferenz“ or other interstate agreements are decisive. If there are no such agreements, or a further acknowledgement is requested, the examination committee decides on the recognition of equivalence. To clarify the circumstances and legal situation, an opinion of the “Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen” can be obtained. Different accreditation regulations based on agreements with foreign universities remain unaffected.

- (3) Professional practical experience outside the study course cannot be accredited.
- (4) An accreditation can, according to clause 1 - 2 comprise 60 credit points (CP) at the most. For shorter periods of studies, specific attachments may provide different regulations. An accreditation of the Master Thesis is excluded.

For accredited examinations, marks and credit points are acknowledged. In cases of different extent or different grading scale, the examination committee decides on the conversion of marks. If grading systems are incomparable, the departmental representatives decide on the standards. Accredited marks will be identified in the certificate.

## **§ 9 Admission to Modules and Modul Examinations**

- (1) A module can be taken by students registered for the corresponding Master Study Course at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, as long as the exclusion criteria of §20 clause 3 no. 3 are not valid. The student who is enrolled in a module is admitted to all module-related examinations.

In consecutive study courses, students of the corresponding Bachelor Study Courses may, on reasoned request, take Master modules ahead of schedule and may take module examinations up to 30 CP, if they have achieved at least 120 CP in the Bachelor Study Course. The respective examination committee decides on the request in accordance with clause 3. There is no double-counting of modules. Students of the University of Bremen are entitled to take modules and to participate in module examinations if these are part of the respective course of the University of Bremen.

- (2) The application for a module examination has to be filed in an appropriate manner according to the module description. A written withdrawal from an examination is possible without specifications of reasons with the examination office up to two weeks before the examination date. Partial examination performances are excluded. A withdrawal from an examination within two weeks before the examination date is possible only by acceptance of convincing reasons.

- (3) Every module is completed with a module examination. Types and quantity of the examination performances to be produced are regulated in the module descriptions and specific attachments.

- (4) Examinations take place module related and studies-accompanying and should be completed at the end of the semester in which the last lecture of the module was held.

A module can stipulate the completion of another module in advance.

## **§10 Forms and Contents of the Modules**

- (1) The specific attachments of these examination regulations determine extent and examination performances of the respective Master Course modules to be graduated in.

- (2) With the announcement of the lectures, module descriptions are disclosed for every module. In the module descriptions the formal and content module definitions and module examinations are stated as well as the responsible persons for the module are named. In case of different examination possibilities, the examiner announces the examination requirements when the model in question is started. The persons in charge of modules are responsible for the content and organisational coordination of the classes within a module and for the definition

according clause 2 and 3. Persons in charge of a module can normally be recruited from the full-time postdoctoral staff of the University of Oldenburg or by a university connected by cooperation agreements.

(3) Deviations from type and amount of classes as well as from type and amount of module examinations may be admitted in justified exceptional cases with the consent of the examination committee.

### **§11 Types of Module Examinations**

(1) Types and number of module examinations are regulated in the respective study course regulations. Module examinations can be of the following types:

1. Written examination (clause 5),
2. Oral examination (clause 6),
3. Report (clause 7),
4. Term Paper (clause 8),
5. Specialized practical practice (clause 9),
6. Seminar work (clause10),
7. Practical training report (clause11),
8. Portfolio (clause12).
9. Presentation (clause13).
10. Protocol (clause14)
11. other types of examination (clause15).

(2) Module examinations in terms of group examinations are allowed. The individual student's contribution has to meet the requirements placed on the examination as well as be valuable as an individual examination performance, e.g., on grounds of specification of paragraphs, page figures or other objective criteria clearly separable and assessable for itself.

(3) The modality of the examination should be adequate to the expertise conveyed by the module. The assessment of examination performances is justified with reference to the supporting considerations of the evaluation.

(4) A module examination can also consist of several components which are produced in the courses of the module lectures.

(5) In a written examination the candidate should prove under supervision that she or he can edit a task in limited time, with limited accessories and by using common methods of the subject. The duration of the examination is regulated in the module descriptions.

(6) The duration of an oral examination is regulated in the module descriptions. The essential subjects of the examination and the assessment of the examination performance are to be stated in the minutes.

(7) A report encloses: 1. an independent and detailed written analysis of a problem from the workstream of the lecture in consideration and under evaluation of appropriate literature and 2. the presentation of the work and the mediation of results in the lecture as well as in the subsequent discussion.

(8) A term paper is an independent written paper of a subject-specific or interdisciplinary task.

(9) A specialized practical exercise consists of a number of practical investigations, exercises or programming tasks with written elaborations (e.g. experimental records).

(10) After specific module regulations, a seminar work can be an experimental, documentary or displaying scientific or scientific-practical performance (project). The amount of time to be spent is regulated in the attachments.

(11) A practical training report is a written documentation of the tasks completed in a university-based or non-university based field of work and contains a critical evaluation explaining how the work was carried out. If necessary, an oral presentation may be required.

(12) A portfolio comprises a certain number of tasks (e.g. protocol, written thesis, recension, diary, short presentation, exercises). Examinations according to clause 1, No 1 – 7 are not permitted in a portfolio. A portfolio is evaluated as a whole.

(13) A presentation is an oral presentation presenting a subject based on the current state of science and presented with appropriate methods and media.

(14) A protocol is an examination performance consisting of the independent, written or drawn documentation of the contents of a class which normally is a practical training.

(15) Other types of examination as e.g. internet projects, diaries, learning assessments are possible in addition to the module examinations listed above.

(16) The persons responsible for the modules regulate the types of module examinations and state the details as required in the module description.

(17) If students satisfactorily justify that he or she is not able to attend a module examination at all or partially in the mandatory form because of a longer continuing illness or constant physical complaints or an impediment; on account of maternity protection provisions or because of the support of a child of his or her own, he or she should be enabled by the board of examiners to take an equivalent module examination in a different form.

## **§ 12 Credit Points**

(1) Credit points are assigned on the basis of passed module examinations. They express the medium temporal amount of work involved, inclusive presence in courses that is necessary to pass the module examination. One credit point corresponds to 30 working hours, unless otherwise stated in international agreements. The allocation of credit points to the module examinations and the Master's thesis is regulated in the corresponding attachments of these examination regulations.

(2) As a rule, per semester 30 credit points should be assigned. A module should neither be less than 6 credit points nor more than 15 credit points.

(3) The examination office keeps an account concerning credit points for every student. Within the scope of the organizational and data security-juridical possibilities, it is granted that students are allowed to inspect their account.

### § 13 Evaluation of the Module Examinations and the Master's Thesis

(1) Every module examination and the Master's thesis is assessed and graded according to clause 2 and 3. If a module examination or a partial examination is not graded it is to be evaluated as "passed" or "not passed". A graded module examination is considered as passed, if at least the grade "sufficient" was achieved. The assessment by the examiners has to take place within 5 weeks and has to be passed on to the examination office in charge. Module examinations of 15 credit points at most as well as partial examinations within a module are not graded if this is in accordance with the study course related attachments.

(2) The following grading scale is to be used:

1 = very good	an excellent result
2 = good	a result considerably above the average requirements
3 = adequate	a result that meets the average requirements in every respect
4 = satisfactory	a result that meets the minimum requirements despite its faults
5 = not passed	a result that does not fulfil the requirements because of considerable faults

For differentiated assessments, grades can be raised or reduced by 0.3, the grades 0.7, 4.3, 4.7 and 5.3 are excluded.

(3) Provided that module examinations consist of partial performances, the grade of a module examination is calculated as a weighted arithmetic average of the grades of passed partial performances assigned with this examination. If there is no different weighting of grades for partial performances stated in the subject-specific attachment, partial performances are weighted equally. Ungraded partial performances have to be passed.

The grading scale is:

with an average up to 1.50	Very good,
with an average more than 1.50 to 2.50	good,
with an average more than 2.50 to 3.50	adequate,
with an average more than 3.50 to 4.00	satisfactory,
with an average more than 4.00	not passed.

By accumulation of grades after clause 1, only the first two decimal places behind the comma are taken into consideration; all other places are deleted without rounding.

(4) Overall results are supplemented by an ECTS mark which illustrates a relative evaluation of the grade beside the absolute one. An ECTS mark sets the individual performance of a student in relation to performances of other students of the same course of study. Successful students receive the following marks:

- A the best 10%
- B the next 25%
- C the next 30%
- D the next 25%
- E the next 10%.

(5) The overall grades of the last 6 semesters (Kohorte) before the date of the final examination form the basis for the ECTS mark. An ECTS-mark is given if the Kohorte consists of 20 students at least.

## **§ 14 Absence, Withdrawal, Deceit**

(1) An examination performance is assessed as “not passed” if the student without substantiated reasons

1. does not appear at an examination date,
2. withdraws from the examination after the beginning of the examination,
3. does not accomplish a repetition of an examination performance within the determined period

(2) Asserted reasons for withdrawal or absence must be indicated in written form and justified to the board of examiners immediately; otherwise the concerning examination performance will be stated as „ not passed “. In case of an illness, a medical certificate has to be presented. If the reasons are accepted, a new date, as a rule the next regular examination date, will be appointed. In this case, the already accomplished examination performances are credited.

(3) If a student tries to influence results of his examination performance by deceit or use of not admitted accessories, the concerning examination performance will be stated as „ not passed “. A person committing an offense against examination regulations, can be excluded from the continuation of the respective examination performance; in this case, the respective examination performance is stated as „ not passed “. Before the board of examiners reaches a decision after clause 1 and 2 the student has to be heard. Until a decision of the board of examiners is made the student continues the examination, unless the supervisory person decides that a temporary exclusion of the student is essential to the proper continuation of the examination. In especially serious or repeated cases of deceit, the board of examiners can exclude the student from the continuation of the examination procedure. In this case, the Master's examination will be finally stated as not passed.

(4) If the due date for a written examination set by the examination office is not kept without convincing reasons, the examination will be stated as “not passed”. Clause 2 , phrase 1 to 4 apply accordingly. In cases in which the due date for convincing reasons cannot be kept the board of examiners decides considering the principles of the equal opportunities and the precedence of the scientific performance before the observance of procedure regulations on whether the due date for the examination performance can be deferred or a new task can be assigned.

## **§ 15 Repetition of Module Examinations, Non-binding Examinations**

(1) Not passed module examinations can be repeated twice. If the module examination is not assessed as “passed” in the second repetition or is stated as “not passed”, the concerning module examination is assessed irrevocably as not passed. In repeated examinations, in consultation with the module coordinators, the examination can be performed in a different way.

(2) If the module examination in an compulsory module in the second repetition is assessed as “not passed” or is it considered as “not passed”, the Master's examination will be finally stated as not passed. The master's examination is also finally stated as not passed if three compulsory module examinations are finally not passed and there are no more possibilities for repetition.



(3) First repetition examinations should be taken within the next term at the latest. Further repetition examinations should be taken within the next year of studies at the latest.

(4) In the same field of study or in one of the elective fields at another university or equal college in the Federal Republic of Germany or at a European university unsuccessful attempts to pass an examination are credited against the repetition possibilities after clause 1.

(5) Unless otherwise stated within the rules and regulations for the specific study course, students can apply to re-write an examination to improve their grade.

This has to be done within the calendar year of the original examination and only applies if this was passed at the first possible opportunity within the regular time allowed for the study course (Non-binding examination to improve the grade = Freiversuch).

If no date is offered within the same year, the next possible date is valid. The better result is counted. Written, not passed examinations taken at the first possible date can be considered as not taken (non-binding examination=Freiversuch), if not excluded in the attachments.

Non-binding examinations taken at the first possible date or non-binding examinations to improve the marks are excluded in repeated examinations. A limitation of non-binding examinations is possible by regulation in the study course related attachments. In the case of § 14 clause 3, a non-binding examination shall not apply.

## **§ 16 Certificates**

(1) After the completion of the Master's programme, a certificate is displayed immediately in German and English (Attachment 2 a,b). As date of the certificate the day of the last passed module examination is to be stated. A summary of passed module examinations (Transcript of Records) and a Diploma Supplement (Attachment 3) is added to the certificate.

(2) If the Master's examination is finally "not passed", the chairperson of the board of examiners will state this in a written notification.

(3) With leaving the university or changing of study courses, a written statement of the examinations taken and results is displayed as well as the assigned credit points. In the case of clause 2, the statement also displays the still absent examination performances as well as that the Master's programme has been finally not passed.

## **§ 17 Invalidity of Examinations**

(1) If there has been a deceit during an examination and this fact becomes known only after the hand out of the certificate, the board of examiners can amend the marks for the examination in which a student has been deceptive and in addition, the examination can totally or in parts be declared as "not passed" if the date of the issuing of the certificate does not date back more than five years.

(2) Before a decision is made, the student is to be given the opportunity to argue the case with the board of examiners.

(3) The incorrect certificate is to be drawn in and to be replaced with a correct certificate or a report. With the incorrect certificate the Master's certificate has to be drawn in as well if an examination was stated "not passed" due to deceit.

## **§ 18 Access to Examination Documents**

On request, after a module examination or when the Master-thesis is finished, the student is to

be granted access to his or her written exam papers, remarks of the examiners or the protocols. The application has to be submitted to the board of examiners within one year at the latest after announcement of the marks or hand out of the certificate or information about a finally “not passed” examination . The board of examiners determines place and time of the inspection.

### **§ 19 Particular Case Decisions, Opposition Proceedings**

(1) Negative notifications and other administrative acts which are based upon these examination regulations must be announced after § 41 Administrative Procedure Act (Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz). Decisions concerning the assessment of an examination may be appealed with the board of examiners according to §§68 et sqq. of the Administrative Court Procedures Code (Verwaltungsgerichtsordnung).

(2) The board of examiners decides on the appeal.

(3) Before the decision, the board of examiners sends the appeal to the examiner for a review and statement. If the examiner changes the assessment upon request, the board of examiners remedies the appeal. Otherwise the board of examiners verifies the decision on account of the examiner’s statement whether

1. the examination procedure has been carried out properly
2. the assessment was based on wrongful facts
3. general principles on assessment have been neglected
4. a justifiable and with significant arguments reasonable solution has been evaluated incorrectly, or whether
5. the examiner let himself be guided by irrelevant considerations.

This applies accordingly if the assessment of several examiners is appealed.

(4) At the request of a student, the board of examiners appoints a consultant for the opposition proceedings. The consultant has to be qualified according to §5 clause 1. Before a decision according to paragraph 2 and 6 is made the student and the examiner are to be given the opportunity to a statement.

(5) In terms of an infringement under paragraph 3, section 3, nos.1-5, where the exam board has not already resolved an objection at this at this stage or where concrete and substantiated objections to examination marks and subject-specific assessments have been made and the examiners have not changed their decision as result, the relevant coursework and papers will be re-assessed by other examiners, who have not previously been involved in the assessment or oral exams will be re-taken.

(6) Decisions on contradictions should be reached within one month. If the board of examiners does not remedy the contradiction or the requirements for a new assessment are not met, the council of the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences decides on the contradiction. The contradiction must not lead to a deterioration in grades.

### **§ 20 Admission to the Master Thesis**

(1) To the Master thesis will be admitted, who has been registered at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg in the corresponding study course and who can prove by successful completion of modules of at least 60 CP the knowledge necessary to write the Master thesis.

The respective attachments may contain different regulations.

(2) The following documents have to be added to the application for registration to the Master thesis:

- a) a proposal for two examiners
- b) a proposal of the first examiner for the subject of the thesis
- c) an explanation about whether a Master's examination or parts of such an examination in the same field of study at a university or equal college in the Federal Republic of Germany or at a European university were finally not passed or whether the student takes place in a current examination procedure.

(3) The board of examiners decides on the registration. The registration is refused, if

1. the registration requirements are not fulfilled or
2. the documents are incomplete or
3. another examination was finally not passed in the field of study in the same study course at a university or equal college in the Federal Republic of Germany or at a European university .

### **§ 21 Final Master Module**

(1) The Master thesis should prove that the student is able to work independently on a problem of the chosen field after scientific methods within a given period. Subject and problem definition of the Master thesis should correspond to the examination purpose (§ 4 clause 1) and the time line according to clause 5. The type of assignment and the problem definition have to be stated with the specification of the subject. The subject can be returned only once and only within the first two months of the processing time.

(2) The subject of the thesis can be determined by any member of the professoral and junior professoral staff of the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences taking part in the respective Master course. With approval of the board of examiners the subject can be worked out by other examination-authorized persons after § 7 clause 1; in this case, the second examiner must be a member of the junior/professoral staff involved in teaching within the Master's programme of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Oldenburg.

(3) The subject is fixed by the first examiner after having heard the student. Upon request, the board of examiners provides for the fact that the student receives a subject on time. The chairperson of the board of examiners gives out the subject; expenditure is to be made on record. With the expenditure of the subject become the examiner who worked out the subject (first examiner), and the second examiner are appointed. During the editing of the Master thesis, students are supervised by the first examiner. If the Master thesis is to be completed at an institution outside the university and is supervised or examined by an external examiner of that institution, it is necessary to obtain the approval of the board of examiners.

(4) Upon request of the candidate the Master thesis can be written in English. A composition of the Master thesis in another language is possible, upon request, if both examiners agree.

(5) The expenditure of time for editing the Master thesis corresponds to the number of the credit points (30 credit points) thereof 27 credit points for the Master thesis and 3 credit points for the final colloquium unless different regulations are stated in the study course related attachments. As a rule, the period from the hand out of the subject up

to delivery of the Master thesis amounts to six months. In particular cases, the board of examiners can extend the editing time on reasonable application for two more months.

(6) With the delivery of the Master thesis, students have to assure in writing that she or he wrote the thesis independently and used none than the stated sources and accessories and that the guidelines on good scientific practice and publications were observed as stated in the guidelines on good scientific practice of the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg.

(7) The Master thesis is to be delivered within the given time limit at the examination office. The time of delivery has to be recorded.

(8) As a rule, the thesis has to be assessed within eight weeks after its delivery by both examiners.

(9) In the university-public oral colloquium the student has to introduce the results of the Master thesis and to prove that she or he is able to edit interdisciplinary and problem-oriented questions from the respective field of study on a scientific basis, independently and and that he or she is able to display these findings in a comprehensible way.

(10) As a rule, the final colloquium is to be held when the Master thesis is completed under the supervision of the examiners and must not be longer than 60 minutes.

(11) The overall grade for the thesis is obtained by both parts of the module and is weighted according to the credit points ( as a rule 90 % Master thesis, 10 % final colloquium)

## **§ 22 Repetition of the Master Thesis**

(1) If the Master thesis has been evaluated as “not passed” or stated as not “passed” it can be repeated once. A second repetition is excluded. A return of the subject at the repetition of the Master thesis is only allowed if the subject of the first thesis has not been returned.

(2) The new subject of the Master thesis will be handed out within an adequate period, as a rule within three months after evaluation of the first thesis.

## **§ 23 Overall Result**

(1) The programme is completed successfully if 120 credit points are acquired according to the respective attachment of these examination regulations and all module examinations are passed including the Master thesis.

(2) For the evaluation of the overall result according to § 13 clause 3, a weighted average grade is calculated for the Master programme. For this, the grades for the specific module examinations according to § 13 clause 2 are multiplied with the credit points accomplished for the module. Then, the sum of the weighted grades is divided by the total number of credit points achieved.

(3) Unless otherwise stated in the study course respective attachment, on request of the student, in the calculation of the overall grade, module grades amounting to 15 credit points at most from the elective or optional subjects can be neglected. The Master thesis module is excluded from this rule.

(4) The overall grade is to be provided with the predicate „passed with distinction“ if the overall result amounts to 1,0 - 1.1. according to §13 clause 3.

#### **§ 24 Coming into Effect, Transitional Regulations**

(1) This order comes into effect upon approval by the presidential Office on the day it is published in the official notes of the Carl von Ossietzky University.

(2) Students studying in the second or a higher term at the time this regulation enters into force will be examined according to the regulations valid until now. On request and with the consent of the examination committee the student can also be examined according to the changed rules.