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**Degree Program and Examination Regulations for the  
Bachelor’s degree program in International Economic  
Studies at the School of Business, Economics and Society  
at the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law at  
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)  
– FPO BSc IES –  
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Based on Section 9 (1), Section 80 (1), section 84 (2)(1), Section 88 (9) and Section 96 (3)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (**BayHIG**) dated August 5, 2022, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg enacts the following degree program and examination regulations:

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**Section 1 Scope**

<sup>1</sup>These degree program and examination regulations govern studies and examinations in the Bachelor’s degree program in International Business Studies at the School of Business, Economics and Society at the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law at FAU, leading to the degree Bachelor of Science. <sup>2</sup>They supplement the currently valid version of the general examination regulations for Bachelor’s degree programs at the School of Business, Economics and Society at the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law at FAU – **BPOWISO** – dated August 1, 2006.

**Section 2 Scope and Structure of the Degree Program, Examinations,  
Teaching and Examination Language**

(1) The Bachelor’s degree program in International Economic Studies at FAU is split into modules according to the **Appendix**.

(2) The type and scope of the examinations are governed by Section 3 and the **Appendix** as well as Sections 17 to 20a of **BPOWISO**.

(3) Section 3 (5) **BPOWISO** applies with the proviso that the teaching and examination language is English and that individual teaching units and examinations in the (compulsory) elective modules may be held in German or other languages (in particular French and Spanish); otherwise, Section 3 (5) **BPOWISO** shall remain unaffected.

### **Section 3 Interdisciplinary Specialization Modules**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The specialization modules (electives) that can be chosen as part of the Bachelor's degree program in International Economic Studies allow students to explore one or several specialist areas in more detail. <sup>2</sup>Students can select modules on the topics of business administration, economics, information systems, socioeconomics, and interdisciplinary subjects, or they can choose to complete a stay abroad.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The first learning outcome of the specialization modules in business administration is to allow students to explore in more detail the issue of decision-making in companies, with reference to planning, organizational aspects and accounting. <sup>2</sup>Secondly, the various choices available in the area of business administration offer students a wide range of options for specialization. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to shape their own particular profile in view of their future career (or consecutive studies).

(3) <sup>1</sup>The learning outcome of the specialization modules from the area of economics is to allow students to gain a deeper insight into issues of economic policy at the level of the state using theoretical and empirical methods as well as analyzing the optimal behavior of individuals and companies in markets. <sup>2</sup>Secondly, the various choices available in the area of economics offer students a wide range of options for specialization. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to shape their own particular profile in view of their future career (or consecutive studies).

(4) <sup>1</sup>The learning outcome of the specialization modules from information systems is to allow students to gain a deeper understanding of the integration of issues relevant to business operations from the fields of business administration and information systems. <sup>2</sup>Secondly, the various choices available in the area of information systems offer students a wide range of options for specialization. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to shape their own particular profile in view of their future career (or consecutive studies).

(5) <sup>1</sup>The learning outcome of the specialization modules in socioeconomics is to allow students to gain deeper understanding of issues relating to the economy and society, as well as to use empirical methods to recognize socioeconomical problems and come up with structured solutions. <sup>2</sup>Secondly, the various choices available in the area of socioeconomics offer students a wide range of options for specialization. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to shape their own particular profile in view of their future career (or consecutive studies).

(6) <sup>1</sup>The learning outcome of the other interdisciplinary specialization modules is firstly to allow students to explore interdisciplinary topics and areas from the spectrum of the School of Business, Economics and Society in more detail and to train students to take an interdisciplinary approach. <sup>2</sup>Secondly, the various choices available in the interdisciplinary specialization modules offer students a wide range of options for specialization. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to shape their own particular profile in view of their future career (or consecutive studies).

(7) <sup>1</sup>The first learning outcome of the stay abroad is to offer students the opportunity to explore interdisciplinary content and topics from business, economics and society that are not part of the home university's main research focus and which therefore cannot be studied in depth at the home university. <sup>2</sup>Secondly, the stay abroad allows students to gain international experience and improve their intercultural skills. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice during the stay abroad offers students a wide range of specialization options. <sup>4</sup>Fourthly, the wide range of options allows students to shape their own particular profile in view of their future career (or consecutive studies).

(8) <sup>1</sup>The type and scope of the examination depend on the skills for the chosen module according to (2) to (6) and the module handbook. <sup>2</sup>The type and scope of the possible examinations are stipulated in Sections 17 to 20a **BPOWISO**. <sup>3</sup>The module catalog is announced before the beginning of the semester in accordance with local practice. <sup>4</sup>Notwithstanding sentences 1 to 3, the type and scope of the examinations during the semester abroad depend on the regulations in place at the partner university, and learning agreements ought to be concluded before the stay abroad.

(9) <sup>1</sup>Specialization modules usually consist of a lecture (4 SWS), a seminar (4 SWS) or a lecture and a tutorial (each 2 SWS). <sup>2</sup>Further provisions shall be set forth in the module handbook.

#### **Section 4 Legal Validity**

(1) <sup>1</sup>These degree program and examination regulations shall come into effect on October 1, 2020. <sup>2</sup>They shall apply to all students starting a degree program from winter semester 2020/21 onwards.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The first amendment statute shall come into effect on October 1, 2021.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The second amendment statute shall come into effect on April 1, 2023. <sup>2</sup>It applies to all students who have not yet started module examinations in the modules "Analysis of macroeconomic and financial market data", "International management", "Social policy in an interdependent world" and "Data collection methods in the social and behavioral sciences" (first attempt). <sup>3</sup>With reference to the module "Development economics", it shall apply to all students who have not yet completed the module (passed/failed at the final attempt). <sup>4</sup>Examinations according to the previously valid degree program examination regulations shall be offered for the last time in winter semester 2027/2028. <sup>5</sup>From the date stated in sentence 4, those students who are affected by the examination regulations becoming invalid shall take their examinations in accordance with the currently valid version of the degree program and examination regulations.

## Appendix: Degree Program Structure Bachelor's Degree in International Economic Studies

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits						Type and scope of the examination <sup>1)</sup>	Factor Final grade
		L	T	P	S		1. sem.	2. sem.	3. sem.	4. sem.	5. sem.	6. sem.		
<b>International economics</b>														
Microeconomics	L	2				5	5						Written examination	0.5
	T		2											
Macroeconomics	L	2				5		5					Written examination	0.5
	T		2											
International economics	L	2				5			5				Written examination	1.0
	T		2											
European economic integration	L	2				5	5						Written examination	0.5
	T		2											
Development economics	L	2				5				5			Written examination (50 %) and presentation (50 %)	1.0
	T		2											
Labor economics	L	2				5			5				Written examination	1.0
	T		2											
Empirical economics	S				4	5			5				Written examination	1.0
Analysis of macroeconomic and financial market data	S				4	5			5				Project report	1.0
<b>International business</b>														
Financial reporting	L	2				5		5					Written examination	0.5
	T		2											
Enterprise content and collaboration management	L	2				5			5				Written examination	1
	T		2											
Innovation and entrepreneurship	S				2	5	5						Written examination	0.5
International management: Doing business in emerging markets	S				2	5		5					Discussion paper	0.5
<b>International politics, law, and society</b>														
European and international law	S				3	5	5						Written examination	0.5
International politics	L	2				5		5					Written examination	0.5
Global governance	L	2				5			5				Written examination	1.0
	T		2											
Social policy in an interdependent world	L	2				5			5				Written examination	1.0
	T		1											
<b>Tools</b>														
Statistics	L	2				5	5						Written examination	0.5
	T		2											

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits						Type and scope of the examination <sup>1)</sup>	Factor Final grade
		L	T	P	S		1. sem.	2. sem.	3. sem.	4. sem.	5. sem.	6. sem.		
Introduction to econometrics	L	2				5		5					Written examination	0.5
	T		2											
Data collection methods in the social and behavioral sciences	S				2	5				5			Written examination (50 %) and case study (50 %)	1.0
<b>Reflection</b>														
Seminar in international economic Studies	S				4	5			5				Seminar paper and presentation (50 % + 50 %)	1.0
Reflections in international economics	S				2	5				5			Presentation	1,0
<b>Languages</b>														
Foreign languages 1.1 <sup>2)</sup>	T		4			15	5						3)	0.5
Foreign languages 1.2 <sup>2)</sup>		4						5						0.5
Foreign languages 2 <sup>2)</sup>		4								5				1.0
<b>Experience</b>														
Electives abroad <sup>4)</sup>	L	8				20					20		5)	1,0
<b>Electives</b>														
5 Electives à 5 ECTS <sup>4)</sup>	S				20	25				5	5	15	5)	1.0
Bachelor's thesis	AS				2	15						3	Bachelor's thesis and Bachelor's seminar (100 % + 0 %) <sup>6)</sup>	1.0
	Bachelor's thesis											12		
<b>Total SWS:</b>							30	30	30	30	30	30	<b>Total ECTS credits: 180</b>	

1) The scope or duration of the examination is stipulated in **BPOWISO**.

2) The type and scope of teaching units offered in the module depend on the specific manner in which the respective module is taught and depend on the regulations determined by the Language Centre, the module coordinator, the relevant examination regulations or on the courses offered abroad. See the module handbook for details.

3) Examination procedures for practical language modules are based on the currently valid version of the General Degree Program and Examination Regulations for the FAU Language Centre – **APO/SprZ**

4) Deviations from the type and scope of teaching units are possible. Three of the five electives with at least 15 ECTS credits must cover topics from economics. Please refer to the module handbook for details.

5) 2) The type and scope of the examination depend on the specific manner in which the respective module is taught and are regulated by the applicable **degree program and examination regulations** or by the rules applicable abroad. See the module handbook for details.

6) The type and scope of the seminar achievement depend on the chair responsible for supervision and the topic of the Bachelor's thesis.