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## **Degree program and examination regulations for the Bachelor's degree program and the Master's degree program in Cultural Geography at the Faculty of Sciences at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)**

### **– FPO Kulturgeo –**

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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 58 (1) and Section 61 (2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, **BayHSchG**), FAU enacts the following General Degree Program and Examination Regulations:

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### **Section 40 Scope**

The degree program and examination regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's degree program in Cultural Geography – FPO Kulturgeo – supplement the current version of the General Degree Program and Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs at the Faculty of Sciences at FAU (**ABMPO/NatFak**) – dated October 28, 2019.

## **Part I: General Provisions**

### **Section 41 Bachelor's Degree Program, Degree Title, Related Degree Programs**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Bachelor's degree program in Cultural Geography consists of modules worth 180 ECTS credits distributed over six semesters. <sup>2</sup>This includes the period for working on the Bachelor's thesis.

(2) The degree of Bachelor of Arts (BA) is awarded in accordance with Section 2 (1) (1) **ABMPO/NatFak**.

(3) Related degrees within the meaning of Section 28 (1)(2) **ABMPO/NatFak** are Bachelor's degrees in Cultural Geography.

### **Section 42 Master's Degree Program, Start of Degree Program, Degree Title, Related Degree Programs**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Master's degree program in Cultural Geography builds on the content covered in the Bachelor's degree program in Cultural Geography. <sup>2</sup>It consists of modules worth 120 ECTS credits including the Master's thesis, distributed over four semesters.

(2) The Master's degree program may be started in the winter semester or in the summer semester.

(3) The degree of Master of Arts (MA) is awarded in accordance with Section 2 (1) (2) **ABMPO/NatFak**.

(4) Related degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (2)(2) **ABMPO/NatFak** are Bachelor's degrees in Cultural Geography.

(5) <sup>1</sup>The teaching and examination language of the Master's degree program in Cultural Geography is German. <sup>2</sup>Section 4 (4) (2) **ABMPO/NatFak** applies with the proviso that the teaching and examination language for the modules named in Sentences 1

and 2 may be held in English; otherwise Section 4 (4) **ABMPO/NatFak** shall remain unaffected.

### **Section 43 Examinations Committee**

<sup>1</sup>A joint examinations committee is formed for the Bachelor's degree program in Physical Geography and the Master's degree program in Physical Geography: Climate & Environmental Sciences and the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Cultural Geography in accordance with Section 9 (1) (4) **ABMPO/NatFak**. <sup>2</sup>The committee comprises five full members. <sup>3</sup>The chairperson, their deputy and the further members of the Examinations Committee shall be university lecturers involved in teaching Geography at the Faculty of Sciences and appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Sciences at the suggestion of the Geography teaching staff. <sup>4</sup>The Dean of Studies of the Department of Geography has an advisory role on the Examinations Committee.

### **Section 44 Grades Required to Pass Multiple Choice Examinations**

Notwithstanding Section 17 (5) (1) **ABMPO/NatFak**, multiple-choice examinations shall be deemed to have been passed if

1. The examinee answered at least 60 percent of the examination questions correctly/achieved at least 50 percent of the attainable points, or
2. the examinee answered at least 50 percent of the examination questions correctly/achieved at least 50 percent of the attainable points and the number of correct answers/points obtained is no more than 17 percent below the average number of correct answers/points obtained by all examinees sitting the examination for the first time.

### **Section 44a Minimum Number of Participants for Lectures and Seminars**

<sup>1</sup>The seminars and field seminars in the (compulsory) elective modules of the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs are held subject to a sufficient number of students registering to participate; further details about the minimum number of participants are stipulated in the relevant module description. <sup>2</sup>If individual teaching units cannot be held due to a lack of participants, a sufficient range of alternatives shall be offered to students.

## **Part II: Special Provisions**

### **1. Bachelor's Examination**

#### **Section 45 Structure of the Bachelor's Degree Program**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Bachelor's examination shall have been passed when the modules allocated to it in **Appendix 1** including the Bachelor's thesis module have been passed (180 ECTS credits). <sup>2</sup>Modules have to be taken from the compulsory subjects relating to geography and at least two electives. <sup>3</sup>The compulsory subjects together with the key qualifications (Section 49) and the Bachelor's thesis (Section 50) account for 140 ECTS credits, the electives account for a total of 40 ECTS credits pursuant to Section 48. <sup>4</sup>Elective 1 must account for at least 20 ECTS credits, further electives must account for at least 10 ECTS credits each. <sup>5</sup>The distribution across the semesters, the type and duration of the examinations in the modules and the required number of ECTS credits are set forth in **Appendix 1**.

(2) Taking additional modules or participating in teaching units with a limited number of participants is only possible if capacity allows; students who require these modules as proof of gaining the 180 ECTS credits required for completing their degree are given priority.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Students may decide the order in which they take modules themselves, unless **Appendix 1** stipulates a requirement for a particular semester. <sup>2</sup>Freedom of choice is in particular restricted in those instances where participation in the examination for one module is dependent on the student having successfully completed another module.

### **Section 46 Grundlagen- und Orientierungsprüfung (GOP)**

(1) The Grundlagen- und Orientierungsprüfung (GOP) comprises the modules Foundations of cultural geography 1 (KG 1), Foundations of cultural geography 2 (KG 2), Foundations of physical geography 1 (KG 3), Foundations of physical geography 2 (KG 4) and the basic seminar in geography (KG 5) (a total of 25 ECTS credits) and one module from an elective.

(2) The GOP shall have been passed when all modules listed in (1) have been evaluated as 'bestanden' (passed) or given a grade of at least 'ausreichend' (sufficient).

### **Section 47 Compulsory Modules**

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### **Section 48 Electives**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The following subjects are available as electives within the meaning of Section 45 (1) in the Bachelor's degree program Cultural Geography:

1. Sociology
2. Political Science
3. Business and Economics
4. History
5. International studies (Anglo-American societies)
6. International studies (Romance-speaking societies)
7. English and American Studies
8. Romance Studies
9. Scandinavian Studies
10. Chinese Studies
11. Digital Humanities and Social Sciences
12. Philosophy
13. Physical Geography

<sup>2</sup>One of the electives within the meaning of Section 44 (1)(4) must include a subject pursuant to sentence 1 nos. 1 to 3 or a subject relating to language or linguistics. There are no other restrictions governing how the other subjects are combined.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The first learning outcome of the elective modules is to give students the opportunity to explore the theory of at least one specialist field. <sup>2</sup>The second learning outcome is methodological, training students in interdisciplinary approaches, extending scientific perspectives and those from the social sciences to other fields of study and gathering experience in interdisciplinary scientific methods. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to create their own individual profile in view of their future career. <sup>4</sup>The remaining learning outcomes of individual electives can be

found in the **degree program and examination regulations**. <sup>5</sup>Section 47 (1) sentences 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

(3) The type and scope of teaching units and course and examination achievements depend on the specific manner in which the respective module is taught and are regulated by the applicable **(degree program and) examination regulations** and/or the module handbook.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The Examinations Committee shall decide on any deviations or accept electives other than those stated in (1) upon request. <sup>2</sup>An elective can only be admitted if it is compatible with the learning outcome of the Bachelor's degree program in Cultural Geography.

### **Section 49 Key Qualifications**

<sup>1</sup>At least 20 ECTS credits for career-oriented key qualifications are distributed across various modules and are taught in the context of subject-related content. <sup>2</sup>A further 10 ECTS credits are awarded for an external placement related to a professional field, lasting at least 6 weeks.

### **Section 50 Bachelor's Thesis**

(1) Students are required to have achieved at least 140 ECTS credits in order to be allocated a subject for the Bachelor's thesis.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The Bachelor's thesis module accounts for a total of 15 ECTS credits, with 12 ECTS allocated to the written Bachelor's thesis and 3 ECTS credits to the oral examination. <sup>2</sup>Requirements for the Bachelor's thesis module shall be such that it can be completed within 12 weeks. <sup>3</sup>Notwithstanding Section 31 (4) (3) **ABMPO/NatFak**, the Examinations Committee can extend the period for the Bachelor's thesis by a maximum of two weeks in exceptional cases.

(3)<sup>1</sup> As a rule, the Bachelor's thesis shall be completed at the Institute of Geography. <sup>2</sup>The chairperson of the Examinations Committee may give approval for the Bachelor's thesis to be completed in departments not involved in the degree program upon request.

(4) Full-time university lecturers employed at the Institute of Geography (supervisors) shall be entitled to assign Bachelor's theses; the Examinations Committee may grant exceptions.

(5) Notwithstanding Section 31 (7) (1) **ABMPO/NatFak**, the Bachelor's thesis shall generally be evaluated by the supervisor; Section 17 (3) (2) **ABMPO/NatFak** shall remain unaffected.

## **2. Master's Examination**

### **Section 51 Admissions Committee for the Master's Degree Program**

The admissions committee for the Master's degree program in Cultural Geography shall comprise at least one professor as the chairperson, a university lecturer, and a full-time research associate working for the University.

## **Section 52 Qualification for a Master's Degree, Certificates and Admission Requirements**

(1) <sup>1</sup>A subject-specific degree within the meaning of Section 34 (1)(1)(1) **ABMPO/NatFak** is a Bachelor's degree or a Diplom degree in the subject geography. <sup>2</sup>Qualifications in a related subject pursuant to Section 34 (1) sentence 1 no. 1 **ABMPO/NatFak** are in particular qualifications from degree programs in the social or cultural sciences with an individual specialization relating to geography for which at least 40 ECTS credits have been awarded. <sup>3</sup>The minimum number of ECTS credits required in the event of a student not having yet completed their Bachelor's degree pursuant to Section 34 (3) **ABMPO/NatFak** is 150 ECTS credits.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Notwithstanding (2) (1) of the **Appendix to ABMPO/NatFak**, applications for admission to the Master's degree program in the summer semester must be made by January 31 of the same year at the latest. <sup>2</sup>The application for admission to the Qualification Assessment Process according to (2) (2) no. 3 of the **Appendix to ABMPO/NatFak** shall include a letter of application demonstrating the applicant's academic suitability and qualifications for the relevant degree program.

(3) Notwithstanding (5)(3) of the **Appendix to ABMPO/NatFak**, the Admissions Committee shall deem the applicant qualified based on the submitted documents if the average of the final grade of the subject-specific or subject-related/equivalent degree is 2.3 (good) or higher.

(4) <sup>1</sup>In the oral admission examination according to (5)(3) et seq. of the **Appendix to ABMPO/NatFak**, applicants who have a final grade or current grade between 2.31 and 2.5 shall be evaluated according to the following equally weighted criteria:

1. Quality of subject-related knowledge in cultural geography, in particular geographical development research, urban studies and regional development, political geography and social geography (50%),
2. Applicant's ability to analyze and produce academic texts as well as to recognize and analyze sociological and ecological processes (30%),
3. A positive prognosis based on improving progress during the applicant's course of studies so far which suggests that the applicant is able to carry out independent academic work in a more research-oriented degree program (discussion on the basis of graduation documents (in particular Transcript of Records) from their first degree program) (20%).

<sup>2</sup>Notwithstanding (5)(8) of the **Appendix to ABMPO/NatFak**, the duration of the oral admission examination is approximately 30 minutes. <sup>3</sup>If the oral admission examination is passed, the Admissions Committee shall decide whether admission is to be granted with conditions according to Section 34 (2)(2) **ABMPO/NatFak** based on the examiners' recommendation.

## **Section 53 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Program, Specializations, Admission to Examinations for the Specializations**

(1) The Master's degree program in Cultural Geography can be studied in three different variants:

1. Degree program without specializations pursuant to Section 2,
2. Degree program with the specializations "Geographical development research" or "Urban studies and regional development" pursuant to Section 3,
3. Degree program with the specialization "Digital geographies and society" pursuant to Section 4.

(2) The scope and structure of the Master's degree program in Cultural Geography without any specializations as well as the scope and type of the examinations shall be set forth in **Appendix 2**.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The degree program with the specialization "Geographical development research" or "Urban studies with regional development" comprises a compulsory module, elective modules (interdisciplinary perspectives pursuant to Section 55) and specialization modules as well as the Master's thesis. <sup>2</sup>The scope and structure as well as the type and scope of examinations in the specializations "Geographical development research" and "Urban studies and regional development" are governed by **Appendix 3**. <sup>3</sup>In order to complete the Master's degree program with one of these specializations, at least 55 ECTS credits from 70 ECTS credits must be acquired from modules which are assigned to this specialization. <sup>4</sup>In addition, the subject of the Master's thesis must be assigned to the relevant specialization pursuant to sentence 3. <sup>5</sup>The Institute of Geography at FAU makes the decision about the assignments of specializations. <sup>6</sup>Students who successfully complete the Master's degree program can apply to the Examinations Committee for the name of the specialization to be added to their academic record and Master's degree certificate: "Specialization <Name of specialization>", whereby <Name of specialization> must be replaced by the specialization pursuant to sentence 1. <sup>7</sup>The application for this addition must be made when registering for a Master's thesis.

(4) <sup>1</sup>As a prerequisite for taking the specialization "Digital geographies and society" and participating in module examinations for the relevant modules, candidates must have achieved at least 10 ECTS credits in Geographical Information Systems (GIS)/Digital Geography/Digital Humanities and Social Sciences and/or Digital Transformation, which may be demonstrated in particular by taking digital humanities and social sciences as part of a two-subject Bachelor's degree program at FAU. <sup>2</sup>The scope and structure as well as the type and scope of examinations in the specializations "Digital Geographies and Society" are governed by **Appendix 4**. <sup>3</sup>The lectures and seminars chosen must be approved by the lecturer. <sup>4</sup>In order to complete the Master's degree program with this specialization, at least 55 ECTS credits from 60 ECTS credits must be acquired from modules which are assigned to this specialization. <sup>5</sup>In addition, the subject of the Master's thesis must be assigned to the specialization pursuant to sentence 1. <sup>6</sup>Students who successfully complete the Master's degree program with the specialization "Digital Geographies and Society" can apply to the Examinations Committee for the name of the specialization to be added to their academic record and Master's degree certificate. <sup>7</sup>The application for this addition must be made when registering for a Master's thesis.

(5) Taking additional modules or participating in teaching units with a limited number of participants is only possible if capacity allows; students who require these modules as proof of gaining the 120 ECTS credits required for completing their degree are given priority.

#### **Section 54 Modules in Specializations**

(1) <sup>1</sup>In the specialization modules pursuant to Section 53 (4), students acquire skills for applying research-oriented methods and for developing strategies to solve problems related to cultural geography and acquire the ability to carry out academic work independently. <sup>2</sup>The learning outcome has a research focus, with students learning subject-

specific methods of research and exploring their subject in more depth. <sup>3</sup>The element of choice allows students to tailor their profile in view of their career plans.

(2) For the degree program with the specialization “Geographical development research” or “Urban studies and regional development”, a total of 70 ECTS credits must be gained from the specialization modules on offer as follows:

1. Advanced cultural geography (10 ECTS credits)
2. External expertise (10 ECTS credits)
3. Teaching research (15 ECTS credits)
4. Advanced regional geography (15 ECTS)
5. Advanced methodology (10 ECTS credits)
6. Research workshop and project management (10 ECTS credits).

(3) For the degree program with the specialization “Digital geographies and society”, a total of 80 credits must be gained as follows:

- a) 60 ECTS credits in geography:
  1. Advanced cultural geography (5 ECTS credits)
  2. External expertise (10 ECTS credits)
  3. Teaching research (15 ECTS credits)
  4. Advanced regional geography (15 ECTS)
  5. Advanced methodology (5 ECTS credits)
  6. Research workshop and project management (10 ECTS credits)
- b) In the interdisciplinary Master’s degree specialization “Digitalization and social change”, 20 ECTS credits must be gained from the following modules:
  1. Society, technology, space (10 ECTS credits)
  2. Methods in digital humanities and social sciences (10 ECTS credits).

(4) <sup>1</sup>The specialization modules pursuant to Section 53 (1) are listed in module catalogs that are updated each semester and are published at the latest one week before the lecture period begins. <sup>2</sup>The type and scope of the course and examination achievements as well as the way in which the grade is determined for modules are governed by **Appendix 3** and **4**.

(5) The specializations have the following subject-specific learning outcomes:

1. <sup>1</sup>In the specialization “Geographical development research”, students gain in-depth knowledge and subject-related, methodological, and intercultural communication skills in social and environmental challenges and fields of conflict, typically in the context of social, political and environmental change. <sup>2</sup>The main topics include vulnerability, marginalization, resilience, criticality, risk, adaption and mitigation, environmental action and the use of resources, urbanization and rural transformation in societies of the “global south”. <sup>3</sup>The focus is also on crises and catastrophes as well as their causes, consequences and management.
2. <sup>1</sup>In the specialization “Urban studies and regional development”, students gain in-depth knowledge and skills in critical analysis, empirical examination and approaches for action in geographical urban research and regional development. <sup>2</sup>The main topics include dynamics in society in urban spaces, demographic change, integration across borders and economic structural change. <sup>3</sup>The focus is on aspects of cultural change and processes in urban planning, urban development and urban policy.
3. <sup>1</sup>In the specialization “Digital geography and society”, students gain in-depth knowledge and skills in critical analysis, empirical research and in shaping digital



transformation in their social and spatial dimensions. <sup>2</sup>The main topics are questions about how, on the one hand, the design of social spaces is changed by and with digitalization and, on the other, how digitalization is shaped in new spatial concepts of networking and delimitation. <sup>3</sup>In addition, students gain more in-depth methodological skills of geographically and sociologically oriented analysis of digital data. <sup>4</sup>The interdisciplinary MA specialization at FAU called “Digitalization and social change” is integrated into this specialization.

### **Section 55 Learning Outcomes and Examinations in Electives in the Module Inter-/Transdisciplinary Perspectives (Section 53 (3) (1))**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The overriding learning outcomes of the electives of the module Inter-/Transdisciplinary Perspectives that can be chosen pursuant to Section 53 (3) (1), are firstly to allow students to gain more advanced knowledge in an area that complements the Master's degree program in terms of content. <sup>2</sup>The second learning outcome is methodological, training students in interdisciplinary approaches, extending cultural perspectives and those from the social sciences to other fields of study and gaining experience in interdisciplinary social, cultural and scientific methods. <sup>3</sup>Thirdly, the element of choice gives students the opportunity to create their own individual profile in view of their future career.

(2) In the Inter-/Transdisciplinary Perspectives module, students can choose from modules worth a total of 10 ECTS credits from all the modules offered for Master's degree programs at FAU.

(3) The type and scope of teaching units and course and examination achievements depend on the specific manner in which the respective module is taught and are regulated by the applicable **(degree program and) examination regulations** and/or the module handbook.

### **Section 56 Master's Thesis**

(1) <sup>1</sup>30 ECTS credits shall be awarded for the Master's thesis. <sup>2</sup>The results of the written work (25 ECTS credits) shall be presented in a presentation (5 ECTS credits).

(2) Students are required to have achieved at least 60 ECTS credits in order to be allocated a subject for the Master's thesis.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The Master's thesis is intended to show that the student is capable of dealing with a problem from the field of the Master's degree program in cultural geography independently and according to scientific methods within a set period, presenting the results in accordance with the standards of the field and using the correct language, and putting them in relation to current specialist literature. <sup>2</sup>Section 53 (3) (4) and Section 53 (4) (5) must be observed.

(4) A written assignment suitable for use in the State Examination in teaching (Lehramt) pursuant to Section 29 of the examination regulations for teaching degree programs I (Lehramtsprüfungsordnung I – **LPO I**) can be submitted as a Master's thesis if the topic is explored in more depth from an academic point of view.

(5) <sup>1</sup>The Master's thesis for the degree program Cultural Geography shall be written in German or, with the approval of the supervisor, in English. <sup>2</sup>If the Master's thesis is written in English in the Master's degree program in Cultural Geography, it shall include

a summary written in German of approximately 5 to 10 pages citing the topic, methods used and findings.

(6) Full-time university lecturers employed at the Institute of Geography (supervisors) shall be entitled to assign Master's theses; the Examinations Committee may grant exceptions.

(7) Notwithstanding Section 37 (4) (2) **ABMPO/NatFak**, the Examinations Committee can extend the period for the Master's thesis by a maximum of three months in exceptional cases.

(8) <sup>1</sup>Notwithstanding Section § 37 (6) (5) **ABMPO/NatFak**, two hard copies of the Master's thesis and two machine-readable, electronic copies (PDF document on CD-ROM) shall be submitted to the Examinations Office. <sup>2</sup>The supervisor shall be given one of the (stamped) hard copies. <sup>3</sup>The design of the title page shall follow the template provided by the Examinations Committee responsible. <sup>4</sup>The Master's thesis shall include a declaration by the student confirming that the thesis is an original work and that no other sources or materials than the ones listed were used.

### **Section 57 Legal Validity, Transitory Provisions**

(1) <sup>1</sup>These examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication. <sup>2</sup>They shall apply to students starting a degree program from the winter semester 2020/2021 onwards. <sup>3</sup>Notwithstanding sentence 2, students who have commenced their degree program before winter semester 2020/2021 can also apply to have the specializations listed in Section 53 (4) in conjunction with Section 53 (8) included on their degree certificate. <sup>4</sup>Notwithstanding sentence 2, the provision stipulated in Section 52 in conjunction with Section 34 and the **Appendix to ABMPO/NatFak** shall apply for the first time to applications for admission to the Master's degree program in summer semester 2021; until then the provisions stipulated in the currently valid version of the degree program and examination regulations for the Bachelor's degree program in Physical Geography and the Master's degree program in Climate & Environmental Sciences as well as the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Cultural Geography at the Faculty of Sciences at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) dated September 27, 2007, last amended by statute of 2 March 2017 shall apply in the latest version.

(2) <sup>1</sup>At the same time, the degree program and examination regulations for the Bachelor's degree program in Physical Geography and the Master's degree program in Climate & Environmental Sciences as well as the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Cultural Geography at the Faculty of Sciences at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) from September 27, 2007, last amended by statute of 2 March, 2017 shall cease to be in force, subject to the provisions in (1) (3) as well as the provisions below. <sup>2</sup>Students already studying under the previously valid version of the degree program and examination regulations according to sentence 1 shall complete their studies under those degree program and examination regulations. <sup>3</sup>Examinations in accordance with the degree program and examination regulations in sentence 1 will be offered for the last time in summer semester 2025 for the Bachelor's degree program in Cultural Geography and in winter semester 2023/2024 for the Master's degree program in Cultural Geography.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The first amendment statute shall come into effect on October 1, 2022. <sup>2</sup>They shall apply to all students starting the Master's degree program in Global Business Management from the winter semester 2022/2023 onwards. <sup>3</sup>Notwithstanding sentence 2, the amendments in **Appendix 1** regarding the Bachelor's and Master's thesis apply to all students who are already studying in accordance with the valid version of FPO Kulturgeo and who have not completed the Bachelor's or Master's thesis module (passed/failed at the final attempt). <sup>4</sup>Notwithstanding sentence 2 and 3, the amendments in Section 54 (4) (new) shall apply to all module examinations held from winter semester 2022/2023 onwards. <sup>5</sup>Notwithstanding sentence 2 to 4, the amendments in Section 51 shall apply to all students starting a Master's degree program from winter semester 2022/2023 onwards.

## Appendix 1: Degree Program Structure of the Bachelor's Degree Program in Cultural Geography

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>						Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
		L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.	5th sem.	6th sem.		
<b>KG 1: Foundations of cultural geography 1</b>	Introductory lecture: Cultural geography 1	2				5	4						Written examination (45 min)	1
	Tutorial/exercise		1				1							
<b>KG 2: Foundations of cultural geography 2</b>	Introductory lecture: Cultural geography 2	2				5		4					Written examination (45 min)	1
	Tutorial/exercise		1					1						
<b>KG 3: Foundations of physical geography 1</b>	Introductory lecture: Physical geography 1	2				5	4						Written examination (45 min)	1
	Tutorial/exercise		1				1							
<b>KG 4: Foundations of physical geography 2</b>	Introductory lecture: Physical geography 2	2				5		4					Written examination (45 min)	1
	Tutorial/exercise		1					1						
<b>KG 5: Introduction to geography<sup>3)</sup></b>	Basic seminar Geography				2	5	5						TA	1
<b>KG 6: GIS and Geo-visualization<sup>3)</sup></b>	Lecture: Cartography and spatial information	2				7.5	2.5						TA	0
	Seminar: Introduction to GIS				2			5						
<b>KG 7: Qualitative and quantitative methods<sup>3)</sup></b>	Lecture: Methodology and statistics	2				7.5		2.5					ÜL	0
	Seminar Empirical social research				2				5					
<b>KG 8: Field placement</b>	Field placement			3		5		5					Report (5-10 pages)	0

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>						Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
		L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.	5th sem.	6th sem.		
<b>KG 9: Regional geography 1</b>	Minor field seminar/Field trip (5 days total)				2.9	5		2.5	2.5				Report (5-10 pages)	0
<b>KG 10: Advanced cultural geography 1</b>	Lecture Advanced cultural geography	2				5			2.5				Written examination (90 min), 0 %, <i>or</i> <sup>4)</sup> Two written examinations (45 min each), 0 %	0
	Lecture Advanced cultural geography	2								2.5				
<b>KG 11: Advanced cultural geography 2</b>	Lecture Advanced cultural geography	2				5				2.5			Written examination (90 min), 0 %, <i>or</i> <sup>4)</sup> Two written examinations (45 min each), 0 %	0
	Lecture Advanced cultural geography	2										2.5		
<b>KG 12: Interdisciplinary Geography</b>	Regional/special lecture	2				5				2.5			Written examination (90 min), 0 %, <i>or</i> <sup>4)</sup> Two written examinations (45 min each), 0 %	0
	Regional/special lecture	2									2.5			
<b>KG 13: Regional geography 2</b>	Advanced seminar for major field seminar				2	10				4			SA <i>or</i> <sup>5)</sup> TA	1
	Major field seminar (minimum of 8 days)				4.6							6		
<b>KG 14: Special Cultural geography 1</b>	Advanced seminar Cultural Geography				2	10			5				SA, 50% and TA, 50%	1
	Advanced seminar Special methods in Cultural Geography				2					5				
<b>KG 15: Special cultural geography 2</b>	Advanced seminar Cultural Geography				2	10				5			SA, 50% and TA, 50%	1
	Advanced seminar Special				2				5					

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>						Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
		L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.	5th sem.	6th sem.		
	methods in Cultural Geography													
<b>KG 16: Applied cultural geography<sup>3)</sup></b>	Project-oriented advanced seminar Cultural Geography				2	5				5			SA	1
<b>KG 17: Elective module in geography Analysis of society and the environment</b>	Advanced seminar or Method seminar or Project-oriented advanced seminar or Map interpretation				2	5					5		SA	1
	Advanced seminar or Method seminar or Project-oriented advanced seminar or Map interpretation				2						5			
<b>KG 18: Researching and working in geography<sup>3)</sup></b>	Research colloquium <sup>6)</sup>				2	5					2,5		Lab book (approx. 10–15 pages)	0
	Seminar Professional field Geography				2							2,5		
<b>KPrakt: External placement<sup>3)</sup></b>	External placement			6 weeks		10						10	placement report (3-5 pages)	0
<b>Electives pursuant to Section 48<sup>7)</sup></b>	see Section 48 (3)					40	12.5	5	10	5	7.5		see Section 48 (3)	1
<b>KBA: Bachelor's thesis CG</b>	Bachelor's thesis CG					15						12	Bachelor's thesis (approx. 50 pages) and oral examination (15 min.)  (100 % + 0 %)	2
	Oral examination											3		
<b>Total SWS and ECTS credits:</b>		24	4	3	33,5	180	30	30	30	29	31	30		
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- <sup>2)</sup> Unless stated otherwise, these are graded course achievements.
- <sup>3)</sup> Key qualification pursuant to Section 32a **ABMPO/NatFak** are taught in the stipulated modules.
- <sup>4)</sup> Students may choose to take either a 90 minute written examination or two partial examinations of 45 minutes each in the individual subject areas.
- <sup>5)</sup> The type and scope of the examination depend on the specific manner in which the teaching unit chosen by the student is taught, see module handbook for details.
- <sup>6)</sup> The research colloquium offers various presentations about current research at the Institute of Geography at FAU, presentations by external researchers and the Franconian Geographical Society (FGG) and participation in the practical forum of the DVAG (German Association of Applied Geography). By participating in the colloquium, students gain additional insights into selected examples from the fields of research and work in the social and natural sciences. Participation is documented in a colloquium booklet.
- <sup>7)</sup> see Section 45 (1) (4). At least 20 ECTS credits in the first elective, at least 10 ECTS credits in each further elective.

## Appendix 2: Structure of the Master's Degree Program in Cultural Geography (without specialization)

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1</sup>				Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
		L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.		
<b>Theories of cultural geography</b>	Seminar Applied philosophy of science				2	<b>5</b>	2.5				TA	0
	Lecture Spatial theory	2			2		2.5					
<b>INT: Interdisciplinary perspectives in accordance with Section 55</b>	see Section 55 (3)				<b>10</b>	10				see Section 55 (3)	0	
<b>KGV: Advanced cultural geography 1</b>	Advanced seminar					2	<b>5</b>	5				
<b>KGV: Advanced cultural geography 2</b>	Advanced seminar				2	<b>5</b>		5		SA	1	
<b>Elective module Cultural Geography</b>	Advanced seminar <i>or</i> Seminar: Advanced methodology in cultural geography				2	<b>5</b>			5	SA <i>or</i> <sup>3)</sup> TA	1	
<b>EE: External expertise<sup>4)</sup></b>	External expertise I				2	<b>10</b>	5			SA <i>or</i> <sup>3)</sup> TA	0	
	External expertise II				2			5				
<b>LF: Teaching research</b>	Teaching research project				2	<b>15</b>	5			Research report (20-30 pages) and presentation (approx. 30 mins) (70 % + 30 %)	1	
					2			10				
<b>RGV: Advanced regional geography</b>	Advanced seminar for major field seminar				2	<b>15</b>		5		SA <i>or</i> <sup>3)</sup> TA	1	



Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1</sup>				Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
		L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.		
	Major field seminar (At least 10 days)				10 days			10				
<b>FW: Research workshop and project management</b>	Research workshop with research colloquium <sup>5)</sup>				4	<b>10</b>			10		Research report (20–30 pages, 0%) and Reflective discussion (approx. 15-30 mins; 0 %)	0
<b>MV: Advanced methodology</b>	Seminar: Advanced methodology in cultural geography				2	<b>10</b>		5			SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
	Seminar: Advanced methodology in cultural geography				2				5			
<b>ARB: Master's thesis</b>	Master's thesis					<b>30</b>				25	Master's thesis (approx. 80 pages) and oral examination (approx. 30 mins) (100 % + 0 %)	2
	Oral examination									5		
<b>Total semester hours (at least) and ECTS credits</b>					<b>28</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>		

TA = tutorial achievement pursuant to Section 6 (4) (1) **ABMPO/NatFak**  
SA = seminar achievement pursuant to Section 6 (4) (3) **AMBPO/NatFak**

<sup>1)</sup> The distribution shown is a recommendation.

<sup>2)</sup> Unless stated otherwise, these are graded course achievements.

<sup>3)</sup> The type and scope of the examination depend on the specific manner in which the teaching unit chosen by the student is taught, see module handbook for details.

<sup>4)</sup> The module EE (External Expertise) can be replaced by an external placement lasting at least six weeks.

<sup>5)</sup> The research colloquium offers various presentations about current research at the Institute of Geography at FAU, presentations by external researchers and the Franconian Geographical Society (FGG) and participation in the practical forum of the DVAG (German Association of Applied Geography). By participating in the colloquium, students gain additional insights beyond the research workshop and research report into selected examples from the fields of research and work in the social and natural sciences. Participation is documented in a colloquium booklet.

### Appendix 3: Structure of the Degree Program in Cultural Geography with the Geographical Development Research or Urban Studies and Regional Development Specialization

	Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>				Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
			L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.		
Compulsory module	Theories of cultural geography	Seminar Applied philosophy of science				2	5	2,5				TA	0
		Lecture Spatial theory	2			2		2,5					
	Elective module Cultural Geography	Advanced seminar or Seminar in advanced methodology in cultural geography				2	5			5		SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
	<b>Total compulsory modules</b>			<b>2</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
Elective modules	INT: Interdisciplinary perspectives in accordance with Section 55	see Section 55 (3)					10	10				see Section 55 (3)	0
	<b>Total elective modules</b>						<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
Modules in specializations	KGV: Advanced cultural geography 1	Advanced seminar				2	5	5				SA	1
	KGV: Advanced cultural geography 2	Advanced seminar				2	5		5			SA	1
	EE: External expertise <sup>4)</sup>	External expertise I				2	10	5				SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	0
		External expertise II				2			5				
	LF: Teaching research	Teaching research project				2	15	5				Research report (20-30 pages) and presentation (approx. 30 mins)	1

	Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>				Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
			L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.		
						2		10			(70 % + 30 %)		
	<b>RGV: Advanced regional geography</b>	Advanced seminar on major field seminar				2	<b>15</b>		5			SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
		Major field seminar (minimum of 10 days)				10 days				10			
	<b>FW: Research workshop and project management</b>	Research workshop with research colloquium <sup>5)</sup>				4	<b>10</b>			10		Research report (20–30 pages, 0%) and reflective discussion (15-30 Min., 0 %)	0
	<b>MV: Advanced Methodology</b>	Seminar: Advanced methodology in cultural geography				2	<b>10</b>		5			SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
		Seminar: Advanced methodology in cultural geography				2				5			
<b>Total modules in specializations</b>						<b>22</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Master's thesis</b>	<b>ARB: Master's thesis</b>	Master's thesis					<b>30</b>				25	Master's thesis (approx. 80 pages) and oral examination (approx. 30 mins) (100 % + 0 %)	2
		Oral examination								5			
	<b>Total: Master's thesis</b>						<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Total semester hours (at least) and ECTS credits</b>						<b>28</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>		

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<sup>2)</sup> Unless stated otherwise, these are graded course achievements.

<sup>3)</sup> The type and scope of the examination depend on the specific manner in which the teaching unit chosen by the student is taught, see module handbook for details.

<sup>4)</sup> The module EE (External Expertise) can be replaced by an external placement lasting at least six weeks.

<sup>5)</sup> The research colloquium offers various presentations about current research at the Institute of Geography at FAU, presentations by external researchers and the Franconian Geographical Society (FGG) and participation in the practical forum of the DVAG (German Association of Applied Geography). By participating in the colloquium, students gain additional insights beyond the research workshop and research report into selected examples from the fields of research and work in the social and natural sciences. Participation is documented in a colloquium booklet.

#### Appendix 4: Structure of the Degree Program in Cultural Geography with the Digital Geography and Society Specialization

	Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>				Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
			L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.		
Compulsory module	Theories of cultural geography	Seminar Applied philosophy of science				2	5	2.5				TA	0
		Lecture Spatial theory	2			2		2.5					
	Elective module Cultural Geography	Advanced seminar or Seminar in advanced methodology in cultural geography				2	5			5		SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
	<b>Total compulsory modules</b>			<b>2</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
Interdisciplinary Master's degree specialization	Society, technology, space	Society, technology, space				2	10	10				Presentation (30-45 min.) with written assignment (Approx. 20 pages) (39% +70%) or <sup>3)</sup> Written examination (90 min)	1
	Methods in digital humanities and social sciences	Methods in digital humanities and social sciences				2	10		5	5		Presentation (30-45 min.) with written assignment (Approx. 20 pages) (39% +70%) or <sup>3)</sup> Written examination (90 min)	1
	<b>Total interdisciplinary Master's degree specialization Digitalization and Social Change</b>						<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		
Specialization modules	KGV: Advanced cultural geography	Advanced seminar				2	5	5				SA	1
	EE: External expertise <sup>4)</sup>	External expertise I				2	10	5				SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	0
		External expertise II				2			5				
LF: Teaching research	Teaching research project				2	15	5				Research report (20-30 pages) and presentation (approx. 30 mins) (70 % + 30 %)	1	
				2			10						

	Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				Total ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1)</sup>				Type and scope of the examination <sup>2)</sup>	Grade factor
			L	T	P	S		1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.		
	<b>RGV: Advanced regional geography</b>	Advanced seminar on major field seminar				2	15		5			SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
		Major field seminar (minimum of 10 days)				10 days				10			
	<b>FW: Research workshop and project management</b>	Research workshop with Research colloquium <sup>5)</sup>				4	10			10		Research report (20–30 pages, 0%) and reflective discussion (15-30 Min., 0 %)	0
	<b>MV: Advanced Methodology</b>	Seminar: Advanced methodology in CG				2	5		5			SA or <sup>3)</sup> TA	1
	<b>Total modules in specializations</b>						22	60	15	25	20	0	
<b>Master's thesis</b>	<b>ARB: Master's thesis</b>	Master's thesis					30				25	Master's thesis (approx. 80 pages) and oral examination (approx. 30 mins) (100 % + 0 %)	2
		Oral examination								5			
	<b>Total: Master's thesis</b>						30	0	0	0	30		
<b>Total semester hours (at least) and ECTS credits</b>						28	120	30	30	30	30		

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<sup>1)</sup> Die angegebene Verteilung stellt eine Empfehlung dar.

<sup>2)</sup> Unless stated otherwise, these are graded course achievements.

<sup>3)</sup> The type and scope of the examination depend on the specific manner in which the teaching unit chosen by the student is taught, see module handbook for details.

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