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Examination regulations for the international Bachelor's degree program in Sociology at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

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On the basis of Article 5 (3)(1) of the Concordat between the Holy See and the Free State of Bavaria dated March 29, 1924 (BayRS 2220-1-WFK), the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU) issues the following examination regulations:

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Section 1

Scope of application

¹These examination regulations govern the examination requirements for the international Bachelor's degree program in Sociology. ²The current version of the general examination regulations (APO) of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt dated November 26, 2014, also applies.

Section 2

Degree

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are awarded a Bachelor of Arts (BA).

Section 3

Standard length of the program, start of the program, specializations, study abroad period

- (1) The standard length of the Bachelor's degree program is six semesters.
- (2) Students can start the program in the winter semester.
- (3) The following specializations are offered, of which the student must choose one:
 1. Empirical Sociology
 2. Theoretical Sociology
 3. Sociology of Politics and Cultural Studies
 4. Process-Oriented Sociology
- (4) ¹The student must obtain at least 30 ECTS credits at a foreign university (study abroad period). ²Before the study abroad period, the student and the degree program coordinator must agree upon a learning agreement regulating this study abroad period and obtain approval from the board of examiners. ³This learning agreement must generally include at least 10 ECTS credits in theory and/or methods and 10 ECTS credits in the chosen specialization; the other 10 ECTS credits may be in any area.

Section 4

Passing the Bachelor's examination, calculation of the overall grade

The Bachelor's examination has been passed when

1. all modules up to the end of the eighth semester have been awarded the grade 'sufficient' (4.0) or better or have been assessed as passed and
2. the student has acquired a total of 180 ECTS credits.

Section 5

Compulsory modules, elective compulsory modules, elective modules

- (1) ¹Each student must obtain 75 ECTS credits in compulsory modules. ²He or she must complete the following modules:

1. Introduction to Sociology: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
2. Introduction to Sociological Theory: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
3. Sociological Thinking, Sociological Researching: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
4. Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
5. Qualitative Methods of Empirical Social Research: 10 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
6. Social Structure of the Federal Republic of Germany: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
7. Methods of Data Analysis I: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
8. Methods of Data Analysis II: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
9. IT-Based Analysis of Data from the Social Sciences: 5 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
10. Practical Course on Empirical Social Research: 15 ECTS credits; module examination: research report or oral examination or written assignment
11. Internship: 10 ECTS credits; module examination: internship report (ungraded)

(2) ¹Each student must obtain 20 ECTS credits in elective compulsory area I (*Wahlpflichtbereich I*) (specialization). The following modules are offered, which correspond to the specializations in Section 3 (3):

1. Empirical Sociology: 10 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
2. Key Aspects of Sociological Theory: 10 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
3. Sociology of Politics and Cultural Studies: 10 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment
4. Process-Oriented Sociology: 10 ECTS credits; module examination: timed written examination or oral examination or written assignment

²The student's specialization is determined by the modules that he or she completes in conjunction with the module that he or she completes abroad that is designated as belonging to the chosen specialization.

(3) In elective compulsory area II (*Wahlpflichtbereich II*), each student must complete additional Bachelor's modules worth up to 20 ECTS credits from elective compulsory area I or up to 20 ECTS credits in the following subjects in the degree programs without admission restrictions:

1. Political science
2. History
3. European ethnology
4. Geography
5. Philosophy
6. Communication science
7. Business and economics

(4) In the elective area (*Wahlbereich*) each student must complete Bachelor's modules worth 20 ECTS credits from any of the degree programs without admission restrictions at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

Section 6
Bachelor's thesis, colloquium

- (1) ¹The student is issued a topic for the Bachelor's thesis that is related to his or her chosen specialization. ²The Bachelor's thesis must be written in German or English.
- (2) The period allocated for working on the Bachelor's thesis is six months.
- (3) While working on the Bachelor's thesis, the student must complete the module Coaching for the Bachelor's Thesis: 5 ECTS credits (ungraded).

Section 7
Entry into force, transitional provisions

- (1) These examination regulations enter into force with effect from January 1, 2016.
- (2) ¹The examination regulations for the international Bachelor's degree program in Sociology at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt dated July 11, 2012 cease to be in force. ²They continue to apply to all students who began their studies in the international Bachelor's degree program in Sociology before January 1, 2016, unless they choose to change to these examination regulations.