# General Examination Regulations for Degree Programs and other Kinds of Studies at Hof University of Applied Sciences (Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung - APO)

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Based on Art. 9 Sentence 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG) of August 5, 2022 (GVBl. p. 414; BayRS 2210-1-3-WK), Hof University of Applied Sciences enacts the following Statutes:

#### Part 1 Basic Provisions

#### §1

#### **Purpose of these General Examination Regulations**

These Statutes lay down generally applicable regulations for examinations in all degree programs and other studies at Hof University of Applied Sciences.

#### § 2 Final Examination, Modules, Credit Points

(1) <sup>1</sup>Whoever has completed all the modules required for their degree program has passed the final examination in their degree program. <sup>2</sup>This shall apply accordingly to other studies which are completed by university examinations.

(2) <sup>1</sup>A module is deemed to have been completed if all examinations to be taken have been passed. <sup>2</sup>If a study and examination regulation provides that a module is to be completed by a certificate of participation, this is deemed equivalent to a passed examination and the regulations apply accordingly. <sup>3</sup>A module is also deemed to have been completed if competences have been recognised or credited in accordance with Art. 86 BayHIG.

(3) <sup>1</sup>With the completion of a module, the number of credit points specified in the study and examination regulations have been acquired. <sup>2</sup>One credit point corresponds to classroom studies and self-studies with a total workload of 30 hours.

(4) <sup>1</sup>Modules can be compulsory modules, compulsory elective modules or elective modules. <sup>2</sup>Compulsory modules are modules which are always required in a degree program, a field of study, a specialisation or a comparable profiling for passing the final examination. <sup>3</sup>Compulsory elective modules are modules that are required for passing the final examination if students have made a corresponding choice. <sup>4</sup>Elective modules are modules which are neither compulsory nor compulsory elective modules for the students concerned.

#### § 3 Purpose of Examinations, Subjects and Requirements, Probity

(1) The purpose of the examinations is to assess the extent to which the respective student has achieved the learning objective of the relevant module.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The competencies to be acquired in the relevant module are the subject of examination. <sup>2</sup>The examination requirements correspond to the workload required for the acquisition of these competencies.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Examinations must be taken in person and without the help of third parties. <sup>2</sup>Only the authorised aids may be used. <sup>3</sup>Content taken verbatim or in spirit from other sources must be made recognizable with reference to the sources; this does not apply to written examinations. <sup>4</sup>Except in the case of written examinations, students must confirm that they have complied with the above sentences in accordance with the module handbook; otherwise, the examination in question is deemed not to have been taken.

#### § 4 Standard Dates, Deadlines

(1) Examinations shall be taken in the semester for which they are scheduled in the module handbook.

(2) In Bachelor's degree programs, all examinations to be taken in the first year of study must be taken by the end of the third semester at the latest.

(3) All examinations required to pass the final examination must be taken for the first time by the end of the second semester following the end of the standard period of study.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The extension of the deadlines according to subsection 2 and subsection 3 is specified in § 43. <sup>2</sup>On application, these periods may be extended by the number of semesters required for the repetition of examinations; in this respect, § 43 (2) and (3) applies accordingly.

(5) Examinations which have not been taken within the periods specified in subsections 2 and 3 and, if applicable, extended in accordance with subsection 4, are deemed to have been taken and not passed (Art. 84, Para. 4, Sentence 4 BayHIG).

#### Part 2 Examination Bodies

#### § 5 Examination Board (Prüfungsausschuss)

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Examination Board has three members, one of whom is the chairperson. <sup>2</sup>A deputy is appointed for each member. <sup>3</sup>Members and their deputies may only be appointed professors of Hof University.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The chairperson is appointed by the President. <sup>2</sup>The appointment of the other members and the deputies also is made by the president, but in consultation with the chairperson. <sup>3</sup>The term of office is three years. <sup>4</sup>After expiry of the term of office, the members and deputies remain in office until a successor is appointed for them. <sup>5</sup>Reappointment is permitted without restrictions.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The Examination Board is responsible for all examination matters that are not explicitly assigned to another examination body. <sup>2</sup>In particular, it is responsible for the following duties:

1. fixing and announcing the dates by which the examination results must be available,

2. deciding on fundamental questions in examination matters,

3. monitoring the correct application of the examination regulations,

4. handling appeals against examination decisions and deciding on complaints in examination matters, and

5. deciding on compensation for disadvantages.

<sup>3</sup>The Examination Board may object to and overturn unlawful decisions of other examination bodies. <sup>4</sup>Other examination bodies are bound by the decisions of the Examination Board. <sup>5</sup>The members of the Examination Board have the right to be present at examinations and to participate in meetings of the Examination Commissions.

(4) The Examination Board may delegate decisions according to subsection 3, sentence 2, nos. 3 and 5 to one or more of its members.

(5) <sup>1</sup>In cases that cannot be postponed, the chairperson will make the indispensable decisions. <sup>2</sup>The other members are to be informed without delay. <sup>3</sup>The Examination Board may revoke the decisions; rights of third parties that have already arisen remain unaffected.

(6) By way of derogation from § 46 subsection 3 sentence 2 Grundordnung (GrO), resolutions may also be passed by circulation procedure if the chairperson deems it appropriate for important reasons.

(7) § 45 paragraph 2 Grundord nung (GrO) does not apply to meetings of the Examination Board.

#### § 6 Examination Commissions (Prüfungskommissionen)

(1) <sup>1</sup>An Examination Commission is established for each degree program. <sup>2</sup>It has three members, one of whom is the chairperson. <sup>3</sup>Members may be appointed professors at Hof University of Applied Sciences. <sup>4</sup>One member, but not the chairperson, may also be a lecturer of Hof University of Applied Sciences. <sup>5</sup>The members are elected by the Department Council of the department, which is responsible for the respective degree program; in the case of continuing education Master's degree programs members of the Examination Commission are elected by the Department Council of the Graduate School. <sup>6</sup>The term of office of the members is three years; reelection is permitted without restrictions.

(2) For other kinds of studies Examination Commissions are established in accordance with the relevant study and examination regulations.

(3) The Examination Commission is responsible in particular for the following duties:

1. setting and announcing of the deadlines for the individual examinations in coordination with the responsible Deans or the Academic Dean of the Graduate School,

2. appointing the examiners and assigning the students to them,

3. the determination and announcement of the authorised aids at the suggestion of the respective examiner,

4. the decision on the recognition and crediting of competences according to Art. 86 BayHIG,

5. the decision on the fulfillment of the specific requirements for admission to degree programs,

6. the decision on the consequences of violations of examination rules,

7. the decision on requests for extensions of deadlines,

8. the decision on the admissibility of withdrawal from an examination, and

9. the determination of the results of examinations.

(4) The Examination Commission may delegate decisions according to subsection 3 No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 9 to one or more of its members.

(5) § 5, subsections 5 to 7 apply accordingly.

#### § 7 Examiners

The examiners are responsible for setting the examination tasks, supervising the examinations, documenting the examinations and grading the examinations in accordance with the specifications of the Examination Commission (§ 44 subsection 2).

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#### § 8 Examinations Office

<sup>1</sup>The Examinations Office supports the examination bodies and implements their decisions. <sup>2</sup>Applications and objections in all examination matters must be addressed to the Examinations Office, which will forward them to the respective examination bodies. <sup>3</sup>All official decisions in examination matters are issued by the Examinations Office on behalf of the respective examination body; this applies accordingly to notifications.

#### Part 3 Transfer of Credits and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

#### §9 Procedure

(1) <sup>1</sup>Applications for transfer of credits or recognition of prior learning (RPL) may only be made as long as the examination which is to be dispensed based on the application has not yet been taken for the first time. <sup>2</sup>The application shall be submitted as early as possible and must be conclusively reasoned. <sup>3</sup>The documents required for the decision must be submitted immediately, at the latest upon request to the responsible Examination Commission. <sup>4</sup>Questions posed by the Examination Commission must be answered without delay. <sup>5</sup>For documents that are not issued in German or English, the submission of a certified German translation may be required.

(2) <sup>1</sup>On complete applications the Examination Board will decide as a rule within one month. <sup>2</sup>An official decision will be issued, which states the reasons for the decision and is accompanied by a legal remedy.

#### § 10 Credit Transfer for Academic Achievements and Examination Results

<sup>1</sup>Credit points awarded on the basis of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) are transferred insofar as they are attributable to the recognised achievements. <sup>2</sup>For credit points acquired according to other systems, applicants must provide the Examination Commission with substantiating documentation on the credit point system applied. <sup>3</sup>If achievements are to be recognised for which no credit points have been awarded, applicants must clearly explain the working time required for this. <sup>4</sup>The Examination Commission will assess this in accordance with the credit point system of Hof University of Applied Sciences.

#### § 11 Transfer and Conversion of grades

<sup>1</sup>Grades will be transferred if the grading system of the institution at which the examination was taken corresponds to that of Hof University of Applied Sciences. <sup>2</sup>If this is not the case, conversion of grades is usually carried out using the following formula:

$$x = 1 + 3\left[\frac{Nmax - Ne}{Nmax - Nmin}\right]$$

<sup>3</sup>"x" denotes the conversion grade searched for in the grading system of Hof University of Applied Sciences and "N" denotes grades in the grading system of the other institution. <sup>4</sup>"Nmax" stands for the best achievable grade, "Nmin" for the lowest passing grade and "Ne" for the grade achieved.

#### § 12 Placement in Semester of Study

(1) <sup>1</sup>In the event of a change between full-time and part-time degree programs of the same content, students shall be placed into semesters of study on the basis of the credit points to be acquired during scheduled study in the previous degree program. <sup>2</sup>Apart from that, the calculation is based on the credit points acquired through credit transfer and recognition.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The credit points according to subsection 1, sentence 1 or 2 shall be multiplied by the standard period of study of the future degree program and divided by the number of credits to be acquired. <sup>2</sup>The result will be rounded down to whole semesters. <sup>3</sup>The student will be placed in the next semester of study (rounded result plus one).

#### Part 4 Examinations

#### Chapter 1 Registration and Admission

#### § 13 Registration for Examinations

(1) <sup>1</sup>Whoever wishes to take examinations must have been admitted to them. <sup>2</sup>Admission must be applied for in due form and time, stating the modules to which the examination relates (registration for examination). <sup>3</sup>Registration is done via the corresponding internet portal in the campus management system of the university within the registration period set by the Examination Board and announced by the university. <sup>4</sup>Departing from sentences 2 and 3, §25 subsection 2, sentence 6 applies for final theses. <sup>5</sup>An examination is deemed to have been not taken without corresponding admission to the examination. <sup>6</sup>The same applies if the legal effects of an admission cease to apply retroactively.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Subsequent applications are admissible if the application deadline was missed for justifiable reasons. <sup>2</sup>The reasons must be explained in the application and made credible. <sup>3</sup>The Examinations Office decides on the admission of the subsequent registration. <sup>4</sup>Subsequent registrations are not taken into account when setting the examination dates.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Registration for an examination only is valid for the next examination date. <sup>2</sup>Admission to repeating an examination or to taking a missed examination must be applied for again.

(4) <sup>1</sup>Students are obliged to check their examination registration. <sup>2</sup>As proof of registration, the documents made available via the registration portal shall be printed out and presented to the examiner or exam supervisor as required.

#### § 14 General Admission Requirements

<sup>1</sup>Admission to an examination requires that the applying student is enrolled at Hof University and has not already passed or definitively failed the respective examination. <sup>2</sup>If the decision on the final failure of an examination is not yet final, provisional admission for repeating the respective examination in deviation from sentence 1 does not require enrolment. <sup>3</sup>Art. 93, para. 3 BayHIG remains unaffected.

#### § 15 Admission

<sup>1</sup>Applications in due form and time are deemed to have been accepted in accordance with the application, unless the Examinations Office does not immediately refuse admission, only grants provisional admission or imposes additional provisions. <sup>2</sup>The same applies to subsequent applications in due form, for which admissibility has been determined in accordance with §13 subsection 2 sentence 3. <sup>3</sup>If admission to an examination is subject to the completion of a preliminary examination, admission is deemed to have been granted on condition that this has been completed by the time the examination is taken.

#### Chapter 2 Examinations and Pre-conditions for Examination

#### Section 1 General

#### § 16 Pre-conditions for Examination

<sup>1</sup>In accordance with the study and examination regulations, admission to an examination may require pre-conditions for examination. <sup>2</sup>Pre-conditions for examination may include in particular regular attendance at a particular course (record of attendance) or the qualified performance of certain activities, such as the performance of tests (Testate). <sup>3</sup>The performance of pre-conditions for examinations requires prior registration for them.

#### § 17 Group Examinations

(1) <sup>1</sup>If assignments are worked on in groups, the individual contributions of the group members may not fall short of the requirements for a comparable individual performance and must be clearly distinguishable and assessable as such. <sup>2</sup>Sentence 1 does not apply if a group performance is merely to demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively.

(2) In the case of oral examinations, it must be ensured that the specified examination duration is allotted to all examined students.

#### § 18 Examination Documentation

<sup>1</sup>The procedure and the result of each examination must be documented in a suitable manner. <sup>2</sup>In particular, all special occurrences must be noted that are relevant for assessing the examination result. <sup>3</sup>In the case of oral examinations, the essential contents of the discussion are to be noted, if this is not apparent from the documents handed over by the examined student.

#### § 19 Compensation for Disadvantages

(1) <sup>1</sup>Students who, due to a disability or an indefinite or chronic illness, are wholly or partially unable to take an examination in the intended form or duration (disadvantage) shall be granted compensation for this, as far as this is necessary to ensure equal opportunities. <sup>2</sup>Compensation for disadvantages may, in particular be an appropriate extension of the processing time or additional aids. <sup>3</sup>The content of the examination requirements may not be deviated from.

(2) <sup>1</sup>A request for compensation for a disadvantage must be submitted in writing. <sup>2</sup>The Examination Board may also allow the possibility of submitting the request electronically. <sup>3</sup>The request must be submitted with application for admission within the registration period at the latest, unless the disadvantage occurs or becomes known at a later date; in this case, the request must be submitted immediately after the disadvantage has become known.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The type and extent of the disadvantage must be documented in relation to the respective examination by submitting the certificate of a doctor or a psychotherapist. <sup>2</sup>This must be based on a medical or psychotherapeutic examination. <sup>3</sup>The Examination Board determines what information the certificate must contain. <sup>4</sup>It may demand a certificate from the public health department or a specific doctor (medical examiner).

(4) The above subsections apply accordingly to special circumstances such as pregnancy and maternity in accordance with the Maternity Protection Act (Mutterschutzgesetz), parental leave, care for a close relative, as well as for acute temporary health problems.

#### § 20 Module Handbooks

<sup>1</sup>The departments and the Graduate School prepare module handbooks for the degree programs assigned to them in agreement with the responsible Examination Commissions. <sup>2</sup>In the

module handbooks students are informed of the examiners responsible for them and of the authorised aids. <sup>3</sup>Insofar as is expressly provided for in these General Examination Regulations and the study and examination regulations or is necessary for their completion and supplementation more detailed regulations for the studies and examinations in the respective courses of study are laid down in the module handbooks. <sup>4</sup>The module handbooks for the current semester are to be published on the university's website no later than four weeks after the start of the lecture period.

#### Section 2 Types of Examination

#### § 21 Written Examinations

(1) <sup>1</sup>Written examinations (schriftliche Prüfungen - schrP) are regularly held in the form of task examinations, topic examinations or cross-check examinations. <sup>2</sup>The task must be completed within a specified processing time under supervision in an examination room or under remote supervision. <sup>3</sup>In the "digital written examination" variant (digitale schriftliche Prüfung - DschrP), the examination is conducted using digital technologies.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The examinations referred to in subsection 1 are generally taken during the examination period. <sup>2</sup>The Examination Board will announce the starting date of the examination period no later than two weeks after the beginning of the respective semester. <sup>2</sup>Within one week before the start of the examination period (previous week), examinations as per subsection 1 may be held to a limited extent, provided that this does not interfere with teaching.

(3) Subsection 2 does not apply to repeat examinations, examinations in foreign language modules and examinations in part-time degree programs, advanced qualification degree programs and continuing education degree programs.

(4) The examination dates and the examination location must be announced at least 14 days before the respective examination day.

(5) <sup>1</sup>Students must identify themselves by means of an official identity document with a photograph. <sup>2</sup>Students may only state the examination number issued to them by the examination office on their examination paper for identification purposes. <sup>3</sup>If no examination number has been issued, the matriculation number must be used instead.

(6) Compliance with the examination regulations is monitored by the examiners and, if necessary, by other examination supervisors appointed by the Examinations Office (Prüfungsaufsicht).

(7) <sup>1</sup>After the assignment has been handed out, the supervised examination area may only be left with the permission of the examination supervisor, and never by several students at the same time. <sup>2</sup>On expiry of the processing time, processing must be stopped. <sup>3</sup>For violations of the above sentences, §38 applies accordingly. <sup>4</sup>If the work is not handed in immediately after the expiry of processing time, the examination will be deemed to have been taken and not passed.

#### § 22 Oral Examinations

<sup>1</sup>An oral examination (mündliche Prüfung - mdlP) is a conversation within a fixed duration of time between the examiners and the examined students on topics relevant to the examination. <sup>2</sup>Oral examinations are also possible as group examinations.

#### § 23 Role plays

<sup>1</sup>Role plays (Rollenspiele - RSp) consist of a simulated conversation within a fixed duration of time in which the examined students assume the roles of fictitious participants. <sup>2</sup>The examiners may, within the duration of the examination, ask supplementary questions to assess the competences to be demonstrated in the role play.

#### § 24 Presentations

<sup>1</sup>A presentation (Präsentation - Präs) comprises an oral presentation on a topic as well as answering topic-related questions from the examiners and other students within a specified duration of time. <sup>2</sup>The presentation may be supported by using technical presentation media.

#### § 25 Final Theses

(1) <sup>1</sup>The Bachelor's thesis (BA) or Master's thesis (MA) is the processing of a complete theoretical and/or practical or creative task at the end of the studies within a certain processing period. <sup>2</sup>Final theses are written under the supervision of the first examiner.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Students must propose to the Examination Commission in good time persons authorised to take exams who are willing to take over the duties of the first examiner and the second examiner. <sup>2</sup>The proposed first examiner informs the Examination Board, the Examination Office and the student of the intended topic of the thesis. <sup>3</sup>When determining the topic, the proposed first examiner will take into account the interests of the student. <sup>4</sup>The Examination Board decides on the appointment of the first examiner on the basis of the topic it has been informed of. <sup>5</sup>Information on the appointment is given to the first examiner, the Examination Office and the student. <sup>6</sup>The notification to the Examination Office is deemed to be the registration for the examination. <sup>7</sup>If the proposed first examiner. <sup>8</sup>Supervision according to subsection 1 sentence 2 begins with the appointment and is subject to this appointment. <sup>9</sup>The processing period starts as soon as the examiner has been announced to the student.

(3) <sup>1</sup>If a student verifiably fails to submit a proposal in accordance with subsection 2, sentence 1, the examination board will select suitable examiners. <sup>2</sup>The same applies if students propose persons who are authorised to take examinations, but the Examination Board does not appoint them. <sup>3</sup>In all other respects, subsection 2 applies accordingly.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The topic of the thesis, the start of processing, the deadline for submission and the examiners will be made part of the records. <sup>2</sup>The thesis must be submitted both digitally and in paper

form (DIN A 4, bounded). <sup>2</sup>Details are determined by the Examination Office. <sup>3</sup>If the thesis is not submitted in due form and time, the examination is deemed to have been taken and not passed. <sup>4</sup>For extension of the deadline of submission applies §43.

(5) <sup>1</sup>Final theses should not contain company secrets. <sup>2</sup>If the inclusion of company secrets is unavoidable, the contents requiring secrecy shall be marked in a suitable manner.

(6) <sup>1</sup>As a rule, the assessment procedure must be completed no later than eight weeks after submission of the thesis. <sup>2</sup>Master's theses are always assessed by two examiners. <sup>3</sup>If the first examiner is prevented from properly continuing to supervise the thesis, the Examination Commission will appoint a successor. However, the topic of the thesis will remain the same. <sup>4</sup>Sentence 3, half-sentence 1 applies to the second examiner accordingly.

(7) Subsection 2 and 3 do not apply if a different procedure is laid down in the study and examination regulations.

#### § 26 Study Paper

<sup>1</sup>A study paper (Studienarbeit - StA) serves to work on a theoretical and/or practical or creative task accompanying the course within a certain processing period. <sup>2</sup>If the work is not handed in on time, the examination will be deemed to have been taken and not passed subject to an extension of the deadline in accordance with §43; the deadline is set by the examiner.

#### § 27

#### **One-day Study Paper**

<sup>1</sup>For One-day study papers (Tagesstudienarbeit - TStA), a theoretical task shall be completed in a period of four to 10 hours (including individual breaks). <sup>2</sup>If the work is not submitted immediately after expiry of the allowed processing time, the examination will be deemed to have been taken and not passed.

#### § 28

#### **Project Work**

<sup>1</sup>A project work (Projektarbeit - PrjA) requires the completion of a practical task within a specified period of time in the form of a project. <sup>2</sup>§26 sentence 2 applies accordingly.

#### § 29 Internship Report

In an internship report (Praktikumsbericht - PrB), students shall describe their activities in an internship and evaluate their experience gained.

#### § 30 Learning Diary

<sup>1</sup>A learning diary (Lerntagebuch - LTb) is a record of individual work on the essential content of a course within a certain period of time. <sup>2</sup>The course content is to be applied to self-selected examples and individual experiences. <sup>3</sup>§26 sentence 2 applies accordingly.

#### § 31 Report

In a report (Protokoll - Prot) the performance and essential results in particular of experiments and seminars are summarised in writing.

#### § 32

#### **Concept Paper**

A concept paper (Konzeptpapier - KP) consists of a written description of an individual approach to a topic in its main aspects.

#### § 33

#### Study Papers with Presentation, Presentations and Role Plays with Concept Paper

<sup>1</sup>An examination may consist of a combination of study paper and presentation. <sup>2</sup>Presentations and role plays may be combined with a concept paper.

#### § 34 Portfolio Examination

<sup>1</sup>The portfolio examination (Portfolioprüfung - PfP) is an examination which consists of at least two and at most four different partial performances (portfolio elements). <sup>2</sup>For the portfolio elements the provisions of §§21 to 33 apply except for §21 subsection 2.

#### **Chapter 3**

#### Grading

#### § 35 Grading of Individual Examinations

(1) The grading of an individual examination is based on the individual performance of the student.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The grading of individual examinations will be made according to the grading system set out in the following table:

1,0	very good	an excellent performance
1,3		
1,7	good	a performance that is
2,0		significantly above the average
2,3		requirements
2,7	Satisfactory	a performance that meets
3,0		average requirements
3,3		
3,7	sufficient	a performance which, despite
4,0		its deficiencies, still meets the
		requirements
5,0	insufficient	a performance which, due to
		considerable deficiencies, no
		longer meets the requirements

<sup>2</sup>The grades that are not whole numbers do not have to be used. <sup>3</sup>In accordance with the study and and examination regulations, certain examinations will not be graded, but will be marked with the predicate "passed with success" or "passed without success".

(3) An examination is passed if it has been graded with at least "4,0" or has been marked with the predicate "passed with success".

(4) <sup>1</sup>If two examiners grade an examination differently, they shall agree on a consistent grade. <sup>2</sup>If no agreement can be reached, the grade will be determined by the arithmetic mean of the grades awarded by the examiners, rounded down to one decimal place.

#### § 36 Module Grades, Overall Examination Grade

(1) <sup>1</sup>If modules are completed with one individual examination, the grade of the examination is the final grade of the module (module grade). <sup>2</sup>In all other cases, the module grade is calculated from the arithmetic mean, rounded down to one decimal place, of the weighted grades of all graded examinations required for completion of the module; §2 subsection 2 sentence 1 remains unaffected. <sup>3</sup>The weighting is based on the relevant study and examination regulations; if no specification is made therein, all grades will be weighted equally.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The final examination grade is calculated from the arithmetic mean rounded down to one decimal place of the weighted final grades of all modules which are required for completion of the

respective degree program. <sup>2</sup>Modules that were completed without a graded examination are not taken into account; the same applies to modules in Master's degree programs which were only taken to subsequently fulfil the admission requirements or as a result of an entry qualification with less than 210 credit points. <sup>3</sup>The weighting of a module grade corresponds to the share of the credit points of the respective module in the sum of the grades which are included in the calculation according to the above sentences.

(3) The verbal description of the module grades and the overall examination grade is set out in the following table.

from 1,0 to 1,2	Excellent
from 1,3 to 1,5	Very Good
from 1,6 to 2,5	Good
from 2,6 to 3,5	Satisfactory
from 3,6 to 4,0	Sufficient
above 4,0	Insufficient

#### § 37 Bonus Performances

(1) <sup>1</sup>Module handbooks may provide that certain coursework which is part of a module, at the request of the student, may be treated in a manner similar to an examination (bonus performances). <sup>2</sup>This dos not apply to modules which are completed without an examination graded in accordance with §35 subsection 2 sentence 1. <sup>3</sup>Details are regulated in the module handbooks, taking into account the following sentence and subsections 2 to 7. <sup>4</sup>If nothing to the contrary results from these, the regulations on examinations apply accordingly to bonus performances.

(2) <sup>1</sup>If the module handbook contains a specification in accordance with subsection 1 sentence 1, the professor and first examiner responsible for it (hereinafter "professor") decides whether to make use of this option in the respective semester and informs the students of this at least in the first two course units of the semester and upon request. <sup>2</sup>If the module is offered more than once in a semester, the professors responsible for the different courses may only uniformly make a positive decision in accordance with sentence 1; the module handbooks may permit exceptions to this.

(3) <sup>1</sup>If students wish to have their coursework treated as bonus performances, they shall register for this with the relevant professor without form and time. <sup>2</sup> There is no right to catch up or repeat bonus performances; §42 applies neither directly nor accordingly. <sup>3</sup>Work completed outside the course of study of the respective module cannot be recognized as bonus performances.

(4) <sup>1</sup>Bonus performances may be marked with the predicate "passed with success" or "passed without success" if the module handbook provides for this. <sup>2</sup>The final grade will be raised to the next permissible decimal place if all bonus credits required for this in accordance with the module handbook have been marked with the predicate "passed with success". <sup>3</sup>However, an improvement of the grades 1,0 and 5,0 is not possible.

(5) <sup>1</sup>If a module is completed by a written examination, bonus performances may, as specified in the module handbook, also lead to an improvement in grade in accordance with the following sentences. <sup>2</sup>The assessment of the module examination must be based on a points scheme. <sup>3</sup>The bonus performances must be assessed consistently with this scheme by awarding points (bonus

points). <sup>4</sup>In accordance with the module handbook bonus points are awarded to the extent of up to 10% of the total number of points possible in the module examination in addition to the points achieved in this examination. <sup>5</sup>This does not apply if the possible total number of points would be exceeded as a result. <sup>6</sup>Furthermore bonus points will be completely disregarded if the module examination, without their addition, is assessed with a grade of 5,0.

(6) <sup>1</sup>Bonus points are only taken into account to improve the grade according to subsection 4 or 5, if they were taken in the same semester in which the student completes the respective module. <sup>2</sup>Bonus points will be transferred to subsequent semesters as an exception, if the module cannot be completed earlier for reasons beyond the student's control and if in the semester of completion bonus points are counted in accordance with subsection 5. <sup>3</sup>Bonus points earned in different semesters may not be added together; the highest number of points achieved in a semester shall count. <sup>4</sup>Sentence 2 shall apply accordingly for counting bonus performances assessed in accordance with subsection 4.

(7) <sup>1</sup>The respective professor alone is responsible for the implementation and documentation of the procedure for achieving bonus performances, in particular their comprehensible assessment in the cases of subsection 5 sentence 2; §84 subsection 3 sentence 1 number 10 half-sentences 2 and 3 BayHIG do not apply accordingly. <sup>2</sup>The professor reports the module grade, which may have been improved in accordance with subsection 4 or 5, to the Examination Office. <sup>3</sup>In the case of a transfer to the following semester (subsection 6, sentences 2 and 4), the professor provides the student concerned, upon request, with a certificate of the bonus performance. <sup>4</sup>The documentation of the procedure in accordance with sentence 1 is part of the examination documents.

#### **Chapter 4**

#### Special Occurrences, Failure, Withdrawal, Repetition

#### § 38 Dishonesty

(1) <sup>1</sup>Whoever violates or attempts to violate §3 subsection 3, will have their exam graded "insufficient". <sup>2</sup>Having unauthorised aids available after the examination has begun is also considered an attempt, unless the students concerned can prove that their possession was neither intentional nor negligent.

(2) <sup>1</sup>If an assessment is made in accordance with subsection 1 sentence 1, the possibility of a second repeat examination is no longer available for the module in question, subject to sentence 2. <sup>2</sup>The Examination Board may allow exceptions if this appears necessary in individual cases for special reasons in order to avoid undue hardship.

(3) <sup>1</sup>In particularly serious cases, the examination in question will be declared definitively failed. <sup>2</sup>Subsection 2 sentence 2 applies accordingly.

(4) In less serious cases, avengement may be waived.

(5) <sup>1</sup>In the case of possession of unauthorised aids or a corresponding suspicion, examiners and other supervisors are authorised to confiscate the items in question. <sup>2</sup>Students are obliged to present all objects brought with them, to tolerate them to be examined and to hand over any

objectionable aids without making any changes to them. <sup>4</sup>Aids which are permitted in themselves, but which are objected to because of an inadmissible change must be left to the student until the end of processing time of the exam. <sup>4</sup>Aids that have been confiscated will be returned after the examination decision has become final, if this has been requested by that time at the latest. <sup>5</sup>The above subsections apply accordingly to violations of sentence 2.

#### § 39 Violations of Order

<sup>1</sup>Students who disrupt or attempt to disrupt the orderly conduct of an examination may be excluded by the examiners or other supervisors from further taking the examination if they continue their behaviour despite being warned. <sup>2</sup>Their examination will be graded "insufficient".

#### § 40 Deficiencies in the Examination Procedure

(1) <sup>1</sup>Procedural deficiencies which significantly impair equality of opportunity shall be remedied or compensated. <sup>2</sup>During the examination the decision on the measures to be taken will be made by the examiner and otherwise by the Examination Commission.

(2) <sup>1</sup>If equality of opportunity has not been restored by measures according to subsection 1 or if the measures taken are insufficient, the Examination Commission shall decide, ex officio or requested by the person concerned, that an examination be repeated by certain students or all students. <sup>2</sup>The repetition usually takes place in the next semester. <sup>3</sup>Orders according to sentence 1 are excluded if three months have passed since completion of the examination.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Disturbances of the examination process due to external influences must be reported immediately to the examiners or other supervisors. <sup>2</sup>An attributable violation of this obligation will result in the impact in question being irrelevant.

#### § 41 Failure, Withdrawal

(1) <sup>1</sup>Admission to an examination does not oblige the student to take it. <sup>2</sup>If the examination is not taken, however, admission to the examination will expire.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The examination is deemed to have begun when the student has been handed out the examination assignment. <sup>2</sup>Withdrawal is only permissible if students are prevented from taking the examination for reasons for which they are not responsible, and the requirements according to subsection 3 are fulfilled. <sup>3</sup>Sentence 2 does not apply if students violate examination regulations and therefore receive the grade "insufficient" (§§38 and 39); withdrawal is excluded for the examinations concerned.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The reasons for withdrawal in accordance with subsection 2 must be reported to the examinations office immediately in writing and must be substantiated. <sup>2</sup>An inability to take the exam that occurs during the examination must be reported immediately to an examiner or supervisor; sentence 1 remains unaffected. <sup>3</sup>For illness-related reasons, §19 subsection 3 applies accordingly.

#### § 42 Repetition of Examinations

(1) <sup>1</sup>A failed final thesis may be repeated once with a different topic. <sup>2</sup>§25 applies in this case. <sup>3</sup>The processing period must begin no later than six months after the notification of the first failure.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Furthermore, failed examinations may be repeated in accordance with the following sentences. <sup>2</sup>The time limit for the first repeat examination is six months and begins with the announcement of the first failure. <sup>2</sup>A second repetition is permitted for up to four examinations in Bachelor's degree programs and up to three examinations in Master's degree programs; this also applies to elective modules. <sup>3</sup>The second repeat examination must be taken within a period of 12 months after the result of the first repeat examination has been announced. <sup>4</sup>§38 subsections 2 and 3 remain unaffected.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The first repeat examination must be taken in the same form as the examination to be repeated. <sup>2</sup>The module handbooks may provide for the second repeat examination to be taken in a different form.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The deadlines for taking repeat examinations are extended exclusively in accordance with §43. <sup>2</sup>In particular, changes of degree program, appeals against examination decisions, leaves of absence and exmatriculation do not affect the running of the deadlines. <sup>3</sup>Repeat examinations not taken in due time are deemed to have been taken and not passed.

#### Part 5 Other Procedural Matters and Entry into Force

#### § 43 Extensions of Deadlines

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph in these Statutes or in study and examination regulations, the relevant deadlines shall be extended appropriately upon request, if they cannot be complied with due to illness, the periods of protection regulated in the Maternity Protection Act (Mutterschutzgesetz), the care of a child in accordance with the Federal Parental Allowance and Parental Leave Act (Bundeselterngeld- und Elternzeitgesetz), care for a close relative in accordance with the Nursing Care Leave Act (Pflegezeitgesetz) or for other reasons for which the student is not responsible.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Requests for extensions of deadlines must be submitted immediately. <sup>2</sup>The request must be submitted in writing to the Examinations Office, stating the matriculation number and the deadline concerned; it must be clearly substantiated and signed by hand. <sup>3</sup>The facts used to justify the request must be substantiated immediately, as a rule at the same time as the request is submitted. <sup>4</sup>For illness-related reasons, §19 subsection 3 applies accordingly.

(3) <sup>1</sup>An extension of the deadline is not possible if, based on the overall circumstances, a successful completion of studies can no longer be expected. <sup>2</sup>This shall be presumed if, at the time of application, students have acquired less than half of all the credit points which they should have acquired by this point in time if they were studying according to the program curriculum.

#### § 44

#### Announcement of Grades and Viewing Examination Documents

(1) The module grades and the overall examination grades determined by the Examination Commissions are announced to the students via the corresponding internet portal in the university's campus management system.

(2) <sup>1</sup>During the first four weeks of the lecture period, students may view the examination documents of the examinations taken by them in the previous semester and discuss them with the first examiner. <sup>2</sup>For final theses, this is possible within four weeks after the grade has been announced.

#### § 45 Final Records and Certificates

<sup>1</sup>Final Records are issued for the passed final examinations in accordance with **Annexes 1 and 2 (Anlagen 1 und 2)**; where modules have been completed by credit transfer and recognition of competencies, this will be indicated. <sup>2</sup>The awarding of academic degrees is confirmed with certificates in accordance with **Annex 3 (Anlage 3)**; for Graduate School degree programs, the Graduate School takes the place of a department and its Academic Dean takes the place of the Dean.

#### § 46

#### **Diploma Supplement**

<sup>1</sup>A Diploma Supplement is attached to the certificates on the award of academic degrees. <sup>2</sup>The following table must be included in the Diploma Supplement and be filled with the relevant information at the appropriate places. <sup>3</sup>The reference period are the four semesters immediately preceding the semester in which the student passed the final examination.

#### Institutional Grading Scale

Definition	Institutional Grade	Percentage of students achieving this grade*
EXCELLENT (outstanding performance)	1,0 - 1,2	<>%
VERY GOOD (above the average standard)	1,3 - 1,5	<>%
GOOD (generally sound work)	1,6 - 2,5	<>%
SATISFACTORY (fair)	2,6 - 3,5	<>%
SUFFICIENT (performance meets minimum criteria)	3,6 - 4,0	<>%

\*based on the total of all students' final results achieved between <....> and <...> in the study program <.....>

#### § 47

#### **Retention of Examination Documents**

(1) <sup>1</sup>Examination records must be retained for two years. <sup>2</sup>The retention period begins with the end of the calendar year in which the respective module grade was announced to the student.

(2) <sup>1</sup>A reduced examination file must be retained for a period of 50 years. <sup>2</sup>This file contains documents about to the period of enrolment, examination results, exmatriculation and the award of the academic degree. <sup>3</sup>The records shall be kept in digital form. <sup>4</sup>The retention period begins with the end of the calendar year in which the student was exmatriculated.

#### § 48 Dual Students

Dual students within the meaning of the study and examination regulations are students who have proven to the university that they have entered into an educational contract with a company or other institution of professional practice for a course of study with in-depth practical experience (Studium mit vertiefter Praxis) or for a course of study combining a vocational training (ausbildungsintegrierendes Verbundstudium).

#### § 49 Exchange Students

For exchange students who are not aiming for a degree at Hof University of Applied Sciences, the Examination Commission may, upon request of the examiners concerned, determine proves of achievement other than provided for in the study and examination regulations.

#### § 50 Entry into Force, Transitional Provisions

(1) <sup>1</sup>These Statutes will enter into force on October 1, 2023. <sup>2</sup>At the same time the General Examination Regulations of Hof University of Applied Sciences of January 24, 2008 (Official Gazette of the University No. 7/2008), which were last amended by amending statutes of January 29, 2021 (Official Gazette of the University No. 9/2021) will cease to be in force.

(2) The following applies to the determination of types of examination in study and examination regulations until their first amendment after the entry into force of these Statutes:

1. if the abbreviation "schrP" is used, the examination will take place as a written examination or digital written examination,

2. No. 1 applies accordingly the abbreviation "KI" with the proviso that §21 subsection 2 does not apply to these examinations,

3. Referate (Ref) are deemed to be presentations (Präs).

Issued based on the resolution of the Senate of Hof University of Applied Sciences of July 23, 2023 and the approval of the President of the university dated August 3, 2023.

Hof, August 3, 2023 signed

Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Jürgen Lehmann President

These Statutes were laid down in the department Student Affairs Office on August 3, 2023. The information about the laying down was posted on the university's website on August 3, 2023. The date of the announcement is therefore August 3, 2023.

Anlage 1 (zu § 45)



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# **Bachelor** Prüfungszeugnis

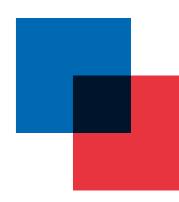
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#### Notenstufen:

von 1,0 bis 1,2	mit Auszeichnung bestanden
von 1,3 bis 1,5	sehr gut bestanden
von 1,6 bis 2,5	gut bestanden
von 2,6 bis 3,5	befriedigend bestanden
von 3,6 bis 4,0	bestanden
über 4,0	nicht bestanden

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Aufgrund eines ordnungsgemäßen Studiums im Bachelorstudiengang

# <Studiengang>

<Studienschwerpunkt/Studienrichtung/Vertiefung>

hat <Herr/Frau>

## <Vorname> <Name>

geboren am <Geburtsdatum> in <Geburtsort>

die Bachelorprüfung mit der Prüfungsgesamtnote < Prüfungsgesamtnote > abgelegt und bestanden.

Das Gesamturteil lautet:

## <Gesamturteil>

#### Pflichtmodule

<Liste der Module>

#### Bachelorarbeit

<Thema Bachelorarbeit>

Es wurden Studienleistungen im Umfang von 210 Credits erbracht. Das Studium umfasste auch ein mit Erfolg abgeleistetes bzw. aufgrund vorheriger Berufsausbildung oder Berufstätigkeit angerechnetes praktisches Studiensemester.

<Der Studiengang wurde durch ACQUIN akkreditiert.> <Herr/Frau> <Name> ist berechtigt, den akademischen Grad <Akademischer Grad> zu führen.

Hof, den <Ausstellungsdatum>

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hat <Herr/Frau>

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Masterarbeit

<Thema Masterarbeit>

Es wurden Studienleistungen im Umfang von xxx Credits erbracht.

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Die Dekanin/Der Dekan der Fakultät *The Dean of Faculty* 

<Name Dekanin/Dekan>



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