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**Subject-specific Examination Regulations for the Master's programme  
"Digital Media and Society" at the University of Bremen**

As of May 30, 2018

On 30 May 2018, the Faculty Council 9 (Cultural Studies) adopted the following Examination Regulations in accordance with Section 87 item 2 of *Bremischen Hochschulgesetz* (Bremen Higher Education Act, abbreviated: Brem.HG) in conjunction with Section 62 BremHG. of May 9, 2007, as last amended by Section 1 of the Bremen Higher Education Act of May 8, 2018 (Brem.GBl. p. 168):

These Subject-specific Examination Regulations shall apply in conjunction with the *Allgemeiner Teil* (General Part) of the Examination Regulations for Master's Programmes (abbreviated in German: AT MPO) of the University of Bremen, last amended on January 27, 2010.

**Section 1**

**Scope of Studies and Type of Degree**

(1) A total of 120 credit points (CP) according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) must be earned in order to successfully complete the Master's programme "Digital Media and Society" (abbreviated: "DMS"). This corresponds to a standard period of study covering 4 semesters.

(2) Students who complete the programme and pass the Master's Examination shall be awarded the degree Master of Arts (abbreviated: M.A.).

**Section 2**

**Programme Structure, Modules and Credit Points**

(1) The Master's programme "DMS" is studied as a Master's programme in accordance with Section 4, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 AT MPO.

(2) The programme is structured as follows:

- A Master Thesis allocated 27 CP.
- A compulsory area allocated 66 CP (excluding Master Thesis Module) with the sections:  
Core area in media and communications (42 CP) and  
Integration area (24 CP).
- An electives area (27 CP) with the sections:  
Supplementary area (9 or 18 CP) and  
Practical area (9 or 18 CP).

(3) At least one module from the supplementary area and one from the practical area must be completed in the compulsory elective area. With the choice of the third module, students decide themselves on the respective total scope of the supplementary and practical areas. The choice shall be made in such a way that the total allocation of 27 CP for the compulsory

elective range is not exceeded.

(4) Annexes 1 and 2 represent the recommended Study Schedule and regulate the exam work students undertake.

(5) Modules shall be held as compulsory or elective modules.

(6) The compulsory and elective modules provided for in the curriculum are offered at least once in each year.

(7) Compulsory and elective modules are taught in English.

(8) The courses assigned to each module are listed in the module descriptions.

(9) Courses shall be held in the forms specified in Section 6 Paragraph 1 AT MPO.

(10) The programme includes an optional 8-week media internship, which is allocated 9 CP. It can be completed in the content area of the Master's programme either in Germany or abroad. Upon application to the Practice Officer, it may be undertaken in two 4-week internships or part-time during your studies. Further details can be found in the internship regulations of Faculty 9.

(11) An optional semester abroad is recommended following the third semester.

### **Section 3**

#### **Examinations**

(1) Examinations shall be carried out in the forms specified in Section 8 AT MPO. At the request of an examiner, in individual cases, the examination board may allow further forms of examination.

(2) The renewed offer of an examination pursuant to Section 20 AT MPO may be made in a form other than that originally held.

(3) At the beginning of the module, students shall be informed of the time limits and scope of examinations.

(4) Exams may be held in the form of multiple choice or e-exams. Details can be found in Annex 4.

(5) The compensation principle pursuant to Section 5 Paragraph 8 AT MPO shall not be applicable.

### **Section 4**

#### **Recognition of CPs**

The recognition of exam work shall be carried out in accordance with Section 22 AT MPO in the currently valid version.

## **Section 5**

### **Admission requirements for modules**

With the exception of Section 6(2), there are no admission requirements for modules.

## **Section 6**

### **Module Master's Thesis (incl. colloquium)**

(1) The module Master Thesis (27 CP) consists of the Master Thesis, which is allocated 25 CP (incl. a colloquium), and an accompanying (ungraded) seminar allocated 2 CP.

(2) Prerequisite for the registration of the Master thesis is the proof of having already earned at least 84 CP as well as the successful completion of the modules A.1, A.2, A.3 and D.1.

(3) The processing time for the Master thesis is 20 weeks for theoretical theses and 24 weeks for empirical theses. The examination board may approve a one-off extension up to a maximum of 6 weeks upon reasoned request. The Master's thesis should not exceed 80 pages (without annexes).

(4) The Master's thesis is written as an individual piece of work or a group thesis authored by up to 3 persons. In the case of a group thesis, it must be possible to clearly identify, distinguish and evaluate the contribution of each individual group member.

(5) There will be a colloquium on the Master's thesis. An overall grade is formed for the Master's thesis and the colloquium, whereby the Master's thesis accounts for 80% and the colloquium 20%.

## **Section 7**

### **Overall grade of the Master's Examination**

The overall grade is formed from the weighted grades of the modules in which graded examinations are taken. Ungraded modules are not taken into account in the grade formation. The grade of the Master's thesis module is included in the calculation with a weighting of 40%, the other graded modules are included in the calculation of the overall grade with a weighting of 60%.

## **Section 8**

### **Scope and entry into force**

Subsequent to approval by the University President, these examination regulations shall enter into force on October 1, 2018. They will be published in the Official Gazette of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. They shall apply to students who, as of winter semester 2018/19, are enrolled for the first time in the Master's programme "Digital Media and Society.

Approved, Bremen, June 6, 2018

President of the University of Bremen

**Annexes:**

Annex 1: Study Schedule of the Master's programme "Digital Media and Society":

Annex 2: Modules and examination requirements

Annex 3: Other forms of examination (not applicable)

Appendix 4: Performance of tests as a multiple-choice task and performance of tests in the form of an "e-exam".

(see below)

## Annex 1: Study Schedule of the Master's programme "Digital Media and Society"

This Study Schedule is meant as an orientation to help students plan the course of their studies. They are free to decide for themselves the sequence in which they undertake the modules.

Structure across the curriculum (Compulsory, compulsory elective, freely elective)→		Compulsory area (incl. Master's thesis) (93 CP)				Compulsory elective (27 CP in total)		Σ 120 CP	
Study segments in accordance with Section 2 para. 2 →		Core area in media and communications (42 CP)		Integration area (24 CP)		Master's thesis (27 CP)	Supplementary area (9 or 18 CP)	Practical area (9 or 18 CP)	
1 <sup>st</sup> year	1 <sup>st</sup> sem.	A.1 Digital Media, 12 CP					B.1 Media Informatics, 9 CP	C.2 Media practice, 9 CP	30
	2 <sup>nd</sup> sem.	A.2 Digital Society, 12 CP		D.1 Methods, 12 CP	D.2 Researching Digital Media and Society, 12 CP				30
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> sem.	A.3 Digital Literacy, 12 CP	A.4 Independent study, 6 CP				B.2 Further optional module, 9 CP	C.1 Media Internship, 9 CP	33
	4 <sup>th</sup> sem.					D.3 Module Master Thesis (incl. colloquium), 27 CP			27

CP = Credit Points, sem. = semester

## Annex 2: Modules and examination requirements

### Annex 2.1: Master Thesis

Ref.	Module title	Module type P/WP/W	CP	MP/TP/ KP	Allocatin of CP for TP	PL/SL (amount)
D.3	Module Master Thesis (incl. Colloquium)	P	27	TP	Master Thesis, empirical or theoretical (incl. Colloquium)	PL: 2 (Thesis/ Colloquium)
					Accompanying Seminar	SL: 1

P: compulsory module, WP: compulsory elective module, W: freely elective module; CP = Credit Points; MP = Module examination, TP = sub-exam, KP = combination exam; PL = exam work (= graded), SL = course work (= ungraded);

### Annex 2.2: Kommunikations- und medienwissenschaftlicher Kernbereich/ Core area in media and communications (Pflichtmodule/compulsory modules)

Ref	Module title	Moduls type P/WP/W	CP	MP/TP/KP	PL/SL (amount)
A.1	Digital Media	P	12	KP	PL: 1 SL: 2
A.2	Digital Society	P	12	KP	PL: 1 SL: 2
A.3	Digital Literacy	P	12	KP	PL: 1 SL: 2
A.4	Independent study	P	6	KP	PL: 1 SL: 1

P = compulsory module, WP: compulsory elective module, W: freely elective module; CP = Credit Points; MP = Module examination, TP = sub-exam, KP = combination exam; PL = exam work (= graded), SL = course work (= ungraded);

### Annex 2.3: Ergänzungsbereich/Supplementary area (Wahlpflichtmodule/compulsory elective modules)

K.- Ziffer	Module title	Module type P/WP/W	CP	MP/TP/KP	PL/SL (amount)
B.1	Media Informatics	WP	9	KP	PL: 2 SL: 0
B.2	Further optional module (graded, module on MA level)	WP	9	KP (graded)	According to individual choice PL and/or SL

P = compulsory module, WP: compulsory elective module, W: freely elective module; CP = Credit Points; MP = Module examination, TP = sub-exam, KP = combination exam; PL = exam work (= graded), SL = course work (= ungraded);

### Annex 2.4: Praxisbereich/Practical area (Wahlpflichtmodule/compulsory elective modules)

K.- Ziffer	Module title	Module type P/WP/W	CP	MP/TP/KP	Allocation of CP for sub-exams	PL/SL (amount)
C.1	Media Internship	WP	9	MP		SL: 1
C.2	Media practice	WP	9	TP	Media practice 1 (3 CP)	PL: 1 SL: 0
					Media practice 2 (3 CP)	PL: 1 SL: 0
					Media practice 3 (3 CP)	PL: 1 SL: 0

P = compulsory module, WP: compulsory elective module, W: freely elective module; CP = Credit Points; MP = Module examination, TP = sub-exam, KP = combination exam; PL = exam work (= graded), SL = course work (= ungraded);

### **Annex 2.5: Integrationsbereich/Integration area (Pflichtmodule/compulsory modules)**

K.-Ziffer	Module title	Module type P/WP/W	CP	MP/TP/KP	PL/SL (amount)
D.1	Methods	P	12	KP	PL: 1 SL: 2
D.2	Researching Digital Media and Society	P	12	KP	PL: 1 SL: 2

P = compulsory module, WP: compulsory elective module, W: freely elective module; CP = Credit Points; MP = Module examination, TP = sub-exam, KP = combination exam; PL = exam work (= graded), SL = course work (= ungraded);

**Annex 3:** - not applicable -

**Annex 4: Performance of multiple-choice examinations and performance of examinations as an "e-examination".**

#### **Section 1 Performance of multiple-choice examinations**

(1) In a multiple-choice examination the minimum performance required to pass the examination can only be achieved by marking or assigning the correct or incorrect answers. Exams or examination questions in the multiple-choice procedure are only admissible if they are suitable for proving that the examination candidate has mastered the contents and methods of the module in the essential contexts and can apply the acquired knowledge and skills. An examination in the multiple-choice procedure must be prepared by an examiner in accordance with Section 27 AT MPO. The examiner selects the examination material, formulates the questions and determines the possible answers. The examiner shall also prepare the evaluation scheme referred to in paragraph 4 and apply it subsequent to the examination. The deduction of points within an examination item in the multiple-choice procedure shall be permitted.

(2) The examination questions must be unambiguously understandable, unambiguously answerable and suitable for determining the knowledge of the candidates to be examined in accordance with paragraph 1 sentence 2. The examiner may also create a pool of equivalent examination questions. In the examination, students each receive different examination questions from this pool. The assignment of the questions is made by random selection. The equivalence of the examination questions must be ensured. The prerequisites for passing the examination must be defined in advance. Furthermore,

- the selected questions,
- sample solutions and
- the evaluation scheme referred to in paragraph 4

must be determined beforehand.

(3) Die The examination is passed if the candidate achieves at least 50 percent of the total points attainable. If the overall average of the points achieved in an examination is less than 50 per cent of the total achievable points, the examination is also passed if the number of points achieved by the candidate does not fall short of the average examination performance of all candidates by more than 15 per cent. An evaluation scheme that only sets an absolute pass mark is not permitted.

(4) The performance shall be assessed as follows: If the minimum number of points required to pass the examination referred to in paragraph 3 has been attained, the mark shall be as follows

"very good"                      if at least 75 percent,

"good"	if at least 50 but less than 75 percent,
"satisfactory"	if at least 25 but less than 50 percent,
"sufficient"	if no points or less than 25 percent have been scored.

(5) In the event that a conspicuous accumulation of errors in the answering of individual examination tasks is found in the assessment of examination performances taken in accordance with the multiple-choice procedure, the examiner shall examine the examination task with a conspicuous accumulation of errors without delay and before the publication of examination results as to whether it is defective in relation to the requirements pursuant to subsection (2) sentence 1. If the examination reveals that individual examination tasks are defective, these examination tasks shall be re-evaluated or not taken into account in determining the examination result. The number of examination tasks to be considered for determining the examination result shall be reduced accordingly. The reduction in the number of examination assignments must not be to the detriment of the students. If the number of points attributable to the examination tasks to be eliminated exceeds 20 per cent of the total number of attainable points, the examination must be repeated in its entirety; this shall also apply to an examination performance within the scope of which the multiple-choice procedure only forms part of the whole examination.

(6) If only a part of an examination consists of examination papers in the multiple-choice procedure, this Annex shall apply only to the part of the examination prepared in the multiple-choice procedure, with the exception of paragraph 5 sentence 5, 2nd half-sentence.

## **Section 2**

### **Performance of examination work as an "e-examination"**

(1) An "e-examination" is an examination that is computer-assisted in its creation, execution and evaluation (with the exception of open questions). An "e-examination" is admissible if it is suitable for proving that the candidate is familiar with the contents and methods of the module in the essential contexts and can apply the acquired knowledge and skills; if necessary, it can be supplemented by other forms of examination.

An "e-examination" is to be conducted in the presence of a person with specialist knowledge (recording clerk). The course of the examination must be recorded in a transcript in which at least the names of the minute-taker and the examination candidates, the beginning and end of the examination and any special occurrences must be recorded. It must be ensured that the electronic data can be assigned unambiguously and permanently to the candidates. In accordance with the provisions of Section 24 (6) and (7) of the AT MPO, candidates shall be given the possibility of inspecting the computer-assisted examination and the result they have achieved. The task, including the sample solution, the evaluation scheme, the individual test results and the transcript must be archived in accordance with the statutory provisions.