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Subject-Specific Provisions for the Master of Science in Innovations, Business and Sustainability (MSc)

dated 1 February 2023

On 13 February 2023 in accordance with Section 108 subsection 1 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) dated 18 July 2001 (HmbGVBl. p. 171), as amended on 17 June 2021 (HmbGVBl. p. 468), the Executive University Board of Universität Hamburg ratified the Revised Subject-Specific Provisions for the Master of Science in Innovation, Business and Sustainability adopted by the Faculty Council for the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences as a subject of a degree program leading to a Master of Science pursuant to Section 91 subsection 2 number 1 HmbHG.

Preamble

These subject-specific provisions supplement the examination regulations for the master of science degree programs in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences dated 15 June 2016, as amended, and provide a description of the modules for the Master of Science in Innovation, Business and Sustainability.

I. Supplemental provisions

Section 1

Program and examination objectives, academic degree, and implementation of the degree program

Section 1 subsection 1:

The Master of Science in Innovation, Business and Sustainability (MIBAS) is a two-year program focusing on issues of implementing innovation and sustainability in international enterprises which prepares students for a challenging profession in multinational companies, international organizations, unions, or in science or academia. This university degree will permit students who achieve above-average grades to continue their studies in a doctoral degree program, a requirement for a career in academia.

The degree program uses a strong focus on theoretical principles and methodological skills to focus on research and practical applications. Degree program professors bring a research focus through their own research specialties in the area of innovation and sustainability. This research focus is reinforced by the required module Research Methods, which extends over three semesters, and the major importance of the master's thesis for overall degree program success.

The degree program is intended to impart the following knowledge and skills to students:

- 1. expertise in the fields of innovation, management, and sustainability
- skills in the field of innovation and knowledge exchange with the general community
- 3. knowledge of relevant institutional frameworks and the ability to grasp complex interactions in an increasingly global economy
- 4. skills needed to create lasting value for both companies and society
- 5. skills to handle ethical dilemmas as well as knowledge of sustainable business management tools
- 6. knowledge of basic concepts of economic analysis
- knowledge of fundamental methodological skills for empirical social research

Section 1 subsection 4:

The Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences is responsible for administering the degree program.

Section 2 Regular period of study

The regular period of study is four semesters.

Section 3 Subject advising

Section 3 subsection 1:

Attending an introductory orientation module at the beginning of the program fulfills the obligation to meet with a subject advisor.

Section 4 Program and examination organization, modules, and ECTS credits

Section 4 subsection 2:

The two-year Master of Science in Innovation, Business and Sustainability follows a modular structure and comprises 120 credit hours per week, which must include:

- 1. two required modules with 42 ECTS credits (Module I: 24 ECTS credits and Module II; 18 ECTS credits)
- 2. two required electives of 36 ECTS credits (from Modules III, IV, or V of 18 ECTS credits each)
- 3. one elective module of 12 ECTS credits (Module VI)
- 4. the final module (master's thesis of 30 ECTS credits, Module M).

The following chart shows the degree program modules and the module plan:

First semester: (30 ECTS credits)	Second semester: (30 ECTS credits)	Third semester: (30 ECTS credits)	Fourth semester: (30 ECTS credits)
Module I: Fundamentals of Innovation, Business and Sustainability (24 ECTS credits, 4 courses)			Module M: Final module master's thesis (30 ECTS credits)
Module II: Research Methods (18 ECTS credits, 3 courses)			

Required elective area:

2 of 3 Modules III to V:

Module III: Innovation, Sustainability and Knowledge Exchange in Management (18 ECTS credits)

Module IV: Sustainability in Management (18 ECTS credits)

Module V: Sustainable Finance and Accounting (18 ECTS credits)

Module VI: Electives

(12 ECTS credits, 2 courses)
Interdisciplinary courses or other courses from Modules III to V

In the first, second, and third semesters, students have many options when structuring their master's degree program. Generally, students are expected to earn 30 ECTS credits each semester.

In detail, the Master of Science in Innovation, Business and Sustainability is structured as follows:

The degree program begins in the first semester with basic general courses designed to teach essential theoretical knowledge in the areas of business management and knowledge exchange in the community (module: Fundamentals of Innovation, Business and Sustainability) and methods (module: Research Methods). These are built on and supplemented by advanced courses in the modules Innovation, Sustainability and Knowledge Exchange in Management, Sustainability in Management, and Sustainable Finance and Accounting in the second and third semesters.

Moreover, MIBAS students may supplement their core studies by selecting from a wide variety of elective courses.

Section 4 subsection 3:

The master's degree program comprises a total of 120 ECTS credits including the master's thesis.

Section 5 Courses

Section 5 subsection 2:

All courses are held in English with the exception of the module Electives. These may include courses taught in German.

Section 10

Number of attempts to pass an examination

Section 10 subsection 2:

Elective courses and required elective courses within a module may be changed.

If an elective or required elective module is changed or no longer offered due to organizational reasons, examination attempts in other courses will not be counted.

Section 12 Examiners

Section 12 subsection 1:

The chair of the examinations board appoints examiners pursuant to the provisions of the HmbHG, as amended.

Section 13

Completed coursework and module examinations

Section 13 subsection 1:

Courses may include required coursework such as:

- preparing material before or after a class in the form of short essays and exercises or
- 2. short presentations in order to learn academic discussion skills

The type and amount of coursework to be completed will be announced for the course at the start of the course registration period as part of the announcement for course offerings. Completed coursework may be a prerequisite for course examinations. This will be set forth in more detail in the module descriptions.

Section 13 subsection 10:

All examinations will be held in English, excluding examinations in the Electives module. This may include examinations in German.

Section 14 Master's thesis

Section 14 subsection 2:

Before students can begin work on their master's thesis, they must first earn a minimum of 60 ECTS credits.

Section 14 subsection 6:

The master's thesis must be written in English.

Section 14 subsection 7:

Students have six months to write their master's thesis.

The master's thesis should generally be approximately 50-70 pages.

The master's thesis amounts to 30 ECTS credits. Generally, it should be written in the fourth subject semester.

Section 15 Evaluation of examinations

Section 15 subsection 1:

All examinations are graded.

Section 15 subsection 4:

If module performance is tested using several course examinations, then the overall module grade is calculated on the basis of the average grades for each component weighted according to the ECTS credits assigned to each.

Section 15 subsection 5:

The overall final grade for the master's degree is calculated from the average of the grades from the modules weighted according to the ECTS credits assigned to each module.

The overall grade "passed with distinction" will be awarded for outstanding performance. This is the case if the master's thesis was awarded a grade of 1.0 and a student's grade point average is 1.3 or better.

II. Module descriptions

The Master of Science in Innovation, Business and Sustainability comprises the following modules:

Module Number/ Code	Fund	
Module Title	Module I: Fundamentals of Innovation, Business and Sustainability	
Learning outcomes	The aim of the module is to familiarize students in detail with issues of innovation, management, and sustainability in an entrepreneurial context. Students are able to theoretically and practically understand central management issues and to independently work and critically reflect on these issues. Furthermore, students are familiar with the challenges and problems of sustainable management, which enables them to understand the business and economic relationships in detail and to work and critically reflect on the resulting conflicts of objectives of organizations. They should also be able to recognize interfaces between the subject areas of the module by examining the issues of innovation and societal knowledge exchange in depth.	
Contents	Within the framework of the module, various required elective courses on selected aspects of management will be offered. Generally, the module is comprised of the following courses, which are offered regularly: 1. Innovation Management 2. Organisational Development and Change 3. Financial and Management Accounting 4. (International) Finance and Investment 5. Sustainability and Management 6. Business Ethics: Managing CSR in the Age of Globalization 7. Entrepreneurship and Sustainability The range of courses may be supplemented. A selection of courses that may be taken as part of the module will be announced at the beginning of course registration. Students must successfully complete a total of 4 required elective courses in the module.	
Teaching and learning	Generally: Lecture and practical course (2 and 1 credit hours per week, respectively)	
Language of instruction	English	
Formal prerequisites	None	

Recommended prerequisites	None
Requirements for successful completion	Examination: The module examination comprises 4 course examinations as part of the relevant teaching. Form, duration, and scope of examination: Each of the courses offered in the module usually concludes with a written examination of 60–120 minutes in duration. The duration of the examination is determined by the examiner and is announced at the beginning of the course registration period as part of the announcement of course offerings. Four course examinations must be passed in order to complete the module. Examination registration prerequisites: None Examination language: English
ECTS credits	Total of 24 ECTS credits: distributed over 4 courses with an accompanying practical course of 6 ECTS credits
Workload (total and per module component)	A total of 720 course hours, comprising: in-person study: per lecture and practical course: 2 credit hours per week and 1 credit hour per week / approx. 28 hours and approx. 14 hours independent study, examination preparation, and examination: per lecture and practical course: approx. 138 hours
Module type	Required module, consisting of various required elective courses
Module frequency	Each winter semester
Duration/recommen ded semester	Duration is 1 semester, recommended for the first semester
Module applicability	MSc Innovation, Business and Sustainability

Module Number/ Code	Methods
Module Title	Module II: Research Methods
Learning outcomes	The module is intended to familiarize students with comprehensive and advanced methodological knowledge for dealing with complex issues in economics and the social sciences. Using entrepreneurial issues as examples, students learn about complex analytical methods and how to independently apply them to complex issues. Furthermore, students should learn to understand the research design of existing studies and to reflect critically on them. Among other things, there will be a focus on the discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of specific research designs in order to be able to understand their suitability for certain issues.
Contents	Various required elective courses are offered as part of the module. Students must successfully complete both a quantitative and a qualitative course. Depending on students' choices, the content of the module may include one of the following: 1. Quantitative management methods: introduction to multivariate methods and the use of common statistical software packages or 2. Qualitative methods: analysis of and reflection on research literature: critical analysis of research results and of the research designs for these studies Generally, the module is comprised of the following courses, which are offered regularly: 1. Quantitative Research Methods—I 2. Introduction to Econometrics 3. Reading and Understanding Academic Articles 4. Introduction into Philosophy of Science 5. Advanced Econometrics 6. Qualitative Methods of Empirical Research 7. Decision Theory 8. Open Topics—Research Methods The range of courses may be supplemented. A selection of courses that may be taken as part of the module will be announced at the beginning of course registration. Students must successfully complete a total of 3 required elective courses in the module.
Teaching and learning	Generally:

	Lecture and practical course (2 and 1 credit hours per week, respectively) Seminar (2 credit hours per week)
Language of instruction	English
Formal prerequisites	None
Recommended prerequisites	None
Requirements for successful completion	Examination: The module examination comprises 3 course examinations as part of the relevant teaching. Form, duration, and scope of examination: The courses offered in the module conclude with a written examination of 60–120 minutes in duration. The duration of the examination is determined by the examiner and is announced at the beginning of the course registration period as part of the announcement of course offerings. Three course examinations must be passed in order to complete the module. Examination registration prerequisites: None Examination language: English
ECTS credits	Total 18 ECTS credits, divided into: 1. Quantitative lecture and practical course or seminar: 6 ECTS credits 2. Qualitative lecture and practical course or seminar: 6 ECTS credits 3. Quantitative or qualitative lecture and practical course or seminar: 6 ECTS credits
Workload (total and per module component)	A total of 360 course hours, comprising: in-person study: dependent on the number of selected courses: 1. per lecture and practical course: 2 credit hours per week and 1 credit hour per week / approx. 28 hours and approx. 14 hours 2. per seminar: 2 credit hours / about 28 hours independent study, examination preparation, and examination: 1. per lecture and practical course: approx. 138 hours 2. per seminar: approx. 152 hours
Module type	Required module, consisting of various required elective courses
Module frequency	Every semester

Duration/recommen ded semester	Duration is 3 semesters, recommended for the first, second, and third semesters
Module applicability	MSc Innovation, Business and Sustainability

Module Number/ Code	Innotrans
Module Title	Module III: Innovation, Sustainability and Knowledge Exchange in Management
Learning outcomes	The aim of the module is to provide students with detailed knowledge of issues in innovation and community knowledge exchange from a management perspective. Among other things, this involves the development of far-reaching, theory-based skills in the areas of innovation and knowledge exchange. This includes knowledge on dealing with innovation processes and questions on knowledge exchange between academia and society. Questions of company foundation are also addressed. Students should be able to illustrate central aspects of innovation and knowledge exchange from a sustainability perspective and assess and critically reflect on their theoretical and practical implications.
Contents	Various required elective courses are offered as part of the module. Generally, the module is comprised of the following courses, which are offered regularly: 1. Managing and Organizing Innovation 2. Consumer and Management Decisions 3. Science Innovation (SCB) 4. Organizational Behavior and Design: Trends in Empirical Research 5. Knowledge Exchange and Innovation—Concepts 6. Knowledge Exchange and Innovation—Methods 7. Open Topics Supplemental courses on current module topics will also be available. A selection of courses that may be taken as part of the module will be announced at the beginning of course registration. Students must successfully complete a total of 3 required elective courses in the module.
Teaching and learning	The specific type of instruction will depend on the courses that are offered. Generally, these are: 1. Lecture and practical course (2 and 1 credit hours per week, respectively)
	2. Seminar (2 credit hours per week)

Language of instruction	English
Formal prerequisites	Students must be enrolled in the second subject semester or higher.
Recommended prerequisites	None
Requirements for successful completion	Examination: The module examination comprises 3 course examinations as part of the relevant teaching. Form, duration, and scope of examination: Courses held as lectures and practical courses usually conclude with a written examination of 60–120 minutes in duration. Courses held as seminars usually conclude with a term paper (10–20 pages with a working time of 6–10 weeks) or with a presentation (15–45 minutes) and written report (5–15 pages with a working time of 3–10 weeks). The duration and scope of examinations are determined by the examiner and announced at the beginning of the course registration period as part of the announcement of course offerings. Three course examinations must be passed in order to complete the module. Examination registration prerequisites: None Examination language: English
ECTS credits	Total of 18 ECTS credits: 3 courses each worth 6 ECTS credits
Workload (total and per module component)	A total of 540 course hours, comprising: in-person study: dependent on the number of selected courses: 1. per lecture and practical course: 2 credit hours per week and 1 credit hour per week / approx. 28 hours and approx. 14 hours 2. per seminar: 2 credit hours / about 28 hours independent study, examination preparation, and examination: 1. per lecture and practical course: approx. 138 hours 2. per seminar: approx. 152 hours
Module type	Required elective module, consisting of various required elective courses
Module frequency	Every semester
Duration/recommen ded semester	Duration is 2 semesters, recommended for the second and third semesters
Module applicability	MSc Innovation, Business and Sustainability

Module Number/ Code	SusMan
Module Title	Module IV: Sustainability in Management
Learning outcomes	The aim of the module is to provide students with detailed knowledge of sustainable management issues. Among other things, this involves the development of far-reaching, theory-based skills in the areas of international corporate management and sustainability. This includes knowledge on dealing with ethical issues and questions regarding the sustainable management of natural resources. Students will learn to highlight central aspects of management from a perspective of sustainability and to identify, assess, and critically reflect on theoretical and practical implications of sustainable management.
Contents	Various required elective courses are offered as part of the module. Generally, the module is comprised of the following courses, which are offered regularly: 1. Strategic Management and Sustainability in the Digital Age 2. Industrial Ecology 3. Applied Business Ethics 4. Case Study on Sustainability (Shell) 5. Corporate Transition Toward Sustainability 6. Innovative Organizational Design 7. Open Topics Supplemental courses on current topics of sustainable management will also be available. A selection of courses that may be taken as part of the module will be announced at the beginning of course registration. Students must successfully complete a total of 3 required elective courses in the module.
Teaching and learning	The specific type of instruction will depend on the courses that are offered. Generally, these are: 1. Lecture and practical course (2 and 1 credit hours per week, respectively) 2. Seminar (2 credit hours per week)
Language of instruction	English
Formal prerequisites	Students must be enrolled in the second subject semester or higher.
Recommended prerequisites	None

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Requirements for successful	Examination: The module examination comprises 3 course examinations as part of the relevant teaching.
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	Courses held as lectures and practical courses usually conclude with
	a written examination of 60–120 minutes in duration. Courses held
	as seminars usually conclude with a term paper (10–20 pages with a
	working time of 6–10 weeks) or with a presentation (15–45 minutes)
	and written report (5–15 pages with a working time of 3–10 weeks).
	The duration and scope of examinations are determined by the
	examiner and announced at the beginning of the course registration
	period as part of the announcement of course offerings.
	Three course examinations must be passed in order to complete the
	module.
	Examination registration prerequisites: None
	Examination language: English
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Module Number/ Code	SusFin	
Module Title	Module V: Sustainable Finance and Accounting	
Learning outcomes	The aim of the module is to provide students with in-depth knowledge of the central issues and problems of finance and accounting from an innovation and sustainability perspective. The initial focus is on imparting theoretical knowledge, dealing in depth with central theories and concepts, and using theory-based approaches to handle specific entrepreneurial issues that arise in the module context. This includes issues of international accounting in multinational corporations, the financing of social transformation, and the role of innovation in this context. Students should be able to recognize, critically reflect on and independently work on complex issues of sustainable financing.	
Contents	Various required elective courses are offered as part of the module. Generally, the module is comprised of the following courses, which are offered regularly: 1. Sustainable Finance: ESG and Capital Markets 2. Sustainable Accounting: International CSR Reporting 3. Sustainable Corporate Governance 4. Sustainable Finance and Business Strategy 5. Transfer and Innovation in Sustainable Finance and Accounting 6. Impact Investment 7. Open Topics Supplemental courses on current sustainable finance topics will also be available. A selection of courses that may be taken as part of the module will be announced at the beginning of course registration. Students must successfully complete a total of 3 required elective courses in the module.	
Teaching and learning	The specific type of instruction will depend on the courses that are offered. Generally, these are: 1. Lecture and practical course (2 and 1 credit hours per week, respectively) 2. Seminar (2 credit hours per week)	
Language of instruction	English	
Formal prerequisites	Students must be enrolled in the second subject semester or higher.	

Recommended	Successful completion of the courses:
prerequisites	Financial and Management Accounting,
	(International) Finance and Investment,
	Quantitative Research Methods—I
Requirements for	Examination: The module examination comprises 3 course
successful	examinations as part of the relevant teaching.
completion	Form, duration, and scope of examination:
	Courses held as lectures and practical courses usually conclude with
	a written examination of 60–120 minutes in duration. Courses held
	as seminars usually conclude with a term paper (10–20 pages with a
	working time of 6–10 weeks) or with a presentation (15–45 minutes)
	and written report (5–15 pages with a working time of 3–10 weeks).
	The duration and scope of examinations are determined by the
	examiner and announced at the beginning of the course registration period as part of the announcement of course offerings. Three course
	examinations must be passed in order to complete the module.
	Examination registration prerequisites: None
	Examination language: English
ECTS credits	Total of 18 ECTS credits:
	3 courses each worth 6 ECTS credits
Workload (total and	A total of 540 course hours, comprising:
per module	in-person study: dependent on the number of selected courses:
component)	1. per lecture and practical course: 2 credit hours per week and
	1 credit hour per week / approx. 28 hours and approx. 14
	hours
	2. per seminar: 2 credit hours / about 28 hours
	independent study, examination preparation, and examination:
	1. per lecture and practical course: approx. 138 hours
	2. per seminar: approx. 152 hours
Module type	Required elective module, consisting of various required elective
	courses
Module frequency	Every semester
Duration/recommen	Duration is 2 semesters, recommended for the second and third
ded semester	semesters
Module applicability	MSc Innovation, Business and Sustainability

Module Number/ Code	Elec
Module Title	Module VI: Electives
Learning outcomes	Augmentation of expertise and/or methodological skills in accordance with students' interests
Contents	Students can and should autonomously devise their own study program and set their own areas of concentration. In the Electives module, students may therefore select and use additional courses from MIBAS or select modules and courses from other master's degree programs that are open to MIBAS and offered in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences. Students may select business foreign-language courses amounting to no more than 6 ECTS credits, provided that the courses are offered by Universität Hamburg. Students must successfully complete a total of 2 elective courses in the module. Completion of modules from previously unattended courses is recommended to provide a broader knowledge base.
Teaching and learning	Dependent on the courses selected
Language of instruction	Dependent on the courses selected
Formal prerequisites	Dependent on the courses selected
Recommended prerequisites	Dependent on the courses selected
Requirements for successful completion	Examination: The module examination comprises 2 course examinations as part of the relevant teaching. Form, duration, and scope of examination: The form of examination depends on the courses selected. The requirements for successful module completion depend on the course selected and can be taken from the relevant module description above. The examinations for courses from cooperating degree programs are subject to their own subject-specific provisions (FSBs).
ECTS credits	Total of 12 ECTS credits: 2 courses each worth 6 ECTS credits
Workload (total and per module component)	In-person study: dependent on the courses selected Independent study, examination preparation, and examination: dependent on the courses selected

Module type	Required module, consisting of various required elective courses
Module frequency	Every semester
Duration/recommen ded semester	Duration is 2 semesters, recommended for the second and third semesters
Module applicability	MSc Innovation, Business and Sustainability

Module Number/ Code	Module M:
Module Title	Final Module
Learning outcomes	The master's thesis demonstrates the candidate's ability to independently tackle a particular problem within the purview of the MIBAS program within a set period of time using academic methods. The composition of a thesis is a central component of a university degree program. High standards of form and substance are placed on students. The goal is for all students to obtain sound methodological skills and substantive knowledge that will enable them to successfully complete their thesis. Mastering basic methodological skills is not only useful for writing a thesis but also advantageous for our students in professional practice.
Contents	Students will be expected to formulate a research question (topic selection), work independently on the topic—that is develop a plan, conduct in-depth literature research, collect and evaluate data, and analyze literature and sources—and autonomously write a final academic thesis. Students may select topics that relate to the subject matter associated with the MIBAS curriculum. Students may propose topics to their first assessor when submitting their request to commence work on the master's thesis. The first assessor officially assigns the thesis topic to the student.
Teaching and learning	Master's thesis Supervision and guidance of independent work, as well as regular meetings between the first assessor and the supervisor.
Language of instruction	English
Formal prerequisites	Before students can begin work on their master's thesis, they must first earn a minimum of 60 ECTS credits.

Recommended prerequisites	None
Requirements for successful completion	Examination: Master's thesis Form, duration, and scope of examination: Students have 6 months in which to complete the thesis. The master's thesis should generally be approximately 50–70 pages. Examination language: English
ECTS credits	30 ECTS credits
Workload (total and per module component)	A total of 900 course hours, comprising: in-person study: not applicable independent study, examination preparation, and examination: about 900 hours
Module type	Required module
Module frequency	Ongoing
Duration/recommen ded semester	Duration is 1 semester, recommended for the fourth semester
Module applicability	MSc Innovation, Business and Sustainability

Section 23 Effective date

These subject-specific provisions become effective on the day following official publication by Universität Hamburg. They first apply to students commencing their studies in Winter Semester 2023/24.

Hamburg, 22 March 2023 **Universität Hamburg**