

## OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF

**Änderung der Prüfungsordnung der Fakultät für  
Mathematik, Informatik und Naturwissenschaften für  
Studiengänge mit dem Abschluss „Master of Science“  
(M.Sc.) vom 4. Dezember 2019  
(Amtliche Bekanntmachung Nr. 108 vom 17. September  
2020)**

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**Revised Examination Regulations of the Faculty of  
Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences for Master  
of Science (MSc) Degree Programs dated 4 December 2019**

**dated 2 September 2020**

On 14 September 2020 and in accordance with Section 108 subsection 1 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG), the Executive University Board ratified the 2 December 2020 amendment of the Revised Examination Regulations for the Master of Science (Msc) Degree Programs adopted by the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences on 2 December 2019 pursuant to Section 91 subsection 2 number 1 HmbHG dated 18 July 2001 (HmbGVBl, p. 171) as amended on 26 June 2020 (HmbGVBl, p. 380), taking into consideration the General Examination Regulations for Academic Examinations at Universität Hamburg dated 25 January 2018, 22 February 2018, and 8 November 2018.

## Section 1

The Examination Regulations for the Master of Science (MSc) Degree Programs of the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences' Examination Regulations dated 4 December 2019 are amended as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to the end of Section 4 subsection 3:  
“Where the subject-specific provisions (FSBs) provide for additional performance that does not contribute more than 20 percent of the total grade of the final module, and this cannot be performed over a longer period of time due to force majeure, affected student(s) may request that the chairperson of the examinations board determine an alternative form of examination. This must be suited to attaining the skills-oriented qualifications defined for the final module.
2. In Section 5 subsection 1, the following sentence is added after number 7:  
“Courses may be held in person or as blended learning or e-learning courses.”
3. The following sentence is added to the end of Section 7 subsection 5:  
“a) If the performance of scheduled examinations or coursework is not possible due to force majeure, the examinations board responsible must determine appropriate measures. In particular, these may include offering additional examination dates or the completion of other equivalent examinations. This also applies to coursework. The equivalent examinations and coursework identified must be suited to attaining the skills-oriented qualifications defined for the final module.  
  
b) Upon written application, the chairperson of the examinations board may implement reasonable compensation for disadvantages for a student if the student substantiates that they are to any extent unable to complete an examination under the prescribed conditions or within the time periods set forth in these regulations on account of an increased risk of severe COVID-19 infection due to a health impairment afflicting the student personally or a person with whom the student resides. Such suitable measures could include altering the external examination conditions or accepting equivalent examination performance. This also applies to coursework. The application must be made without delay—at the latest, one week prior to the scheduled examination.”
4. There is a new Section 10 subsection 1, which is as follows:  
“Module examinations may be retaken three times.”
5. The (previous) text for Section 10 subsection 1 thus becomes Section 10 subsection 2.

6. There is a new Section 10 subsection 3, which is as follows:

“Elective and required elective modules may be changed. If an elective or required elective module is changed or no longer offered because of organizational reasons, examination attempts in other modules will not be counted.”

7. Section 10 subsection 4 has been deleted without replacement.

8. For Section 13 subsection 5, sentence 1 is replaced by:

“Electronic media and electronic documentation may be used for examinations in appropriate circumstances.”

9. There is a new Section 14 subsection 10, which is as follows:

“Examinations for which students are already registered that cannot be held due to force majeure are deemed completed when determining the modules or ECTS credits required for admission to the final thesis. However, the module must be completed with a passing grade in order to graduate. Where examinations cannot be held or can only be held to a limited extent due to force majeure, the examinations board may determine that an exceptional case exists to permit admission to the final module with a lower number of ECTS credits.”

## **Section 2**

These amendments become effective on the day following official publication by Universität Hamburg. They replace the revised regulations dated 4 December 2019 (Amtliche Bekanntmachung No. 16 dated 3 April 2020) and 1 April 2020 (Amtliche Bekanntmachung No. 17 dated 21 April 2020).

Hamburg, 17 September 2020

**Universität Hamburg**