

**Course-Specific Examination and Study Regulations for the Master's Degree Course
Culture, Ecology, Change
at the University of Rostock**

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Based on Section 2 (1) in conjunction with Section 38 (1) of the State Higher Education Act in the version published on January 25, 2011 (GVOBl. M-V p. 18), which was last amended by the sixth law amending the State Higher Education Act of June 21, 2021 (GVOBl. M-V p. 1018) and the Framework Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs at the University of Rostock dated 11 November 2022 (Official Announcements of the University of Rostock No. 5/2023), the University of Rostock has issued the following course-specific examination and study regulations for the Master's degree program Culture-Ecology-Change as a statute:

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I. General Provisions

§ 1

Scope of application

These regulations govern the objectives, content, procedure and course-specific regulations for the completion of the research-oriented Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change at the University of Rostock on the basis of the Framework Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's degree courses at the University of Rostock (Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor/Master)).

§ 2

Admission requirements

- (1) In accordance with § 3 of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's), admission to the Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change is subject to proof of a first professionally qualifying university degree or an equivalent degree from a university of cooperative education and the following further admission requirements:
 1. in accordance with § 3 (3) of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's), English language proficiency at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages must be proven.
 2. A first professionally qualifying degree in a humanities, social sciences or cultural studies subject with at least 180 credit points or another equivalent degree with cultural studies components amounting to 12 credit points must be proven.
- (2) In case there are no admission restrictions, admission to the Master's degree program Culture-Ecology-Change can only be denied if successful completion of the Master's degree program is not to be expected. It is presumed that successful completion of the Master's degree course is not to be expected if one of the criteria under paragraph 1 numbers 1 to 2 is not fulfilled and the applicant has not provided any further evidence of subject and course-specific qualifications from which a positive prognosis of success can be derived. The Examination Board may decide to invite the applicant to a clarifying interview. Admission may also be conditional, in the case of an admission restriction in accordance with § 4 of the Higher Education Admission Act.

II. Course of study and study organization

§ 3

Aims of the degree program

- (1) Upon successful completion of the Master's degree program Culture-Ecology-Change, students are awarded the academic degree Master of Arts (M.A.).

- (2) The Master's degree program is taught in English, with a small German-language component in the interdisciplinary area. It is dedicated to the cultural-scientific analysis of the interplay of the three title concepts, particularly in the Anglophone area and from a global perspective. The interactions between the concept and practice of ecological sustainability and cultural phenomena and practices are examined. The focus is on the analysis of cultural artifacts and literary representations and performances as well as the topic of ecological and social transformation. Students can choose their own profile. The course is research-oriented.
- (3) The Master's program, which is mainly taught by lecturers of the Institute of English/American Studies (IAA), aims to interlink the three key concepts "Culture", "Ecology" and "Change". The program teaches students to historically deduce the interrelationships between the social and natural developments of contemporary life and appreciate their complexity. Students acquire analytical knowledge and practise creative strategies for dealing with different forms of sustainability. The aim is to supplement the three established pillars of sustainability - ecological, social and economic sustainability - with the concept of cultural sustainability. This is based on the knowledge that the thought processes underlying social action are significantly shaped by cultural (i.e. symbolic, aesthetic and emotional) processes and articulations.
- (4) The curriculum of the Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change is largely covered by Anglophone cultural and literary studies. The program is supplemented by an interdisciplinary component with a focus on sustainability research. The course contains both theoretical and application-oriented components.
- (5) The degree program provides students with solid, interdisciplinary scientific expertise in the study of historical and contemporary socio-ecological phenomena and their interdependencies. It thus takes into account the growing importance of climatic and ecological changes in a globalized world. The course provides students with the theoretical and practical foundations for understanding and shaping social transformation processes. It provides them with cultural techniques for dealing creatively with ecological and social transformation and trains them to become change agents. It creates the prerequisites for further academic qualification (PhD) and qualifies students for a wide range of professional fields in education and science, media and public relations, cultural management, marketing and tourism.

§ 4

Start of studies, course structure, standard period of study

- (1) The Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change can only be started in the winter semester. Enrolment takes place on the dates specified annually by the administration of the University of Rostock. Applications are usually made online via the university portal or another portal specified online.

- (2) The Master's degree course in Culture-Ecology-Change is offered in English. Individual modules in the interdisciplinary section, including their module examinations, may be offered in German, provided that all participating students agree to this. Details can be found in the respective module description. The language of the module will be announced in the second week of the course at the latest. The modules offered for the Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change are designed in such a way that - in most cases - the entire course can be completed exclusively in English.
- (3) The standard period of study within which the course is to be completed is four semesters.
- (4) The Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change is divided into compulsory and elective modules. Eleven modules amounting to 114 credit points must be studied in the compulsory area and one module amounting to six credit points must be studied in the elective area. Of the compulsory modules, 30 credit points are allocated to the final examination. A total of at least 120 credit points must be earned in order to pass the Master's examination.
- (5) The compulsory modules enable students to respond to questions of sustainability transformation in an interdisciplinary manner based on cultural studies and literature studies methodologies, and cultural studies and humanities research into the interactions between culture, the environment and ecology. The empirical focus is on the Anglophone world as well as on the analysis of diachronic aspects and global interdependencies.
- (6) In the modules "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainability 1" and "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainability 2", students attend various courses in neighbouring disciplines and in natural science disciplines that focus on sustainability issues. A list of the courses to be chosen is published through the normal channels at least six months before the start of a semester. The courses to be taken as part of the two modules can be freely selected from the current list of courses on offer. It is not permitted to take the same course more than once.
- (7) In the elective modules, students have the opportunity to acquire additional or in-depth specialised skills with regard to an academic career or non-university professional goals. In the elective modules, students may choose to take modules from other Master's degree programs of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, which belong to the major subject of related disciplines, as well as modules from the Language Centre, taking into account the module-specific admission requirements after consulting the academic advisor of the chosen major subject. In addition, further modules from the range of modules offered by other degree programmes at the University of Rostock or other universities may be selected and recognized, taking into account the qualification objectives of the elective area, in consultation with the student advisory service and the relevant module coordinators. The Examination Board decides on recognition in individual cases. The decision of the Examination Board should be made at the request of the student before the start of the semester in which the module to be recognized is to be taken. The attendance of such modules at the University of Rostock requires that they are not modules of an admission-restricted degree program, unless a corresponding teaching export is determined by capacity law and sufficient study place capacities are available. The

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admission requirements, examination requirements, examination periods and provisions on the form, duration and scope of the module examination, which are provided for in the examination regulations of the corresponding degree program, apply.

- (8) Participation in individual modules of this degree program is dependent on proof of certain prior knowledge or skills. Details can be found in the respective module descriptions.
- (9) An appropriate distribution of the modules over the individual semesters, which in particular allows the standard period of study to be adhered to, can be found in the examination and study plan attached as Annex 1. The examination and study plan forms the basis for the respective semester study plans, which are made available to students through the normal channels. The sequence and content of the courses ensure that students are able to achieve the respective study objectives. There are sufficient opportunities for students to organize their studies individually.
- (10) Detailed module descriptions are announced through the normal channels.

§ 5

Individual part-time studies

- (1) In accordance with § 29 (7) sentence 1 of the State Higher Education Act and the following paragraphs, students may declare to the Examination Board no later than two weeks before the start of a semester that they will only be able to devote approximately half of the working time planned for their studies in the following two semesters. The application must state which of the planned modules or module parts will not be completed and in which later semesters the corresponding modules or module parts are to be made up. If the Examination Board approves the application, it may provide for modules or module parts other than those listed in the application to be made up, in particular if this is necessary to ensure a proper course of study. In cases of hardship (acknowledged officially), the application may also be submitted at a later date.
- (2) The application must be submitted to the Examination Board after consultation with the person responsible for the degree program. If the decision differs from the application, the student must be heard beforehand. The application can be withdrawn up to two months after the start of the semester.
- (3) In the case of paragraph 1, one semester is not counted towards the standard period of study and is therefore not taken into account when calculating the deadlines specified in §§ 10 and 17 of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's). During part-time study, examinations other than those specified in the decision of the Examination Board cannot be effectively taken; double study during this period is not permitted. Otherwise, the rights and obligations of the students concerned remain unaffected.
- (4) Each student may make use of the provision in paragraph 1 a maximum of two times.

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§ 6

Teaching and learning methods

In addition to the course types listed in § 6a (1) of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's), the following additional course type is used:

- Project course

In the project course, students work on a project topic in individual or group work under the supervision of a lecturer.

§ 7

Study abroad

- (1) In the 2nd or 3rd semester, the study plan offers students to replace the workload of one semester by studying a semester at a foreign university. The stay abroad must be prepared in good time. For this purpose, the student first chooses a thematic focus in accordance with the focus areas of the Master's degree course Culture-Ecology-Change and generally seeks contact with the person responsible for the degree course and also with the Rostock International House by the end of the first semester. Competences acquired at the foreign place of study will be recognized, provided that there are no significant differences to the competences to be acquired within the Culture-Ecology-Change degree program. To ensure recognition, the students and the responsible lecturers shall conclude a teaching and learning agreement in consultation with the Examination Board in accordance with § 5 (3) of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's) before the start of the stay abroad.
- (2) Subject to the approval of the Examination Board, it is possible to write the thesis abroad under the dual supervision of professors from the Institute of English/American Studies and the foreign university.

§ 8

Practical periods of study

- (1) During the course of study, practical study periods amounting to 135 hours are to be completed, in the course of which, under appropriate supervision, work-related skills are to be learned that are objectively related to the objectives of the degree program or parts thereof (work-related internship). The practical study period is usually completed outside of the lecture period, but can also be completed during the lecture period if it does not jeopardize attendance of the courses. The internship can also be completed abroad.
- (2) The module coordinator shall decide on the suitability of the internship location at the student's request in good time before the start of the internship. The application must be made in writing to the module coordinator and submitted to the module coordinator. Upon

application, internships already completed and directly related to the degree course can be recognized.

- (3) The practical period of study must be documented by an ungraded certificate from the internship placement. The proof must be supplemented by an internship report as an examination achievement of the student.
- (4) Regulations on the content of the internship, the subject requirements, the divisibility of the work-related internship and the assessment of the completion of the internship are set out in the course-specific examination and study regulations for the Internship Regulations for the two-subject Bachelor's and Master's degree courses at the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Rostock.

§ 9

Organization of studies and teaching

- (1) At the beginning of each semester, a schedule for the entire semester is posted. It includes: the lecture periods, the examination periods, the lecture-free periods and the start of the next semester.
- (2) The courses are designed by the responsible lecturers on the basis of the examination and study plan (Annex 1). These are made available to students electronically via the central course catalogue. The lecturers are also responsible for drawing up a semester study plan for each semester. It contains information on the content, the subjects, the teaching staff, the number of hours broken down according to the different types of courses, the timetable and the module allocation of the respective courses.
- (3) Lecturers may plan courses outside the timetable (e.g. internships, excursions) on their own responsibility and in consultation with their colleagues. If necessary, they are supported by the administrative organization of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. The Examinations Office must be informed of any courses in which examinations are taken.
- (4) In justified exceptional cases and in consultation with the Examinations Office, teaching staff shall organize the exchange or rearrangement of courses.
- (5) All special information passed on to students by teaching staff for the purpose of organizing teaching must be communicated to the Examinations Office in advance. Special information refers to data and facts that deviate from the specifications of the study organization.

III. Examinations

§ 10

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Examination structure and examinations

- (1) The composition of the modules to be taken, the type of preliminary examinations, the type, duration and scope of the module examinations, the regular examination dates and the credit points to be achieved are set out in the examination and study plan (Annex 1). The final examination (thesis and colloquium) is part of the Master's examination in accordance with § 16.
- (2) In a module, preliminary examination achievements can be determined in accordance with § 7 Paragraph 2 of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor/Master). Examination prerequisites can be: presentation, report/documentation, minutes, press review, compulsory attendance in accordance with § 7 and:

- tasks

tasks may include: literature research, follow-up work on seminar content, if necessary also in writing, analysis, interpretation and presentation of primary sources, scientific content and project-related data material. At least 80 percent of the assignments must be completed in preparation for and after the course and as part of guided independent study.

- Portfolio

A portfolio is an organized collection of written documents or own works, including artistic works. In addition to written and artistic works, a portfolio can also contain image material, video material or other artefacts. The portfolio must be made available to the lecturers in a suitable form.

The specific examination prerequisite can be found in the respective module description and the examination and study plan (Annex 1). If there is a choice of more than one examination prerequisite, the prerequisites to be completed will be announced in the second week of the course at the latest.

§ 11

Examinations and examination periods

- (1) The module examinations are taken during the examination periods specified for this purpose. The examination period of a semester for written examinations extends over the first eight weeks of the lecture-free period. The examination period for oral examinations extends over the entire lecture-free period, excluding defined examination-free periods.
- (2) In agreement between students and examiners, examinations may also be held at other times in consultation with the Examination Board, subject to the deadlines and registration modalities specified in the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's). In this case, the Examinations Office must be informed in good time.

- (3) In the case of the last examination attempt, the examiner shall decide whether an oral examination should be held in deviation from the examination form specified in the module description. This selection must be made uniformly for all students in a semester.
- (4) The declaration of withdrawal of registration for module examinations must be submitted in writing to the Examinations Office no later than two weeks before the examination date.
- (5) In the event of a change to a module description, repeat examinations must be taken in accordance with the module description in the version that applied to the examination to be repeated.

§ 12

Admission to the final examination

- (1) Admission to the final examination is granted to students who have successfully passed all module examinations of this degree program with regular examination dates in the first and second semesters in accordance with § 25 of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor/Master) and who can prove that they have acquired at least 60 credit points in the degree program.
- (2) The student must apply in writing to the Examinations Office for admission to the final examination. The application must be submitted up to six weeks before the end of the semester previous to that of the final examination.

§ 13

Final examination

- (1) The final examination follows from the module “Master's thesis Culture-Ecology-Change”. It consists of the written thesis (Master's thesis) and the colloquium (defence).
- (2) The topic for the Master's thesis is determined on the basis of the academic course offers at the Institute of English/American Studies, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and other faculties at the University of Rostock, other non-university academic institutions or according to the student's own suggestions, always provided that a supervisor can be found in accordance with § 27 of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's).
- (3) Students work out the specific task of the Master's thesis together with the supervisor. The supervisor shall ensure that the task meets the requirements for such a thesis.
- (4) The Master's thesis is completed in the fourth semester. The deadline for completion is 20 weeks. In individual cases, the Examination Board may extend the deadline by a maximum of 12 weeks upon justified request. The Master's thesis must be submitted to the Examination Office by the deadline.

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- (5) The Master's thesis must be written in accordance with the rules for safeguarding good scientific practice and avoiding scientific misconduct at the University of Rostock.
- (6) The defence consists of an approximately 20-minute presentation by the student and an approximately 30-minute discussion.
- (7) 30 credit points are awarded for the successful completion of the final module. The associated workload of 900 hours is made up of 860 hours for the Master's thesis and 40 hours for the colloquium.

§ 14

Assessment of examination performance, formation of grades

The examination and study plan (Annex 1) shows which modules are graded, and which are assessed as “passed” or “failed”. With the exception of the module/s from the elective area, all graded modules are taken into account when calculating the overall grade in accordance with § 13 (5) of the Framework Examination Regulations (Bachelor's/Master's).

§ 15

Examination board and examination organization

- (1) The Examination Board consists of seven members, including four members from the group of university lecturers, two members from the group of academic staff and one student member. The term of office of the members is two years, that of the student member one year.
- (2) The Examination Office plans and organizes the examinations in consultation with the Examination Board. In particular, registration for module examinations takes place at the Examinations Office. The Examinations Office prepares and announces examination schedules on the basis of the registrations.

§ 16

Diploma Supplement

The Diploma Supplement (German and English) with its course-specific information is available as a sample on the website of the Examinations Office of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

IV. Final provisions

§ 17

Entry into force

These regulations come into force on the day after their publication in the official announcements of the University of Rostock. It shall apply for the first time for the winter semester 2023/2024. Issued on the basis of the resolution of the Academic Senate of the University of Rostock dated April 5, 2023 and the approval of the Rector.

Rostock, April 20th 2023

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Appendices:

Annex 1: Examination and study plan

Sem.	LP	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
1	module	Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainability 1		Theoretical Readings on Culture, Ecology, Sustainability ("Theories")		Theoretical Approaches to Ecological-Cultural Change ("Approaches")				Free Choice	
2	module	Diachronic Dimensions of Ecological-Cultural Change				Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainability 2		Experiences and Reflection on Culture-Ecology-Change (Internship)		Science Communication	
3	module	Research: Culture-Ecology-Change		Transformation: Designing Futures				Entanglements of Ecologies and Cultures			
4	module	Masters Thesis Culture-Ecology-Change									

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 Mandatory Modules
 Free Choice

E - excursion/ field trip
 IL - integrated course
 Ko - consultation
 P - internship
 Pr - project course
 MC - Multiple Choice exam

S - seminar
 SPU - practical experience - schools
 Tu - tutorial
 U - practice
 V - lecture
 PL - exam type

A - final thesis
 B/D - report/ documentation
 HA - term paper
 K - written exam
 Koll - colloquium
 mP - oral exam

pP - practical exam
 PrA - project
 Prot - protocol
 R/P - report/ presentation
 SL - study achievement
 T - attestation

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Mandatory Modules

Module Name	Module Number	Type/SWS	Exam		LP	Semester	RPT	marked/unmarked
			pre-requirements	Exam Type/Duration/Scope				
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainability 1	6350410	S/2	assignments	B/D (2000-3000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	6	winter term	1	unmarked
Theoretical Readings on Culture, Ecology, Sustainability ("Theories")	6350460	S/2	assignments	mP (20 min)	6	winter term	1	marked
Theoretical Approaches to Ecological-Cultural Change ("Approaches")	6350500	V/2; S/2	assignments	B/D (2000-3000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	12	winter term	1	marked
Diachronic Dimensions of Ecological-Cultural Change	6350390	S/4	assignments	HA (6000-7000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	12	summer term	2	marked
Science Communication	6350490	S/2	assignments	PrA (8 Wo)	6	summer term	2	unmarked
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainability 2	6350420	S/2	assignments	B/D (2000-3000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	6	summer term	2	unmarked
Experiences and Reflection on Culture-Ecology-Change (Internship)	6350450	Ko/1	obligatory attendance at internship placement, presentation (10 min)	B/D (2000-3000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	6	summer term	2	unmarked
Transformation: Designing Futures	6350470	S/2	assignments; portfolio (8 Wo, 10-15 Seiten) and presentation (20 min)	mP (20 min)	12	winter term	3	marked
Entanglements of Ecologies and Cultures	6350480	S/4	assignments	HA (6000-7000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	12	winter term	3	marked
Research: Culture-Ecology-Change	6350400	S/1	presentation (20 min)	B/D (2000-3000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	6	winter term	3	unmarked
Masters Thesis Culture-Ecology-Change	6350440		none	1. PL: A (20 Wo, 60-80 Seiten) 2. PL: Koll (50 min Vortrag (20 min) und Diskussion (30 min), in englischer oder deutscher Sprache)	30	every term	4	marked

Free Choice

Modules amounting to 6 LP must be selected from the following catalog in accordance with Section 4 (8):

Module Name	Module Number	Type/SWS	Exam		LP	Semester	RPT	marked/unmarked
			pre-requirements	Exam Type/Duration/Scope				
Introduction to Cultural Studies (Anglistik/Amerikanistik) 1	6380370	V/2; Ü/2	obligatory attendance; 80% of assignments completed	K (90 min)	6	every term	2	unmarked
Introduction to Literary Studies (Anglistik/Amerikanistik) 1	6380390	V/2; Ü/2	obligatory attendance; 80% of assignments completed	K (90 min)	6	every term	2	unmarked
Cultural- and Literary Studies for MA Culture-Ecology-Change	6350430	S/2; V/2	assignments	B/D (2000-3000 Wörter, 8 Wo)	6	every term	2	unmarked

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