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**Exceptional Regulations in the Administration of Examinations in**  
**Bachelor's and Master's Study Courses**  
**at the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences**  
**caused by the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 Epidemic**

as of 25 November 2020

The Rectorate decided upon the above-mentioned Exceptional Regulations in its meeting on 25 November 2020.

The wording is given below:

Note:

*Violation of procedural or formal provisions of the University Act or of the regulatory or other autonomous law of the university can no longer be invoked against these Exceptional Regulations after one year from its notification, unless*

- 1. it has not been properly published,*
- 2. the formal or procedural defect has been notified to the university in advance, specifying the infringed legal provision and the fact which gives rise to the defect, or*
- 3. there was no reference to the legal consequences of the exclusion of complaints when the Exceptional Regulations were publicly announced.*

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Examinations in Bachelor's and Master's Study  
Courses**  
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(Exceptional Regulations Corona Epidemic)  
as of 25 November 2020

In accordance with the first sentence of § 82a (1) of the Higher Education Act NRW as of 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW. S. 547), amended by law as of 1 September 2020 (GV. NRW. S. 890) and in accordance with the first sentence of § 6 (3), the third sentence of § 7 (1) and the fourth sentence of § 7 (2) of the Regulations for dealing with the challenges in higher education caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 epidemic (Corona Epidemic University Regulations) as of 15 April 2020, amended by laws as of 13 November 2020 (GV.NRW S. 1060),

the Rectorate of the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences has issued the following Exceptional Regulations:

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### **§ 1 Applicability**

These Exceptional Regulations apply to the module examinations in all Bachelor's and Master's study courses at the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences. These Regulations supersede the General Examination Regulations as well as the relevant Examination Regulations and the Bachelor's and Master's Examination Regulations.

### **§ 2 Amendments to the form and duration of the module examination**

The form and duration of the module examination can be amended in deviation from the Examination Regulations or the provisions in the module handbooks. The Rectorate consults the faculties by forwarding the examination schedules prepared by the examination boards, which regulate the form and duration of examinations, for a review through the deans of the faculties and, after approval by the Rectorate, publishing these on the FH SWF website in the section Studierende/RundumsStudium/Studienorganisation/Prüfungsordnungen.

A different examination form as described in the framework of the General Examination Regulations or in the Bachelor's or Master's examination regulations, or a legally compliant form of an examination in electronic form or in electronic communication (online examination) can be chosen instead of an written examination.

### **§ 3 Admission requirements**

Admission to examinations after the summer semester 2020 is subject to the provisions of the Examination Regulations relevant for the respective study course, including the pandemic-related Exceptional Regulations issued for the specific study course.

#### **§ 4**

#### **Regulation on free attempts regarding definitely failed examinations**

Examinations which are taken in the winter semester 2020/2021 and which are definitively failed in accordance with the Examination Regulations applicable to the examination, are deemed not to have been taken in accordance with § 7 (4) sentence 6 of the Corona Epidemic Higher Education Regulations and may be repeated. This does not apply when the examination is graded as "not sufficient" (5.0) in the event of cheating or the use of unauthorised aids or when the candidate has been excluded from continuing the examination due to disruption of the proper course of the examination.

#### **§ 5**

#### **Withdrawal**

Withdrawal from an examination is allowed until its beginning; absence of an examination is not harmful. The examination begins with the handing out of the examination paper.

#### **§ 6**

#### **Coming into effect and publication; abrogation**

These Exceptional Regulations come into effect on the day after their publication. They are published in the public announcement "Amtliche Bekanntmachung der Fachhochschule Südwestfalen – Verkündungsblatt der Fachhochschule Südwestfalen" of South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences.

These Exceptional Regulations are issued on the basis of the decision of the Rectorate of 25 November 2020 and will repeal on 31 December 2020.

Iserlohn, 26 November 2020

Rector of the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences



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