

**Second Amendment of the Examination Regulations
for the Master's degree program in Spatial Planning
of the Department of Spatial Planning
at TU Dortmund University
dated 12 July 2023**

Based on Section 2 (4) in conjunction with Section 64 (1) North Rhine-Westphalia Higher Education Act (*Hochschulgesetz NRW, HG*) of 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW. p.547), as last amended by the Act of 30 June 2022 (GV. NRW. p.780b), TU Dortmund University has issued the following regulations:

Article I

The Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree Program in Spatial Planning of the Department of Spatial Planning at TU Dortmund University dated 20 October 2020 (AM No.24/2020, pp.27-52), last amended by Regulations for the Amendment of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree Program in Spatial Planning of the Department of Spatial Planning at TU Dortmund University dated 28 April 2022 (AM No.13/2022, pp.6-7), are amended as follows:

1. **Section 7 (Admission to courses with a limited number of participants) subsection 4 no. 1** is replaced by the following:
 - (4) If selection is required within a group, applicants shall be considered in the following order:
 1. Students with a prolonged or permanent disability, chronic illness or with care requirements (care and upbringing of children within the meaning of Section 25 (5) of the Federal Education and Trainings Assistance Act (*Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz, BAföG*), care of the spouse, registered partner or a relative in the direct line or first-degree relative by marriage, insofar as the latter is in need of care).
2. **Section 8 (Examinations)** is given a new **subsection 10**:
 - (10) Examination procedures take into account the periods of absence due to the care and upbringing of children within the meaning of Section 25 (5) of the Federal Education and Trainings Assistance Act (*Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz, BAföG*), the care of the spouse, the registered partner or a relative in the direct line or first-degree relative by marriage, insofar as the latter is in need of care.
3. **Section 9 (Disadvantage compensation) subsection 2** is replaced by the following:

- (2) Disadvantage compensation is granted on a case-by-case basis upon application to the Examination Board and must be submitted to the Central Examinations Office.
4. **Section 18 (Viewing of examination records) subsection 1** is replaced by the following:
- (1) After the announcement of exam results and other written or graphical examination results, students must be granted access to the examination records within four weeks upon request. Copies or other true-to-the-original reproductions may be made within the scope of the viewing. Any form of dissemination or transfer to third parties is not permitted. The time and place of the viewing shall be determined by the examiners and announced in a suitable form.
5. **Section 23 (Master's thesis) subsections 2 and 3** are replaced by the following:
- (2) The Master's thesis can be supervised by all teachers according to Section 17 (1), provided that their Master's degree dates back at least two years. At least one supervisor must belong to the group of university teachers/lecturers of the Department of Spatial Planning or be a member of the department with a doctoral qualification.
- (3) Master's theses may be supervised, in addition to a supervisor pursuant subsection 2, sentence 2, by scientists with a doctoral or postdoctoral qualification (*Habilitation*) from other department, universities or research institutes who fulfill the requirements according to Section 65 (1) HG and are appointed as supervisor with the approval of the Examination Board.
6. **Section 25 (Master's examination) subsection 2** is replaced by the following:
- (2) The course-related examinations are to be taken in the following modules:

Module number and title	Type	CP	Examination performance	
1 Introduction to spatial planning research	P	8	ME	Graded
2 Master project / master design	P	12	ME	Graded
3 Specialization	P	20	2 TL	Graded
4 Master's thesis	P	20	MP	Graded

P = compulsory, WP = compulsory electives, ME = module examination, TL = partial performances

7. **Section 29 (Certification of a specialization) Subsections 2 and 3** are replaced by the following:
- (2) A prerequisite for the certification of a specialization focus is that the partial performance A in the double seminar (module 3) can be assigned to the same module element as the Master's thesis (module 4). The module elements are named in the module handbook (Section 6 (4)).
- (3) The designation of the certified specialization corresponds to the designation of the module element in module 3 for which the double seminar according to subsection

2 was performed.

Article II

- (1) This amendment is published in the Official Communications of TU Dortmund University and will come into effect on 1 April 2023.
- (2) It applies to all students enrolled in the Master's degree program Spatial Planning at TU Dortmund University.
- (3) The amendments in Section 25 (2) and Section 29 (2) and (3) apply to all students who have been enrolled in the Master's degree program in Spatial Planning at TU Dortmund University as of the Winter semester 2023/2024.
- (4) For students who were already enrolled in the Master's degree program in Spatial Planning before the Winter semester 2023/2024, the certification of a specialization focus can be made according to the regulations of Section 25 and 29 of the Examination Regulations for the Master's degree program in Spatial Planning of the Department of Spatial Planning at TU Dortmund University in the version of 20 October 2020 (AM No.24/2020, p.27 ff.).

Issued on the basis of the resolution of the Department Council of the Department of Spatial Planning of 12 July 2023 and the Rectorate of TU Dortmund University of 14 June 2023.

Note

It is pointed out that, pursuant to Section 12 (5) of the Higher Education Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (*Hochschulgesetz*, HG NRW), a violation of procedural or formal requirements of the university's regulatory or other autonomous law can no longer be asserted after the expiration of one year from the date of this announcement, unless

1. the regulations have not been duly published,
2. the Rectorate has previously objected to the decision of the body adopting the regulations,
3. the formal or procedural defect has been notified to the university in advance and the violated legal provision and the fact giving rise to the defect have been indicated, or
4. the legal consequence of the exclusion of the right to complain was not pointed out when the regulations were publicly announced.

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The President
of TU Dortmund University

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