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**Study Regulations for the  
Master's Programme  
"Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management"  
at the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences  
Valid as of 13 May 2020**

The Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences has enacted the following Study Regulations for the Master's Programme "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" as statutes on the basis of the Framework Examination Regulations (RPO) of the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences version 16 August 2017 in connection to Section 2, Paragraph 1 and Section 39 Paragraph 1 of the State Higher Education Act (Landeshochschulgesetz) in the version published on 25 January 2011 (GVOBl. M-V p. 18), most recently amended by Article 1 of the law from 26 November 2019 (GVOBl. M-V p. 705).

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## **Section 1**

### **Scope of application**

These Study Regulations govern the objectives, contents and structure of the programme, including practical training periods incorporated into the course of study (Internship Semester) on the basis of the Examination Regulations for the Master's programme "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" of the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences, dated 13 May 2020.

## **Section 2**

### **Study objectives**

(1) The objective of the English-language Master's programme "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" is for students to acquire in-depth knowledge and learn scientific methods for the design of open spaces and landscapes in contemporary and historical contexts.

(2) The project-based learning approach promotes an interdisciplinary and intercultural exploration of real applications at various spatial levels.

(3) Owing to its wide range of elective courses in a total of four elective modules, the Master's programme "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" offers extensive opportunities for individual specialisation. In this context, the content of the programme covers a broad spectrum, ranging from specific botany and material science to issues of greenspace management and comprehensive, planning-related design in contemporary and historical contexts.

(4) The Master's programme is designed to lead to scientific and engineering work in the area of applied research and to the application of scientific and technical knowledge and methods in the professional field of landscape studies and greenspace management.

(5) The Master's programme pursues a broadening and/or deepening of competences corresponding to level seven of the Qualifications Framework for German Higher Education Qualifications.

## **Section 3**

### **Start of the programme**

(1) For a standard period of study of two semesters (Path A), students can only commence their studies in the winter semester. For a four-semester Master's programme (Path B), students can only commence their studies in the summer semester.

(2) Students must register by the respective registration deadlines, which are set annually by the administration of the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences.

Student applicants who have not earned a German high education entrance qualification or have not completed any course of study at a university in Germany must apply through the online portal of uni-assist e.V, the working service point for international student applications. All other applicants can submit their application online through the application portal of the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences.

#### **Section 4 Programme paths and modules**

(1) The programme consists of two (Path A) or four semesters (Path B). Per semester, 30 credits are awarded in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Accordingly, a total of 60 credits are awarded for the two-semester Master's programme (Path A) and 120 credits for the four-semester Master's programme (Path B). One credit is equivalent to a student workload (class attendance and self-study) of 30 hours.

(2) The programme is divided into modules. Modules are self-contained units of study that consist of thematically related courses. The successful completion of a module is documented by a module assessment, for which a passing mark is required for the award of credits for the respective module.

(3) The individual modules for each semester are shown in the curriculum overview that is attached to these study regulations as Appendix 1.

#### **Section 5 Structure and content of the programme**

(1) For a standard period of study of two semesters (Path A), the programme is structured as follows (see Appendix 1):

1. In the first semester, all students must complete the compulsory modules "Design Studio I", "Greenspace Management" and "Landscape and Structures". Furthermore, two modules must be chosen from the catalogue of elective modules (Elective Module 3; 4) in Appendix 1.
2. The second semester is generally devoted to the Master's thesis. The time allowed for working on the Master's thesis is four months. Both the Master's thesis and participation in a Master's colloquium are required for the successful completion of the degree.

(2) For a standard period of study of four semesters (Path B), the programme is structured as follows (see Appendix 1):

1. In the first semester, all students must complete the compulsory modules "Dendrology and Planting Design", "Landscaping and Materials" and "German for International Students" or "Foreign Language". Furthermore, two modules must be chosen from the catalogue of elective modules (Elective Module 1; 2) in Appendix 1.

2. In the second semester, students must complete the compulsory modules specified in Paragraph 1, No. 1, in addition to at least two elective modules (3; 4) chosen from the list of elective modules in Appendix 1. More detailed information on these regulations can be found in Section 23 of the Framework Examination Regulations (RPO).
3. The third semester is an internship semester. The purpose of the internship semester is to complement the academic studies and strengthen the practical orientation of the programme. The internship semester must be completed over a period of at least 20 weeks. It consists of preparatory and follow-up work at the university and an internship in a landscape architecture firm or related planning office, a public authority, a construction or maintenance firm in the field of horticulture, landscaping or sports-field construction or another appropriate site chosen in agreement with the faculty member responsible for the internship module. A total of 30 credits are awarded for the internship semester. More detailed information can be found in the Regulations for the Internship Semester, which are attached to these Study Regulations as Appendix 3.
4. The fourth semester is generally devoted to the Master's thesis.

(3) Each of the modules is worth six credits. Exceptions to this rule are the internship semester in the four-semester Master's programme, which is worth 30 credits, and the Master's thesis with colloquium, which is worth a total of 30 (23 + 7) credits.

(4) The Module Descriptions in Appendix 2 contain detailed descriptions of the modules (contents, qualification objectives, prerequisites for participation, workload and the assessment prerequisites and assessment outcomes that must be achieved).

## **Section 6 Student guidance**

(1) During the programme, all students are entitled to guidance related to their studies. In this context, the dean of studies of the respective faculty ensures that appropriate support and guidance services are provided to the students.

(2) Guidance on issues related to the Examination Regulations, such as assessment tasks, assessment deadlines, the recognition of assessments etc., is provided by the Chair of the Examination Board or, in his/her absence, by a member of the Examination Board designated by the Chair.

(3) During their office hours, the teaching staff of the programme "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" are also available for offering guidance on all issues related to the study programme.

## **Section 7 Entry into force**

(1) These Study Regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication within the university.

(2) These Study Regulations shall apply for the first time to students who enrol in the Master's programme for "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" for the 2020/21 winter semester. They can also apply to students who had previously enrolled in the Master's programme for "Landscape Studies and Greenspace Management" at the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences if requested by the student through the Examinations Office. A request for these Study Regulations to be applied is irrevocable.

Issued in accordance with the resolution by the Academic Senate of the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences dated 13 May 2020 and with the approval of the Rector of the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences, dated 15 May 2020.

The Rector  
of the Neubrandenburg  
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