Subject-Specific Course and Examination Regulations for the International Master’s Program in Mechatronics (FSPO-IMPMEC) at the Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH)

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The Presidential Board of Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH) pursuant to § 108 Paragraph 1 of the Hamburg Higher Education Act (HmbHG) approved on June 17, 2105 the Subject-Specific Course and Examination Regulations for the International Program in Mechatronics leading to a Master of Science degree as adopted by the Academic Senate on May 27, 2015 on the basis of § 85 Paragraph 1 Number 1 of the HmbHG of July 18, 2001 (HmbGVBl. p. 171) as amended on December 2, 2014 (HmbGVBl. p. 495, 500).

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§ 1 Scope
(1) These Subject-Specific Course and Examination Regulations (FSPO) apply to the International Program in “Mechatronics” leading to a Master of Science degree.
(2) Provided that nothing supplementary or to the contrary is specified below, the General Course and Examination Regulations for Bachelor’s and Master’s Programs (ASPO) at the Hamburg University of Technology will apply.

§ 2 Responsible Bodies
(1) The school responsible is the School of Mechanical Engineering.
(2) The examination board responsible is the Examination Board for International Master’s Programs at the Hamburg University of Technology.
(3) Subject-related study advisers will be appointed by the Board of the School for Mechanical Engineering.

§ 3 Scope and Type of the Master of Science Examination
(1) The Master of Science examination comprises:
   a. Examinations in compulsory subject modules, the scope of which in credit points can be found in the curriculum annexed to the FSPO;
   b. Examinations in compulsory elective subject modules, the scope of which in credit points can be found in the curriculum annexed to the FSPO and in the annex to the ASPO. The compulsory elective subject modules will be chosen and finalized on registering for the examination;
   c. The Project Work(s) (§ 6);
   d. The Final Thesis (§ 7).
(2) In addition to Paragraph 1, § 22 Paragraphs 2 to 6 of the ASPO will apply.

§ 4 Non-Technical Supplementary Courses
Within the framework of the Non-Technical Supplementary Courses for Master’s programs, the "German as a Foreign Language for International Master’s Programs” course (4 credit points) is compulsory for all students who do not provide certified proof of German language skills in accordance with Annex 1 Section A of the Statutes Governing Studies at the Hamburg University of Technology.

§ 5 Technical Supplementary Course
(1) A Technical Supplementary Course is a self-contained module weighted with exactly 6 credit points with a marked final examination. This module must be chosen from a defined catalog (Supplement to the Curriculum)
(2) Students must register for the module examination for their chosen Technical Supplementary Course at the Central Examinations Office of the TUHH.

§ 6 Project Work
(1) The Project Work is weighted with 12 credit points. The topic and supervision must be arranged accordingly.
(2) The time allowed for completion is a maximum of 6 months.

(3) On receipt of an application and statement of justification, the Examination Board may grant an extension of up to one month. This will not affect the actual work input, which is based on the number of credit points.

(4) In addition to Paragraphs 1 to 3, § 23 of the ASPO will apply.

§ 7 Final Thesis

(1) The Master’s thesis is weighted with 30 credit points. This corresponds to six months’ full-time work. The topic and supervision must be arranged accordingly.

(2) On receipt of an application and statement of justification submitted before the expiry of the time allowed for completion, the Chair of the Examination Board may grant a one-time extension of no more than one month. The prerequisite for granting an extension is that the candidate not be to blame for the causes that render the extension necessary and those causes be reported without delay. The candidate must provide a detailed written explanation justifying the need for an extension. The application for an extension must include the express approval of the university teacher supervising the thesis.

(3) In addition to Paragraphs 1 and 2, § 24 of the ASPO will apply.

§ 8 Effective Date and Annexes

(1) These Subject-Specific Course and Examination Regulations (FSPO) will come into force on the day after publication at the TUHH.

(2) This FSPO will first apply to students who commence their studies in the winter semester of 2015/2016.

(3) The current versions of the curricula for the International Master's Program in Mechatronics at the TUHH are annexed to and form part of this FSPO. The dates on which the curricula are put into and taken out of effect are given in the annexes. Teaching will commence in accordance with the subject semester recommended in the annexes.

(4) The curricula will come into force on the day after publication at the TUHH.

§ 9 Expiry and Transitional Arrangements

The Hamburg University of Technology Subject-Specific Course and Examination Regulations for the International Master's Programs of April 29, 2009 in the current version will cease to apply for the International Program "Mechatronics" at the end of the winter semester 2017/2018. From the summer semester of 2018, the most current version of the Subject-Specific Course and Examination Regulations of the Hamburg University of Technology and the most current Annex will apply to students under these regulations who have not completed their program by the end of the winter semester 2017/2018.