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University of Tübingen exam regulations for the study program in Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.) – Special Provisions –

In accordance with §§ 19 paragraph (1) sentence 2 nos. 7 and 9, 32 paragraph (3) of the law governing institutions of higher education, LHG of 1 January 2005 (GBl. p. 1), in the version published 1 April 2014 (GBl. p. 99) most recently amended by article 1 of the law dated 17 December 2020 (GBl. p. 426), the University of Tübingen Senate on 11.02.2021 passed the Special Provisions of these exam regulations for the study program in Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution at the University of Tübingen culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.) degree.

Approved by the President and Vice-Chancellor on 01.03.2021.

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A. Validity of General Provisions and admission requirements

§ 1 Validity of General Provisions

The University of Tübingen exam regulations for Master's degree programs culminating in the academic degree of Master of Science (M.Sc.) / Master of Arts (M.A.) – Master's degree framework exam regulations (MRPO) – as amended represent the General Provisions of these exam regulations and are an integral part of them, insofar as no more specific provisions have been made.

§ 2 Requirements for admission to program

- (1) ¹A prerequisite for studies in this Master's program is a grade of 2.5 or better in a Bachelor's degree in the subject of **Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution**, in a related program covering basically the same material, or an equivalent degree. ²The respective examination board will decide on the equivalency of a degree and on whether the prerequisite in sentence 1 above has been met. ³The board may transfer this decision revocably to the head of the board. ⁴If there is a restricted number for admission, the articles may specify that the selection committee formed for the relevant selection process decides instead.

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- (2) ¹To take part in the Master's program, applicants must also document knowledge of English at least at the level of C1/B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

B. Goals, content and structure of the program

§ 3 Goals and contents of program, regular duration of study, scope of program

(1) ¹Studies in Master of Science program (M. Sc.) in Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution (hereinafter: the program) enable students to acquire the specific qualifications, competencies, knowledge, abilities and skills required for a Master's degree in the subject of Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution under § 7 (1) of the Master's degree framework exam regulations (MRPO). ²The objective of the degree program is to deepen or expand the knowledge acquired in the Bachelor's degree program, thus providing the basis for the development and/or application of the student's own ideas (application or research-oriented); graduates possess a broad, detailed and critical understanding at the cutting edge of knowledge in one or more specialized fields and

- are able to apply their knowledge and understanding as well as their problem-solving skills in new and unfamiliar situations related to their field of study in a wider or multidisciplinary context (instrumental competencies),
- to integrate knowledge and deal with complexity,
- and to make scientifically sound decisions on the basis of incomplete or limited information, taking into account social, scientific and ethical findings resulting from the application of their knowledge and from their decisions,
- to acquire new knowledge and skills independently and to carry out largely self-directed and/or autonomous independent research- or application-oriented projects (systemic competencies),
- to communicate their conclusions and the information and motives underlying them to expert representatives and laypersons in a clear and unambiguous manner, to exchange information, ideas, problems and solutions with both experts and laypersons on a scientific level and to assume prominent responsibility in a team (communicative competencies).

³Further details of the course objectives are set out in the module handbook.

(2) ¹The regular duration of study for this degree program is 4 semesters. ²The program comprises 120 credit points (CP).

(3) ¹Over and above the number of credit points prescribed for the degree program according to these regulations, students may obtain no more than a 30 additional credit points from the degree program modules specified in § 5, para. (1); in all other respects, § 2, para. (5) of the Master's degree framework exam regulations applies.

§ 4 Academic degree

The academic degree "Master of Science" (abbr. "M.Sc.") is awarded on the basis of a successful completion of a Master of Science examination (hereinafter: M. Sc.).

§ 5 Program Structure

(1) ¹Students complete a program to earn credit points as set out in § 3 para. (2); the program consists of the following modules:

a.) Archaeobotany

*compulsory module when specializing in Archaeobotany, 2 further modules from ASHE-3b-g must be chosen as compulsory electives.

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Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a*	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6a	WP	Economic Archaeobotany: Plants & People	2	Oral	6
ASHE-7a	WP	Paleoenvironments & Ancient Societies: Quaternary Ecology and Environmental Archaeology	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-8a	WP	Anthracology: Humans and their environment	3	Oral	6
ASHE-9a	WP	Interdisciplinary Archaeobotany (<i>Import</i>)	3	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
ASHE-12	P	Master's thesis	4	Oral and written	30
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b) Archaeometry

*compulsory module when specializing in Archaeometry, 2 further modules from ASHE-3a,c-g must be chosen as compulsory electives.

Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b*	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6b	WP	Special Topics in Archaeometry I	2	Written	6
ASHE-7b	WP	Special Topics in Archaeometry II	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-8b	WP	Organic Materials in Archaeological Contexts	3	Oral and written	6
ASHE-9b	WP	Material Science and Archaeological Ceramics: Ceramic Petrography and Geochemistry	3	Oral and written	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
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c) Geoarchaeology

*compulsory module when specializing in Geoarchaeology, 2 further modules from ASHE-3a,b,d-g must be chosen as compulsory electives.

Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c*	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6c	WP	Special Topics in Geoarchaeology	2	Written or oral	6
ASHE-7c	WP	Methods in Geoarchaeology I	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-8c	WP	Interdisciplinary Geoarchaeology (<i>Import</i>)	3	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-9c	WP	Methods in Geoarchaeology II	3	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
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d) Paleoanthropology

*compulsory module when specializing in Paleoanthropology, 2 further modules from ASHE-3a-c,e-g must be chosen as compulsory electives.

Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d*	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6d	WP	Imaging and Morphometrics	2	Oral	6
ASHE-7d	WP	Human Fossil Evolution	2	Written	6
ASHE-8d	WP	Human Anatomy – Soft Tissue	3	Written	6
ASHE-9d	WP	Special Topics in Paleoanthropology	3	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
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e) Palaeogenetics

*compulsory module when specializing in Paleogenetics, 2 further modules from ASHE-3a-d,f,g must be chosen as compulsory electives.

Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e*	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6e	WP	Advances in Archaeo- and Paleogenetics	2	Written	6
ASHE-7e	WP	Laboratory Methods in Archaeo- and Paleogenetics	2	Written	6
ASHE-8e	WP	Interdisciplinary Paleogenetics (<i>Import</i>)	3	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-9e	WP	Essentials in Evolutionary Biology (<i>BIO 4009 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
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f) Stone Age Archaeology

*compulsory module when specializing in Stone Age Archaeology, 2 further modules from ASHE-3a-e, g must be chosen as compulsory electives.

Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f*	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6f	WP	Stone Age Technology	2	Oral	6
ASHE-7f	WP	Cultural Evolution	2	Written	6
ASHE-8f	WP	Stone Age Economics	3	Written	6
ASHE-9f	WP	Stone Age Society & Ideology	3	Oral	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
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g) Zooarchaeology

*compulsory module when specializing in Zooarchaeology, 2 further modules from ASHE-3a-f must be chosen as compulsory electives.

Module number	Compulsory (P)/ Compulsory elective (WP)	Module name:	Recommended semester	Work for assessment (written / oral)	ECTS
ASHE-1a	P	Perspectives in Human Evolution	1	Written	3
ASHE-1b	P	IASHE Colloquium	1-3	-	3
ASHE-2	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	1	Written	6
ASHE-3c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	1	Oral	6
ASHE-3e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	1	Written	6
ASHE-3f	WP	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-3g*	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	1	Written	6
ASHE-4	P	Research Design: Academic Writing and Presenting	2	Oral and written	6
ASHE-5	P	Interdisciplinary Topics (<i>Import</i>)	2	Written and/or oral	6
ASHE-6g	WP	Methods in Zooarchaeology	2	Written	6
ASHE-7g	WP	Zooarchaeology and Human Evolution	2	Written	6
ASHE-8g	WP	Zooarchaeology and the Environment	3	Written	6
ASHE-9g	WP	Advanced Zooarchaeology	3	Written	6
ASHE-10	P	Statistics (<i>BIO 3010 Import</i>)	3	Written	6
ASHE-11	P	Project and Work Experience	2/3	Written	18
ASHE-12	P	Master's thesis	4	Oral and written	30
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FS = recommended semester (subject to availability and change, see module handbook); module no. = current module no. or abbreviation (subject to change, see module handbook), P = compulsory, WP = required elective, CP = credit points

(2) ¹As part of their degree studies, students must complete practical work (internship) which serves the degree's qualification goals; this practical work must be done outside of this degree program and have a workload of 18 CP; the CP are accredited in the ASHE-11 module. ²In justified cases the responsible examination board may permit exceptions to sentence 1, upon application. ³If an exception is approved under sentence 2, the responsible examination board will decide on the modules and/or classes to be completed as a replacement, under consideration of the provisions set out in § 35 LHG and § 38 MRPO.

§ 6 Module coursework

¹Details of the module coursework required in each of the modules is set out in the module table in these regulations (§ 5) and in the module handbook. ²Assessment must be clearly specified as to its type and scope, if this is not set out in the module table. ³For the imported modules, students may be directed to the module handbook of the respective department with which the modules originate.

§ 7 Languages of instruction and examination

¹English is the language of instruction and examination in this degree program. ²Furthermore, teachers and examiners may promote and/or conduct classes and/or module coursework in another language for the purpose of teaching that language. ³Exams are usually conducted in the language in which the relevant classes were held; other assessment is usually conducted in the language in which the relevant classes were held. ⁴It is therefore assumed that students have sufficient knowledge of the relevant languages.

C. Assessment in the program

I. General Provisions for assessed coursework

§ 8 Related degree programs

The examination board responsible for the degree program shall decide on other related programs with basically the same content.

II. Special provisions for the final module

§ 9 Final module

(1) ¹In the final module, 30 credit points must be obtained. ²Of these, 20 CP are obtained in the Master's thesis and 10 CP in the oral examination in the final module in the form of a final colloquium as part of the Master's thesis process. ³The Master's thesis and the oral examination in the final module are regulated by § 28 MRPO.

(2) The time limit for writing a Master's thesis - from the issuing of the topic to submission of the

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thesis - is six months.

(3) Notwithstanding § 28 (5) sentence 1 MRPO, the Master's thesis is to be written in English; the board of examiners will decide on applications to write the thesis in any other language.

(4) The oral exam in the final module under para. (1) is assessed by two examiners and takes place in the additional presence of an observer; for grading, § 19 MRPO applies.

(5) The duration of the oral examination in the final module is 30 minutes.

§ 10 Repetition for a better grade

Assessment resulting in a pass may not be repeated.

§ 11 Deadline for completion of studies

¹All coursework and assessment required under the exam regulations for the module coursework must be completed by the end of the student's 7th semester in the subject. ²If this time limit is exceeded, the student's right to be examined is lost, unless the failure to meet the deadline is beyond the control of the student.

D. Master's overall grade, certificate and other documentation

§ 12 Calculation of Overall Grade

¹The overall grade for the Master's examination process is calculated from the average of all graded modules, as weighted by credit points. ²Notwithstanding § 19 (3) sentence 3 MRPO, calculation takes into account whole numbers and the first two decimal places only; all further decimal places are deleted with no rounding.

§ 13 Certificate and other documentation

Along with the details provided for under § 36 par. 1 MRPO, one of the following specializations may be entered, upon application by the student:

- Archaeobotany
- Archaeometry
- Geoarchaeology
- Paleoanthropology
- Paleogenetics
- Stone Age Archaeology
- Zooarchaeology

E. Closing remarks

§ 14 Effective date and transitional arrangements

¹These exam regulations come into effect on the date of their publication in the University of Tübingen's official bulletin, the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen. ²Their first semester of validity is the winter semester 2021/22.

³Students who commenced their Master of Science in Scientific Archaeology studies at the University of Tübingen prior to the semester specified in sentence 2 are - subject to the following provisions

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- entitled to complete their module coursework in this degree program at the University of Tübingen by 31.03.2025 under the previously valid rules; however, regarding the examination board, § 6 MRPO applies. ⁴Students who commenced their Master of Science in Scientific Archaeology studies at the University of Tübingen prior to the semester specified in sentence 2, are entitled to switch and complete their module coursework in the Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution degree program under these current exam regulations upon written application, which must be submitted to the responsible examination office by 31.03.2022. ⁵If no application under sentence 4 above is lodged, then - after the deadline specified in sentence 3 - the module coursework in the degree program must be completed under these current regulations. ⁶Module coursework completed previously will only be accredited according to the new exam regulations and the corresponding module handbook, subject to the following provisions. ⁷These exam regulations do not grant any new or additional right to be assessed in an area already assessed; any fails in assessed work under the previous exam regulations will be included. ⁸Furthermore the responsible board of examiners may agree suitable transitional arrangements in individual cases, particularly if previous classes are no longer offered as before or if certain classes have been completed, possibly offering partial accreditation and/or requiring certain conditions to be fulfilled, particularly if a "learning agreement" is to be considered.

Tübingen, 01.03.2021

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