

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT ILMENAU

Statutes on Special Provisions for Studies, Examinations and Doctorates due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in 2020 - as amended by the Third Amendment of 4 March 2021-

According to §§ 3 paragraph 1, 35 paragraph 1 No. 1 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz (ThürHG)) of 10 May 2018 (GVBl. p. 149), as amended by Article 128 of the Act of 18 December 2018 (GVBl. p. 731), the Technische Universität Ilmenau (hereinafter referred to as " university ") issues the following statutes on special provisions for studies, examinations, and doctorates due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in 2020, published in the University's Official Gazette (Verköndungsblatt) 182 / 2020, last amended by the second amended statutes of 14 January 2021, published in the University's Official Gazette 190 / 2021.

The Senate adopted the Statutes on Special Provisions for Studies, Examination and Doctorates on 9 June 2020. The Rector approved them on 12 June 2020. The Senate adopted the Third Amendment Statutes on 2 March 2021 and the President approved it on 4 March 2021.

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I. General

§ 1 Scope of the statutes

(1) In deviation from the existing university regulations, these statutes contain special provisions for studies, examinations, and doctoral studies, which are necessary due to imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020 to maintain the academic and doctoral system and to compensate for disadvantages that students and doctoral candidates may experience due to restrictions in the regular course of studies.

The existing regulations for studies, examinations, and doctoral studies - enrolment regulations, examination and study regulations, and doctoral regulations - shall apply unchanged unless otherwise stipulated in these statutes.

(2) The Presidential Board is authorized to decide at the end of the 2020 / 2021 winter semester whether, due to continuing restrictions on the regular academic program due to imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020 virus, the provisions of these statutes are to be extended to subsequent semesters or submitted to the Senate for a new resolution for adjustment.

(3) All references to persons and functions in these statutes apply equally to all genders.

II. Special period of study and non-recognition as part of the standard period of study

§ 2 Special period of study and non-recognition as part of the standard period of study

(1) The summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021 shall be deemed to be a special period of study within the meaning of § 52 (5) sentence 1 ThürHG due to the restrictions and changes to regular study programmes required in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic of 2020.

(2) According to § 52 (5) sentence 1 ThürHG and upon application by a student, the summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021 are not credited to the standard period of study applicable to him or her. The application must contain a declaration that the student was not able to follow the degree programme in the respective semester without restriction for the following reasons:

1. missing access to IT-supported teaching and examination offers,

2. exclusion from participation in the course of study and from final examinations and the completion of the final thesis or parts thereof in accordance with § 9 paragraph 1 of these statutes as well as further decrees of the university,
3. personal prevention from attending classroom events outside the university due to imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020,
4. missing virtual course offer in the chosen major,
5. being personally prevented from attending classroom events/face-to-face meetings due to own special protection requirements.

(3) The application under subsection 2 shall be submitted separately to the office responsible for the admission and enrolment procedure at the university for each semester using the appropriate form and it must be received no later than four weeks after the end of the respective semester. There is no need to provide any proof.

(4) When the summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021 are not considered part of the standard period of study under subsection (2), they shall count as a university semester but not as a regular semester of study. During the semesters, academic achievements and examinations as well as final theses (Bachelor's, Master's and diploma theses) may be completed.

(5) The effects of non-recognition under subsection 2 on the individual rights of applicants in relation to institutions and bodies outside the university during and after their studies (e.g. BAföG assistance, residence permits, scholarships, child benefits) shall be the sole responsibility of the student; advice from the relevant competent authorities is recommended.

III. Study implementation and examination procedures

§ 3 Suspension of examination and re-examination deadlines, additional attempt

(1) With effect for the 2020 summer semester and winter semester 2020 / 2021, the implementation of periods and deadlines according to § 19 paragraph 2 sentence 1 PStO-AB (re-examination period) and § 20 PStO-AB (Erstantrittsfrist: the first date by which the student must have passed the module examination for the first time) is suspended. The summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021 shall not be taken into account when determining whether examinations have been taken on time within the meaning of § 21, paragraphs 1 and 2 PStO-AB (free attempt, grade improvement). Sentences 1 and 2 shall not apply to the deadlines under § 20 PStO-AB (Erstantritt) and 21 PStO-AB (free attempt, grade improvement) if, in

accordance with § 2 of these statutes, the above-mentioned semesters are not counted as part of the standard period of study or, in the summer semester of 2020, leave of absence was granted in accordance with § 5 of these statutes in the version dated 12 June 2020 (published in the university's official gazette 182 / 2020).

(2) Apart from § 21 PStO-AB, examinations / graduations taken during the 2020 summer semester and winter semester 2020 / 2021 shall be deemed not to have been taken upon application by students without giving reasons. This does not apply to final exams that were assessed as "failed" due to cheating. The application must be submitted to the Examinations Office in writing with reference to the restriction of the course of study in the summer semester 2020 resp. in winter semester 2020 / 2021 due to the SARS-CoV2 pandemic until the beginning of the next examination registration period (§16, paragraph 4). A late application shall be accepted if the student missed the application through no fault of his or her own and if the application is submitted promptly after the obstacle has ceased to exist, together with a statement of the reasons for the delay. An examination taken in accordance with sentence 1 shall not be credited against the total number of repeat examinations, free attempts and attempts to improve grades permitted according to §§ 19 paragraph 1 and 21 paragraph 3 PStO-AB.

§ 4 Suspension of admission requirements for final examinations, provision of final examinations, change in the form of final examinations

(1) The organizational structure of the examination procedures shall ensure that, no matter what form the examination takes, imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020 are adhered to in order to protect health and reduce the risks of the pandemic.

(2) The module supervisors may suspend admission requirements defined in the module description for final examinations in the summer semester 2020 and in the winter semester 2020/2021. This shall be announced in a suitable form and properly documented.

(3) Notwithstanding § 11 paragraph 2 PStO-AB, in the summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021, changes in the form of examinations by the module supervisor shall be permissible and must be notified in a suitable form and properly documented for the summer semester 2020 by 30 June 2020 at the latest and for the winter semester 2020 / 2021 by 30 November 2020 at the latest. The deadlines for the publication of the examination schedule and for the registration for examinations according to § 16, paragraphs 2 and 4 shall be cancelled and determined by the Academic Committee. The form of semester-related examinations shall be announced in a timely manner before the beginning of the examination and

shall be properly documented.

(4) Should it not be possible to carry out final examinations in the form specified in the module descriptions in accordance with paragraph 3 due to imposed measures, including the requirements of the university's own infection protection concept, in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pandemic, the module officers shall redefine a form that differs from the module description - in the correspondingly required case also from § 11 paragraph 3 PStO-AB - while observing the principle of competence-oriented examination. The determination is to be announced in a suitable and timely manner - as a rule one week - before the start of the final examination and to be duly documented. If the announcement of the changed form of the final performance can only be made after the expiry of the deregistration period according to § 16 paragraph 6 PStO-AB, deregistration is possible until the beginning of the examination. If students state that due to imposed measures in the context of the virus SARS-CoV-2 pandemic it is not possible for them to participate in the examination in the form determined according to sentence 1, an individual regulation regarding the form of the examination can be determined by the responsible examination board upon individual application of students in agreement with the examiners and under consideration of equal opportunities.

(5) Should it not be possible to complete final examinations during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic due to imposed measures, including the requirements of the university's own infection protection concept, the module officers may determine that final examinations are to be completed either by electronic means (e.g., by video conferencing, email or within a communication and network-based examination system approved by the university) or by postal delivery. § 4 paragraph 4 sentences 2 to 4 shall apply accordingly. The provisions for a proper examination procedure as well as the special requirements of the Presidential Board for ensuring data protection, identifying students, documenting the examination process, ensuring the authenticity and immutability of the examination results, preventing attempts at misuse and cheating, and dealing with technical malfunctions must be observed.

(6) In addition to § 28 paragraph 1 PStO-AB, individual regulations regarding the form of examinations may be made by mutual agreement between the examiner and the student within the framework of the compensation for disadvantages due to the special protection worthiness of the student to be examined in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. The Examination Board shall decide on the granting of compensation for disadvantages in accordance with sentence 1.

(7) In the summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021, notwithstanding § 54 (6) ThürHG, students who are not examinees may be excluded from attendance in the case of oral examinations, insofar as this is necessary to comply with imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in 2020.

(8) On the basis of § 16 paragraph 3 sentence 1 PStO-AB, paragraphs 1 to 7 apply equally to module examinations for the purpose of repeating them. This shall not affect § 19 paragraph 6 PStO-AB.

§ 5 Exclusion from participation in courses, final examinations and from the submission of the final thesis

(1) Deviating from § 3(1) and § 7(4) PStO-AB, students shall be excluded from participation in the university's courses and examinations and from the completion of the thesis or parts thereof -if necessary even in the course of a class or examination date- if they show symptoms of COVID-19 disease or any cold symptoms which have not been medically clarified in the meaning of Article 1 § 3(3), first sentence, no. 1 Thuringian Ordinance on the further improvement of the measures required to prevent the spread of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

(2) Students to whom one of the situations mentioned in paragraph 1 applies must notify the Examination Office responsible for them accordingly by means of a simple declaration in writing

(3) Der Exclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 must not be to the students' disadvantage in the further examination procedure; it must be considered when determining examination deadlines in particular.

§ 6 Theses, time required for the scientific work

The processing period stipulated by the Examination and Study Regulations or Examination Regulations - Special Provisions (PStO-BB, PO-BB) for written scientific work in the context of final theses (§ 24 PStO-AB), which are prepared in the summer semester 2020 and the winter semester 2020 / 2021, is to be extended once by two months upon application with justification of the prevention of processing due to imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. The extension in accordance with sentence 1 shall not be credited against the regularly permitted extension period according to § 24 PStO-AB.

IV. Doctoral studies

§ 7 Doctoral committee, its meetings

Within the framework of § 7 paragraph 6 Doctoral Regulations - General Provisions of the University (PromO-AB), meetings of the Doctoral Committee may be held in video conferences for the purpose of complying with imposed measures in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020.

§ 8 Scientific debate

In the summer semester 2020 and in the winter semester 2020 / 2021, the scientific debate in accordance with §§ 9 and 10 PromO-AB for the purpose of compliance with imposed measures in the context of the virus SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020 can take place online, such as video conferencing. § 4 paragraph 5 sentences 2 and 3 apply accordingly.

V. Final provision

§ 9 Validity

The Statutes on Special Provisions for Studies and Examinations due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic 2020 virus apply on the day after their publication in the university's official gazette with effect from the summer semester 2020, in the version of the third amendment to the Statutes with effect from the winter semester 2020 / 2021.

Ilmenau, 12 June 2020

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