

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT ILMENAU

Statutes for the implementation of International Programs *digital* at the Technische Universität Ilmenau

According to §§ 3 para. 1, 35 para. 1 no. 1 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (ThürHG) of 10 May 2018 (GVBl. p. 149), last amended by Article 7 of the Act of 23 March 2021 (GVBl. pp. 115, 118), the Technische Universität Ilmenau (hereinafter referred to as "University") issues the following statutes for the implementation of International Degree Programs digital at the Technische Universität Ilmenau (Statutes IPdigital) based on the Examination and Study Regulations - General Provisions - for degree programs "Bachelor", "Master" and "Diploma" of the University (PStO-AB), published in the University Gazette Number 174 / 2019, last amended by the third amendment statutes, published in the University Gazette Number 216 / 2021.

The Departments of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, and Economic Sciences and Media submitted positive comments on the Statutes by resolutions dated 16 November 2021 and 19 October 2021. The Senate resolved them on 01 February 2022. The President approved the Statutes on 03 May 2022.

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A. General regulations

§ 1 Scope of application

(1) The Statutes determine, based on § 6a PStO-AB, special provisions for studies at the University within the framework of the study model "International Degree Programs digital".

(2) These Statutes apply to the University's degree programs:
- Communications and Signal Processing with the degree "Master of Science"
- Media and Communication Science with the degree "Master of Arts".

(3) The PStO-AB, the respective Examination and Study Regulations - Special Provisions (PStO-BB) and the University's Matriculation Regulations (ImmaO) shall apply to admission to the degree programs and their implementation as well as to enrolment, unless otherwise specified in these Regulations.

§ 2 Distance/online studies

During "International Programs digital", the entire study program in the degree programs mentioned in § 1 is offered parallel to the on-site mode of study as a distance/online mode of study according to § 6a PStO-AB (mode of study).

B. Special study and examination regulations

§ 3 Participation, general conditions, and technical requirements

(1) The availability of a suitable computer and suitable Internet access at the distance learning location are the responsibility of the participating students. The students must provide the following minimum technical standards of the respective equipment/computer:

- current operating system with current virus protection
- current office program with possibility to use PDF files
- stable Internet connection for trouble-free communication (video and audio stream)
- current web browser
- video camera with minimum resolution providing interference-free image and video transmission
- audio system allowing for sufficient speech intelligibility
- availability of a VPN connection

- access to and availability of university-approved video conferencing systems.

Further details on sentence 2 are specified by the University in implementing regulations to these Statutes. The detailed technical requirements for individual modules are to be specified in the module descriptions based on the minimum standards.

(2) The University must comply with licensing and embargo regulations. In cases where these regulations prohibit the provision of equipment and services for study purposes (§ 9), students are obliged to check on their own responsibility whether the continuation of their studies as distance/online studies or only as on-site studies is possible; corresponding measures are to be taken by the students independently. The departments responsible for the degree programs mentioned in § 1, para. 2, shall each provide an overview of the software that must be used for studying in the degree programs and that is made available by the University, and shall inform prospective students prior to the start of the degree program and current students of this overview. The overviews are updated in the case of changes in the software used. Students are responsible for keeping themselves informed on a regular basis.

(3) Students are required to use multi-factor authentication recommended by the University as part of their participation in distance/online studies programs.

§ 4 Admission procedure, enrolment

Prospective students must indicate within the scope of their application for admission to studies in the degree programs named in § 1 whether they would like to complete their studies as on-site studies or as distance/online studies (participation in the study model "International Degree Programs digital") according to § 2. The certificate of enrolment contains the indication of the mode of study in the respective semester.

§ 5 Student ID card

(1) The University shall keep the student ID card issued as multifunctional chip card (§ 5 ImmaO) for students studying in distance/online degree programs and residing outside Germany at the office responsible for the student administration.

(2) Students studying in distance/online degree programs outside Germany shall be provided with a student ID card as a visual identity document in electronic form for the purpose of proving their enrolment.

§ 6 Change of the mode of studies

(1) A change of the mode of studies from distance/online studies to on-site studies is upon application only permissible once for each semester in the course of the studies. The application shall be accompanied by the updated health insurance notification according to § 199a SGB V, if not already available to the University. A corresponding application to change the mode of studies in accordance with sentence 1 must be submitted in electronic form to the university office responsible for student administration by the end of the re-registration period with effect for the following semester.

(2) A change in the enrolment certificate with regard to the mode of studies shall be made based on an application according to paragraph 1 for the following semesters.

§ 7 Course of study, curriculum, distance/online examinations

(1) In the degree program Media and Communication Science mentioned in § 1, the curriculum in the distance/online mode of study is identical to the curriculum in the on-site mode of study. The number of electives per elective field depends on the technical implementation status. An adequate number of credit points is guaranteed at all times for each elective area and semester. In the degree program Communications and Signal Processing mentioned in § 1, the curriculum in the distance/online mode of study is comparable with the curriculum in the on-site mode of study and results in an identical educational objective. The curriculum for the distance/online mode of study (Annex) presents the content and the structure of the program so that it can be completed with all examinations and the Master's thesis in the standard period of study. The number of electives per elective field provides for specialization. There are modules to choose from, which can be completed in the distance/online mode of study.

(2) The provisions of the PStO-AB and the respective PStO-BB shall apply to the module examinations and the Master's thesis. In deviation from § 24 PStO-AB, the Master's thesis must be submitted in text form electronically according to the procedure approved by the University Computer Center and the University Data Protection Officer. Paragraphs 11 and 11a of the PStO-AB must be considered for any colloquium in electronic communication (distance/online examination) that may be required in accordance with the respective PStO-BB.

§ 8 Certificate and grade report

(1) When the program is completed entirely in a distance/online mode of study, the certificate shall contain appropriate information.

(2) Differing from § 35 PStO-AB and upon request, the certificate, the Diploma Supplement and the grade report shall be sent to students who complete the entire degree program as a distance/online study program by post to the address stated in the application. Dispatch or handover to an authorized addressee named in the application is permissible; the University shall cover the costs arising.

C. Special provisions for the use of university facilities and offers

§ 9 University Computer Center

The University Computer Center (UniRZ) guarantees its offers and services for students of the distance/online mode of study covered by these statutes according to the same rules as for students enrolled in the on-site mode of study. The University Computer Center also offers the use of its services to students outside Germany according to its possibilities and in compliance with the applicable licensing and embargo regulations. Lending hardware abroad is excluded.

D. Final provision

§ 10 Equality provisions

All references to persons and functions shall apply in the same way and independent of gender.

§ 11 Validity and termination

(1) The Statutes shall be valid on the day following their publication in the University's official gazette (Verköndungsblatt) and shall expire at the end of the summer semester 2026.

(2) The Statutes shall apply exclusively to all prospective students with admission to the degree programs specified in § 1 under the "International Programs digital" study model as of the winter semesters 2021 / 2022 and 2022 / 2023 as well as to students newly enrolled in the winter semester 2022 / 2023

in accordance with these respective admissions.

(3) The University shall guarantee all students referred to in Paragraph 2 enrolled in the study model "International Programs digital" based on these regulations the possibility of completing their studies within the chosen mode of study. Therefore, the University shall ensure the implementation of distance/online learning parallel to the on-site courses (§ 2) until the end of the second semester after the end of the standard length of study. The completion of distance/online examinations (examinations and academic achievements) in accordance with these regulations shall be provided until the end of the fourth semester after the end of the standard length of study. Students who cannot complete their studies by the above mentioned times may complete their studies on the basis of the general and special examination and study regulations applicable to their degree program.

(4) For students newly enrolled in the winter semester 2021 / 2022 with admission to the degree programs specified in these Statutes, a one-time switch from on-site studies to distance/online studies in the "International Programs digital" shall be possible as of the summer semester 2022. A corresponding application to switch the mode of study must be submitted electronically to the university office responsible for student administration by the end of the winter semester 2021 / 2022.

Ilmenau, 03 May 2022

signed

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