

**Changes to MSQ "Prüfungsordnungen"<sup>1</sup> for Students Enrolled in Wintersemester 2020/21, Reflecting Changes in University-Wide Rules and Policies Decided upon by the Executive Board of Goethe University**

**I. Students Newly Enrolled in Wintersemester 2020/21**

**MSQ First-Year Courses**

- Historical and Normative Foundations of Economics must be passed latest in the third attempt. All other first-year courses must be passed latest in the fourth attempt.
- While the maximum number of attempts allowed has not been exceeded, a failed course may be re-taken in its entirety when it is offered again, subject to also adhering to the overall time limits of the program (which is eight semesters, this count including WS 2020/21).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://gsefm.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dateien\\_abteilungen/abt\\_gsefm/Regeln\\_und\\_Rechtliches/MSQOrdnung2015\\_zur-Veroeffentlichung-mit-Datum.pdf](http://gsefm.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/dateien_abteilungen/abt_gsefm/Regeln_und_Rechtliches/MSQOrdnung2015_zur-Veroeffentlichung-mit-Datum.pdf) and [http://gsefm.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dateien\\_abteilungen/abt\\_gsefm/Regeln\\_und\\_Rechtliches/MSQ\\_PhD-Rules-SoSe20.pdf](http://gsefm.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/dateien_abteilungen/abt_gsefm/Regeln_und_Rechtliches/MSQ_PhD-Rules-SoSe20.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted in this context that one of the requirements for registration for the Master thesis is that the seminar and all first-year courses, with the possible exception of Historical and Normative Foundations of Economics, have been passed.

### **Transfer from MSQ to Ph.D. [For Informational Purposes, as Policy is Unchanged]**

- Students who entered GSEFM as MSQ "only" have the opportunity to also enroll in the Ph.D. program corresponding to their MSQ program track at the beginning of classes of WS 2021/22.
- For a successful transition, the qualifying examinations of the Ph.D. program corresponding to the MSQ program track in question must have been passed by the beginning of classes of WS 2021/22, this count including WS 2020/21.
- There are thus at most two attempts to pass any qualifying examination, to be chosen from:
  - first round in SoSe 2021,
  - second round in SoSe 2021.
- In addition, by the beginning of classes of WS 2021/22 the courses Historical and Normative Foundations of Economics as well as Mathematical Methods must have been passed also.

### **Specialization Courses and Seminars in the Second (and Following) Years**

- All specialization courses and the seminar must be passed latest by the end of the eighth semester of studies (this count including WS 2020/21). Subject to the eight semesters time limit and the maximum number of attempts available [unchanged at three], a failed specialization course or seminar may be re-taken in its entirety.

### **Master Thesis**

- The Master thesis must be passed latest in the second attempt [unchanged] and latest by the end of the eighth semester of studies (this count including WS 2020/21).

## **II. Students Newly Enrolled in Wintersemester 2017/18, 2018/19 or 2019/20, and Enrolled also in Sommersemester 2020 and Wintersemester 2020/21**

### **Courses and Seminars**

- All courses and the seminar must be passed latest by the end of the ninth semester of studies (this count including SoSe 2020 and WS 2020/21). The courses and the seminar must be passed latest in the second attempt; the number of attempts is increased by one (and at most one) if an attempt to pass was made in SoSe 2020 and/or WS 2020/21 (thus, the maximum number of attempts is at most three). Subject to the nine semesters time limit, a failed specialization course or seminar may be re-taken in its entirety.

### **Master Thesis**

- Master theses registered for between November 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021 must be completed within a time period of "six months plus two weeks" of registration.
- The Master thesis must be passed latest in the second attempt [unchanged] and latest by the end of the ninth semester of studies (this count including SoSe 2020 and WS 2020/21).