

**Subject-Specific Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes
in Media Informatics at Saarland University Supplementing the Joint
Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes
of Faculty 6 (Natural Science and Technology Faculty I – Mathematics and
Computer Science)**

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Pursuant to Section 59 of the Saarland University Act of 23 June 2004 (Official Gazette of Saarland, p. 1782) as amended by the Act of 14 October 2014 (Official Gazette, p. 406) and pursuant to the Joint Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes of Faculty 6 (Natural Science and Technology Faculty I – Mathematics and Computer Science) of 2 July 2015 (Official Bulletin No. 72, p. 616) as amended by the Ordinance to Amend the Joint Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes of Faculty 6 (Natural Science and Technology Faculty I – Mathematics and Computer Science) of 28 April 2016 (Official Bulletin No. 47, p. 404) and with the consent of the Saarland University Senate and the University Board, Faculty 6 (Natural Science and Technology Faculty I – Mathematics and Computer Science) at Saarland University hereby issues the following Subject-Specific Regulations Governing the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Media Informatics.

Section 27

Scope

(cf. Sec. 1 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

These subject-specific regulations apply to the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in Media Informatics at Saarland University.

Section 28

General information

(cf. Sec. 2 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

Both the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes place greater emphasis on research.

Section 29

Types of degree programmes

(cf. Sec. 3 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

The Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in Media Informatics are single-subject degree programmes within the meaning of the Framework Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Saarland University (BMPRO).

Section 30

Student workload

(cf. Sec. 4 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

Course attendance may be compulsory for certain introductory seminars, seminars and practical skills classes. Students will be notified of this by the course coordinator at the beginning of the course.

Section 31

The Examination Board

(cf. Sec. 7 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

(1) Pursuant to Section 2(4) of the Joint Examination Regulations, the Examination Board for Media Informatics shall comprise:

1. three representatives from the group of professorial staff within the faculty, or two representatives from the group of professorial staff within the faculty and one representative from the group of the permanent members of academic staff at the University of Art and Design Saar (*Hochschule der Bildenden Künste – HBKsaar*);
2. one representative from the group of mid-level teaching staff within the faculty;
3. one representative, who shall have limited voting rights, from the group of students in the Department of Media Informatics.

The member from the group of students shall only have an advisory vote on the Examination Board if questions regarding the grading of the final assessment phase of the Bachelor's or Master's degree arise, unless said member is appropriately qualified.

Each member of the Examination Board shall have a deputy who represents them in their absence. The members of the Examination Board defined in items 1 to 3 above and their deputies are elected for a term of up to two years by the Faculty Council after being nominated by the relevant member groups within the faculty. Members may be re-elected at the end of their term. If a member or deputy member of the Board withdraws before the end of their term, a replacement shall be selected for the remainder of the term.

(2) The Examination Board shall appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair from the members of the Board specified in items 1 and 2 of Subsection (1) above.

Section 32

Examiners; thesis examiners; supervisors, observers (cf. Sec. 8 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

(1) The Examination Board shall appoint from the relevant department examiners, thesis examiners and/or thesis supervisors drawn from the groups in Section 8(1), items 1 to 7 of the Joint Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science and, additionally, from

8. the group of mid-level academic staff with the right to supervise doctoral candidates, and
9. the group of professorial staff at the University of Art and Design Saar (HBKsaar).

(2) In addition to the examiners, thesis examiners and thesis supervisors specified in Section 8(2) of the Joint Examination Regulations, the Examination Board of the Department of Media Informatics may, in individual cases and with the consent of those members of professorial staff with responsibility for the relevant subject area, also appoint heads of independent junior research groups, members of mid-level academic staff qualified to doctoral level, members of the scientific staff at the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) and the Max Planck Institutes for Informatics and for Software Systems who have a doctoral qualification, members of academic staff at the University of Art and Design Saar (HBKsaar) who hold a doctoral qualification, as well as other qualified and experienced professionals working in the relevant field.

Section 33

**Admission to the Master's programme
(cf. Sec. 12 of the Joint Examination Regulations)**

(1) Students seeking admission to the Master's programme shall:

1. have a Bachelor's degree from a German university or an equivalent qualification from a foreign university in media informatics or a related field (particularly in the area of computer science / informatics),
2. demonstrate particular academic aptitude (see Section 69(5) of the Saarland University Act).

- (2) The following criteria shall be used to assess the applicant's particular academic aptitude:
1. sufficient merit in the applicant's previous academic track record, as demonstrated by an overall grade in the Bachelor's degree (as defined in (1) above) of at least 'good' (German grading scale: 2.3 or better), or,
 2. taking account of the applicant's overall academic performance defined in item 1 above, the applicant's particular interest in the subject as demonstrated either by two academic references from referees who know the applicant academically, or by the results of a personal interview.
 3. Proof of proficiency in English at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL).

The criteria listed above will be used to assess the aptitude of the applicant in terms of the academic profile and requirements of the Master's degree programme in Media Informatics. The decision whether the programme admission requirements have been met shall be made by the Examination Board.

Section 34
Procedural elements, presentation and layout of the thesis
(cf. Sec. 23 of the Joint Examination Regulations)

A colloquium lasting 30 minutes shall be held in order to establish that the Bachelor's or Master's thesis is the candidate's own original work. The colloquium shall be held no later than six weeks after the candidate has submitted the printed version of their Bachelor's or Master's thesis. One of the colloquium examiners shall be the person who set the candidate's thesis topic.

Section 35
Successfully completing the Bachelor's or Master's
programme and overall grade (cf. Sec. 24 of the Joint
Examination Regulations)

To graduate 'with distinction' a candidate must have attained a final overall grade of 1.1 or better and must have met all of the programme requirements within the standard period of study.

Section 36
Degree qualification and documentation
(cf. Sec. 25 of the Joint Examination
Regulations)

In addition to the information presented in Section 25(1) of the Joint Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, the degree certificate may also list other student attainments and the results achieved.

Section 37
Commencement

These regulations shall come into force on the day after they are announced in the Official Bulletin of the Institutions of Higher Education in Saarland (*Dienstblatt der Hochschulen des Saarlandes*).

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President of Saarland University

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