

University Entrance Examination Regulations of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences

from 13 June 2022

In accordance with § 3 Para. 1 in conjunction with §§ 35 Para. 1 no. 1, 67 Para. 5 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. p. 115) and § 16 Para. 1 sentence 2 no. 1 of the Basic Regulations of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences dated 11 April 2019 (Official Gazette of Thuringia No. 18/2019, p. 807) and § 10 of the Thuringian University Entrance Examination Ordinance (ThürHWPVO) dated 29 January 2020 (GVBl. p. 54), Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences issues the following University Entrance Examination Statutes. The Central Study Commission approved the statutes on 12 January 2022 and 20 April 2022. The University Senate adopted the statutes on 26 January 2022 and 27 April 2022. The President of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences approved the statutes by decree on 13 June 2022.

§ 1

Scope of application and general provisions

- (1) On the basis of § 67 Para. 5 ThürHG and § 10 "ThürHWPVO these statutes lay down more detailed provisions for entrance examinations in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHWPVO at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences for applicants who do not fulfill the university entrance requirements in accordance with § 67 Para. 1 to 3 ThürHG, but who are entitled to study in their home countries after successfully attending an educational institution there.
- (2) The Entrance Examination in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHWPVO can be taken for all bachelor's degree programmes at the university. If the Entrance Examination is successfully passed in the chosen degree programme, it entitles the student to study in the respective degree programme or in related degree programmes defined in § 4. Provisions regarding admission restrictions; aptitude and entrance examinations, aptitude assessment procedures, proof of required language skills for the degree programme, and proof of previous special preparatory training remain unaffected.
- (3) The Examination Board according to § 7 ThürHWPVO is respectively the Examination Board of the university responsible for the chosen degree programme.

§ 2

Admission to the entrance examination and legal status of applicants

- (1) Upon application, admission to the Entrance Examination may be granted to
 1. the holder of a foreign higher education entrance qualification which, according to the assessment proposals of the Central Office for Foreign Education in the Secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, does not directly entitle the holder to study at a higher education institution and
 2. specifies the degree programme for which the university entrance qualification is to be acquired.
- (2) As part of the admission procedure, the university informs applicants that passing the Entrance Examination only entitles them to study in the chosen degree programme or a related degree programme in accordance with § 4 at the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences.
- (3) The university decides on admission to the Entrance Examination as part of enrolment in accordance with paragraph 4; the final admission decision is made by the responsible Examination Board. There is no legal entitlement to admission to the Entrance Examination.
- (4) Applicants admitted to a degree programme in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHWPVO are enrolled as students at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences for a limited period of time, but for a maximum of two years. Further details are governed by the university's enrolment regulations.

§ 3

Study programme according to § 3 Para. 7 ThürHWPVO

- (1) Audit services of the Entrance Examination are services that are offered in the first two semesters of the chosen degree programme in accordance with the respective examination regulations and study regulations.
- (2) The examination regulations and the study regulations of the chosen degree programme apply to applicants admitted to the Entrance Examination, unless otherwise stipulated in these statutes.
- (3) If the student acquires at least 30 ECTS credit points in the first two semesters during the degree programme in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHWPVO by successfully completing module examinations in the first and second semesters, the entrance examination will be deemed to be successfully passed; the requirements for final enrolment are thus fulfilled. If a student who has not acquired the ECTS credit points required in accordance with sentence 1 proves that he/she is not responsible for this shortfall (in particular due to a medically certified illness), the student may, upon application and following a decision by the responsible examination board, make up the missing ECTS credit points in the following two semesters. If a student has not acquired the ECTS credit points required in accordance with sentence 1 after two semesters, or after four semesters in case of an extension of the deadline in accordance with sentence 2, it will be determined that the entrance examination has not been passed and the student will be exmatriculated.

- (4) If repeat examinations are offered in the respective degree programme during the course of study in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHHPVO, the student may participate in them. There is no entitlement to retake examinations during the degree programme in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHHPVO.
- (5) Before final enrolment in the respective degree programme, a subject semester classification is carried out ex officio. All achievements from the Entrance Examination are recognised and credited on the basis of equivalence; paragraph 2 applies accordingly. Based on the determination of individual achievements, a placement (downgrading) into the second semester may also take place.
- (6) If it is determined that the Entrance Examination has not been passed, a new entrance examination in the same degree programme or a degree programme with essentially the same content is excluded.
- (7) If a person who has not completed a degree programme in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHHPVO acquires a university entrance qualification that directly entitles to study at a university in Germany and is admitted to a degree programme on this basis, the accomplishments achieved during the degree programme in accordance with § 3 Para. 7 ThürHHPVO will be credited upon application, provided the university cannot bring forth evidence of any significant discrepancies in the acquired skills (learning outcomes) towards the applicant. The decision is made by the responsible Examination Board.
- (8) If a student applies for recognition of credits earned outside of higher education institutions in accordance with § 3 Para. 5 ThürHHPVO, the responsible Examination Board may recognise such credits up to 15 ECTS credit points as examination credits under the examination regulations. With regard to the requirements and the procedure for recognition, Section 2 of the "Statutes on the recognition of knowledge and skills acquired outside of universities at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences" dated 3 May 2016 (Official Announcements of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences - Announcement Gazette - No. 2/2016, p. 33) in the currently valid version shall apply accordingly.

§ 4

Related degree programmes

- (1) Bachelor's degree programmes offered by the same faculty in which the selected degree programme is located are generally considered related degree programmes. If degree programmes are offered by several faculties, the degree programmes offered by the other faculties are also deemed to be related.
- (2) In particular, the following are considered to be technically related:
 - a) the Bachelor's degree programmes "Electrical Engineering and Information Technology" and "Medical Technology (Intelligent Assistance Systems in Health, Medicine and Care)",
 - b) the Bachelor's degree programmes "Computer Science", "Business Informatics", "Multimedia Marketing" and "Administrative Informatics",
 - c) the Bachelor's degree programmes "Business Administration", "International Business and Economics", "Macroeconomics" and "Business Sciences",
 - d) the Bachelor's degree programmes "Business Law" and "International Business Law".

§ 5

Equal treatment clause

Status and function designations according to these regulations apply to all genders.

§ 6

Start of validity

The statutes come into effect on the day following their publication in the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences' Official Gazette.

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