Notes on registration and submission of the final theses and preparation of final documents in the UW/UR department

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1. **Step 1 Examination Office:** First check at the Examination Office under point 1 of the registration form whether the registration is on time and whether the registration requirements according to the (subject) examination regulations (PO) have been fulfilled

2. Step 2 look for examiners (Bachelor/Master)

- Two examiners (first examiner and additional examiner) must be appointed to supervise and assess the thesis in consultation with the selected persons. The first examiner enters the date on which the topic is handed over, which is the start of the deadline for the completion period; both examiners and the students must sign the registration form (see point 2 of the registration form).
- As a rule, at least one of these examiners must be a professor in the Department of Environmental Business/Environmental Law, please see regulations of the respective PO of your degree program!

3. Step 3 Registration of the final thesis at the examination office

- The final registration of the thesis is made at the Examination Office under point 3 of the registration form on the <u>completed registration form</u>; the original of the registration form must be kept by the student and <u>handed in with the thesis</u>.
- **Important:** Please also read the relevant paragraphs on the final thesis/colloquium in the (subject) examination regulations of your degree program!

3a. Registration of the BACHELOR's final thesis

- Registration is only possible after fulfilment of the registration requirements:
 Recognition of previous practical training (if required), at the earliest after achieving 120 or 150 ECTS points, if applicable, successful completion of achievements from specified semesters (e.g. all achievements from
 - semesters 1-3), if applicable, proof of successful completion of vocational training for dual study programs
- Registration at the latest within six / twelve months (see respective (subject) PO) after completion of the last examination (announcement of 165 or 195 ECTS, notice at the examination office, date can be requested there), otherwise the thesis is deemed to have been failed for the first time.
- The processing period begins on the day the topic is issued under point 2a of the registration form (= start of deadline) and is up to 9 weeks

3b. Registration of the MASTER's final thesis

- Registration only possible after fulfilment of the registration requirements if available, e.g. at the earliest after achieving a minimum number of ECTS credits and successfully completing coursework from specified semesters
- Registration no later than three / six months (see respective (subject) PO) after the announcement of the last examination performance (= announcement of 90 or 60 ECTS, notice at the examination office, date can be requested there), otherwise the thesis is deemed to have been failed for the first time.
- The processing period begins on the day the topic is issued under point 2a of the application form (= start of deadline) and is up to 3 or 6 months / up to 12 or 28 weeks (see the (subject) examination regulations). In justified individual cases, it may be extended by the chairperson of the examination board by the periods specified in the (subject) examination regulations. In certain cases, the processing time may be extended from the start; please enquire at the Examinations Office (e.g. Master UBW)

4. Submission of the final thesis (Bachelor and Master)

- Submission in the departmental secretariat (Dep. UW/UR: room 12/011 during the opening hours Mon Fri 10:00 to 12:00 hrs, by way of representation the secretariat of the Dep. UP/UT: room 24/029, during the opening hours). Please make an **appointment** in good time for the submission.
- The original registration form must be submitted with the thesis.
- Important: The work must contain a written assurance from the students that they have written their work independently and have not used any sources and aids other than those specified and listed, that AI systems in particular have only been used with the permission of the examiners and in accordance with the specified regulations and that the text passages created with them have been clearly marked and critically checked for technical accuracy. In the case of group work, assurance is provided for the appropriately marked part of the work
- 2 examples of the thesis must be submitted in hard binding (NO ring binding!).
- The cover sheet must include the surname and first name of the candidate with matriculation number, title of the thesis, degree (e.g. B.A.), department, degree program, examiners and semester of submission.

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- In addition, a copy of the thesis must be submitted as a PDF document. This file must be transmitted via an upload link to the data protection-secure sharing program Seafile of Trier University of Applied Sciences, which is sent to the campus email address of the students by the department secretary. The details must be clarified with the department secretary in good time before the submission deadline. The content of the PDF document must correspond exactly to the written example (exception: declaration of independence does not have to be included) and must be searchable (e.g. created using FreePDF). The file name must be assigned as follows: <Bachelor/Master thesis and degree program>_<semester of submission>_<last name>_<first name>_<matriculation no>_<short title.pdf; e.g: Bachelor_WUR_SS13_Schmidt_Gundula_ 939520_The new energy law.pdf</p>

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- If the thesis contains a blocking note (Sperrvermerk), this must be attached to the thesis.

5. Colloquium of the final thesis

- Appointment: After submission of the final thesis, an appointment will be arranged between the candidate and the examiners, **provided that the written work is graded at least "sufficient"**. Candidates must reserve a room via UCB-Contact and arrange the necessary technology for their presentation (beamer, PC, etc.). A colloquium before submission of the final thesis or if the written thesis has not been passed is **not possible**. An appointment is **not** yet a confirmation that the written work has been passed, but only a preparatory organizational measure. If it is determined that the written work has not been passed, the appointment for the colloquium will be canceled.
- If candidates or examiners cannot be present in person for valid reasons, this examination can be conducted via online systems of Trier University of Applied Sciences, such as BigBlueButton or Teams, using the special agreement for conducting oral examinations online and with the agreement of all involved participants.
- After permission by the examinees, guests may attend the colloquium without the right to ask questions.
- Important: The colloquium for the final thesis is an examination procedure. If the date is in the new semester (from 1 September start of the winter semester or 1 March start of the summer semester), students must reregister for the next semester even if it is the last examination procedure! The colloquium cannot take place without re-registration to this semester!

6. Consultation with the examination office to prepare the final documents of the degree

- Contact the Examination Office as soon as possible to clarify the details regarding the preparation of certificates
- After notification of completion via email of the Examinations Office, the final documents can be collected from the Examination Office during opening hours or by individual appointment.
- Final documents will only be sent by post if a DIN A4 or B4 envelope labeled with the current address and **stamped with EUR 6.45** is deposited at the Examination Office.
- An identity card must be brought along for personal pickup.
- In the case of collection by a person authorized by the graduate, this person must present a written authorization for collection signed by the graduate as well as a copy of the front of the graduate's identity card and their own identity card to the Examination Office.