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Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

Study Regulations for the continually Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law

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On the basis of § 36 para.1 of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony (*Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz*) in the version published on January 15, 2013 (SächsGVBl. p. 3), Technische Universität Dresden issues the following Study Regulations as statutes.

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§ 1

Scope of application

On the basis of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony and the examination regulations, these Study Regulations stipulate the objectives, content, structure and organization of the postgraduate Master's degree program in International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law at Technische Universität Dresden.

§ 2

Objectives of the degree program

(1) After their studies, students will have the fundamental knowledge in the field of intellectual property and the areas of law closely connected. Building on this fundamental knowledge, students will have in-depth knowledge of sub-areas of intellectual property, such as copyright, patent, trademark, data and design law including the relevant national and international legal and economic aspects, and will be able to apply this knowledge in practice. Students will have advanced subject-specific foreign language skills, and an understanding of other legal systems, which enables them to assess and resolve issues that have international relevance. Moreover, the objectives of the degree program include the development of the students' personalities, in particular their ability for critical self-reflection and societal commitment, as well as their ability to link and reflect on the topics of a pluralistic and open society, such as sustainability and diversity.

(2) Due to their broad expertise, their knowledge of scientific methods and their comprehensive practice-oriented training, graduates will be able to manage diverse and complex tasks in the legal field of intellectual property following an initial training period in professional practice. Given the special practical orientation of the program, students will gain deep insight into their future areas of responsibility and, after completing their studies, have broad application-oriented expert knowledge.

§ 3

Admission requirements

(1) Requirements to be admitted to the degree program:

1. completion of a first degree in law at a university or vocational academy that is officially recognized in Germany and qualifies the degree holder for a profession,
2. relevant professional experience, typically lasting for at least one year
3. proficient command of the English language at the level B2+ of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages,
4. in the event that the applicant wishes to complete part of the studies at the Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle in Strasbourg pursuant to § 6 para. 1, proficiency in the French language at the level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages, further details are regulated by § 4 para. 2 no. 6 of the Aptitude Assessment Regulations, as well as
5. proof of special aptitude and motivation for the International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law Master's degree program in accordance with § 5 para. 3 Aptitude Assessment Regulations.

(2) Graduates with a non-legal university degree can be admitted to the studies if they prove sufficient legal knowledge according to the Aptitude Assessment Regulations § 5 para. 1.

§ 4

Start and duration of the degree program

(1) The program can be started in the winter semester or the summer semester.

(2) The standard period of study is two semesters and includes on-site attendance, independent study and the final examination.

§ 5

Teaching and learning methods

(1) The curriculum is structured in modules. In the individual modules, the course content is taught, consolidated and deepened through lectures, practicals, seminars, internships, language courses, tutorials and independent study.

(2) The individual teaching and learning forms according to para. 1 sentence 2 are defined as follows:

1. Lectures serve to introduce the subject matters of the modules and provide a coherent presentation of the most important topics and structures of the subject.
2. Practicals serve to support the acquisition of the necessary methodological and technical skills. Study content is applied in exemplary sub-areas. Additionally, practicals provide students with the opportunity to discuss their solutions to training tasks in work groups and under guidance.
3. Seminars enable students to familiarize themselves under supervision with a selected subject area on the basis of specialist literature or other material, to report on the results of their work, to discuss them within the group and to present them in writing.
4. Internships serve to apply the subject matter taught and to acquire practical skills in potential areas of employment.
5. Independent study allows students to individually acquire knowledge in module-related subject areas on the basis of specialist literature or other material.
6. Language courses convey knowledge, skills and abilities in the respective foreign language and train communicative and intercultural skills in an academic and professional context as well as in everyday situations.
7. Tutorials support students, especially first-year students, in repeating and deepening the course contents.

§ 6

Structure and organization of the degree program

(1) The program is organized in modules, and features a curriculum organized over two semesters. The degree program is particularly suitable for a temporary stay at another university (mobility window). Students have the opportunity to complete part of their studies at a cooperation partner as part of the respective cooperation with the University of Exeter, Jagiellonian University of Krakow, Queen Mary University of London, Charles University of Prague, University of Washington in Seattle, Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle in Strasbourg, University of Szeged, Keio University of Tokyo and Tallinn University of Technology in accordance with the respective cooperation agreement. In particular, there is the option to start studying at a cooperation partner and to continue and complete the studies at Technische Universität Dresden after the first semester. Part-time study is possible in accordance with the regulations on part-time study.

(2) At Technische Universität Dresden, the degree program comprises two compulsory modules and seven elective compulsory modules, which allows students to choose their concentration. To this end, they can choose from introductory modules and specialization modules in Patent Law and Allied Rights, EU Copyright Law, Trademark and Design Law and Allied Rights, and Data Law. The selection is binding. Modules can be re-selected; the student must submit a written request to the Examination Office stating the module to be replaced and the newly selected module.

(3) Learning goals, content, teaching and learning methods included, requirements, applicability, frequency, workload, and duration of the individual modules are all listed in the module descriptions (Annex 1).

(4) The courses are held in English or, if indicated by the module descriptions, in German or, in the case of the language course, in another language. The language of education and examinations at the Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle in Strasbourg may be French, depending on the courses offered.

(5) The appropriate allocation of the modules to the individual semesters, the observance of which makes it possible to complete the program within the standard period of study, as well as the type and scope of the respective courses included, and the number and standard time of the required study achievements and examined assessments are defined in the study schedule attached (Annex 2).

(6) Upon proposal of the Academic Affairs Committee, the Faculty Board may change the range of elective compulsory modules as well as the study schedule. The current selection of elective compulsory modules available will be announced in the usual manner at the beginning of the semester. The amended study schedule shall apply to all students who have been informed about this in the usual manner at the beginning of their studies. The Examination Committee shall decide, upon application by the student, on any exceptions to sentence 3.

(7) If participation in a non-elective course is limited by the number of available places in accordance with the module description, the selection of participants shall be made by drawing lots. To this end, students must register for the appropriate course. The form and deadline for registering will be announced to the students in the usual manner. Through the enrollment, the choice according to para. 2 sentence 3 is made, if any. At the end of the enrollment period, the students will be notified in the usual manner whether they are a selected participant of the respective course.

§ 7

Content of the degree program

(1) The Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law is application-oriented.

(2) The content of the degree program covers the areas of intellectual property law and data law as well as related subjects, in particular patent law, trademark law, design law, utility model law, plant variety law, copyright law, data protection law and data access law. Within these areas, building on the fundamental concepts of law and its methods, the program covers in particular the fundamentals and functions of intellectual property and data law, the structuring of intellectual property and data law, as well as intellectual property and data law in the context of different economic areas. The program focuses in particular on the legal framework for innovation and incentive mechanisms, including the tension between the goal and the means of intellectual property

protection, the interplay between innovation and society, the causes and effects of certain protection and access strategies, as well as methodological questions regarding the consistent application and interpretation of existing legal norms. In line with the international approach of the program, international and European references are at the core of the program. Moreover, the program covers the practical work of lawyers, business companies, organizations, and courts in the fields of intellectual property law, data law, and competition law.

§ 8

Credit points

(1) ECTS credits document the average workload of the students and their individual study progress. One credit point corresponds to a 30-hour workload. Normally, 60 credit points are awarded per academic year, i.e. 30 credit points per semester. The total workload for the program corresponds to 60 credit points and comprises the teaching and learning methods according to type and scope stipulated in the module descriptions, the study achievements and the examined assessments.

(2) The module descriptions indicate the number of credits that can be earned by each module. Credits are awarded upon passing the module examination. § 32 of the examination regulations shall remain unaffected.

§ 9

Academic advisory and counseling service

(1) General advice will be provided by the Central Student Information and Counseling Service at TU Dresden. It covers questions regarding study options, enrollment modalities and general student affairs. Subject-specific advice during the studies will be provided by the Academic Advisory Service of the Institute of International Law, Intellectual Property and Technology Law. This subject-specific advisory service assists students with regard to the design of their studies.

(2) At the beginning of the second semester, each student who has not yet provided proof of academic performance shall make use of the subject-specific advisory services.

§ 10

Amendments to module descriptions

(1) In order to amend to changed conditions, module descriptions may be changed in a simplified procedure in order to optimize study organization, with the exemption of the fields "Module name", "Learning goals", "Content", "Teaching and learning methods", "Requirements for earning credit points", "Credit points and grades" and "Module duration".

(2) In a simplified procedure, the Faculty Board will adopt the amendments to the module descriptions upon proposal of the Academic Affairs Committee. The amendments must be published in the usual manner.

§ 11

Entry into force, publication and interim arrangements

(1) These Study Regulations enter into force on April 1, 2023 and are published in the official announcements of Technische Universität Dresden.

(2) They apply to all new students enrolled in the Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law and Data Law in the 2023/2024 winter semester or later.

(3) For students who enrolled earlier than in the 2023/2024 winter semester, the version of the Study Regulations for the consecutive Master's degree program in International Studies in Intellectual Property Law that has been valid for them up until the amendment continues to apply unless they declare their acceptance of the amendment in writing. The form and deadline of this declaration are specified by the Examination Committee and are announced in the usual manner. Switching to the new regulations is possible at the earliest in October 2023.

(4) From the 2024/2025 winter semester, these Study Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the consecutive Master's degree program International Studies in Intellectual Property Law.

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