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Technische Universität Dresden  
Faculty of Law

## **Examination Regulations for the Postgraduate Master's Programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law**

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On the basis of § 34 para. 1 sentence 1 of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony in the version announced on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 (SächsGVBl. p. 3), Technische Universität Dresden issues the following Examination Regulations as statutes.

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## **Part 1: General Regulations**

### **§ 1**

#### **Standard Period of Study**

The standard period of study for the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law* includes attendance, independent study, supervised practice periods, and the Master's examination.

### **§ 2**

#### **Examination Structure**

The Master's examination consists of module examinations, assessments at the respective partner university, and the Master's thesis. A module is concluded by a module examination, which consists of at least one examined assessment. Examined assessments are accomplished throughout the programme.

### **§ 3**

#### **Deadlines and Dates**

(1) The Master's examination shall be taken within the standard period of study. A Master's examination that has not been taken within four semesters following the standard period of study will be considered failed. A failed Master's examination can be re-taken once within one year. Once this period expires, it is again considered failed. A second re-take of the examination is only possible at the next available examination date, thereafter the Master's examination is deemed to be irreversibly failed.

(2) Module examinations shall be taken by the end of the semester as stated in the study schedule.

(3) Technische Universität Dresden, through its study regulations and courses offered, ensures that study achievements and examined assessments as well as the Master's thesis can be completed within the specified periods of time. Students will be informed in good time about the nature and the number of the required study achievements and examined assessments as well as about the respective deadline; the same holds true for the issuing and submitting of the Master's thesis. For each module examination, students shall also be informed about the respective opportunity to repeat the examination.

(4) Maternity leave does not count towards the regular study period. For regulations regarding parental leave, students are referred to § 12 para. 2 of the Regulations for Enrolment at Technische Universität Dresden.

#### § 4

### General Admission Requirements and Admission Procedures

(1) Students can only be admitted to the Master's examination according to § 2 sentence 1 if

1. they are enrolled in the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law* at Technische Universität Dresden and
2. they have made a declaration regarding para. 4 number 3 either in writing or recorded in a data processing system.

(2) In order to submit examined assessments, students have to register. Later withdrawal is possible without giving any reason. Procedures and the deadline for registration and withdrawal are specified by the Examination Committee and published at the beginning of each semester as is customary at the Faculty.

(3) Admission is granted

1. to a module examination on the basis of the first registration for an examined assessment of this very module examination and
2. to the Master's thesis on the basis of a student's request for issue of the topic, or if § 17 para. 3 sentence 5 applies upon issue of the topic.

(4) Admission is denied if

1. the requirements stated in para. 1 or the rules of procedure stated in para. 2 are not met, or
2. the documents are not complete, or
3. the student has already irreversibly failed an examination required for the completion of the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law*.

(5) Admissions decisions will be taken by the Examination Committee. The announcement thereof may be public. § 14 para. 4 remains unaffected.

#### § 5

### Types of Examined Assessments

(1) Examined assessments are

1. written examinations (*Klausuren*) (§ 6),
2. oral presentations (*Referate*) (§ 7) and/or
3. other examined assessments (§ 8).

Written multiple-choice examinations are excluded.

(2) Study achievements and examined assessments in the focal area *Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context* shall generally be accomplished in German, but can be accomplished in English upon the student's request and approval by the Examination Committee; yet in the focal area *Comparative Intellectual Property Law* work has to be submitted in English.

(3) If a student proves that, due to extended or permanent physical impairment or chronic illness, they are unable to accomplish an examined assessment or parts thereof in the stipulated form, the chair of the Examination Committee will approve, upon request, an extended time frame or an equivalent manner for the examined assessment. Upon request, the student must provide a medical certificate and, if there is reasonable doubt, a certificate by a public health officer (*Amtsarzt*).

(4) If a student proves that, due to taking care of their own children until they reach the age of 14 or caring for close relatives, examinations cannot be taken as stipulated, the chair of the Examination Committee, upon request, will approve an equivalent method for taking the examination. Close relatives are children, parents, grandparents, spouses, and civil partners. The chair of the Examination Committee in consultation with the responsible examiner will decide on how the examination is to be taken at their due discretion. Appropriate measures for the compensation of a disadvantage may include extended submission periods, hiatuses, the use of different media, the use of different examination rooms within the University, or different examination dates.

## **§ 6**

### **Written Examinations (*Klausuren*)**

(1) Written examinations are intended for students to prove that they are able to resolve tasks and analyse topics drawing on the required fundamental knowledge and using the standard methods of the degree programme with time constraints and with limited resources.

(2) Written examinations that students are required to pass in order to continue their studies shall be marked by two examiners as a general rule, however, in the case of repeat examinations, two examiners are compulsory. The grade is calculated as the average of the individual grades according to § 9 para. 1; whereby only the first decimal is taken into account, all other decimals are omitted without rounding. The marking process shall not exceed four weeks.

(3) The duration of the written examinations is specified in the module descriptions and shall be no less than 90 minutes and shall not exceed 240 minutes.

## **§ 7**

### **Oral Presentations (*Referate*)**

(1) Oral presentations are intended for students to prove their ability to prepare and present specific academic research questions and, if requested, thereafter present them in an academic expert discussion. Details and duration shall be specified when formulating the task.

(2) § 6 para. 2 sentences 1 and 2 shall apply accordingly. The lecturer responsible for the course in which the oral presentation is assigned and, if applicable, presented, shall be one of the examiners.

(3) The main points and results shall be recorded in a protocol.

## **§ 8**

### **Other Examined Assessments**

(1) Students shall make proof of defined learning outcomes through other specifically determined examination forms (other examined assessments) that can be assessed according to equal standards, are verifiable, and are described in the module descriptions including requirements and, if so, duration or time scope. If a time scope is given, the resulting deadline shall be specified when assigning the task. Other examined assessments include placement reports.

(2) Placement reports are formalised reports about the conferred tasks and the results of the placement.

(3) For written other examined assessments, § 6 para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

## § 9

### **Assessment of Examined Assessments, Calculating and Weighting of Grades, Publication of Examination Results**

(1) Assessments of the individual examined assessments are decided by the responsible examiners. The following grades shall be used:

1 = excellent	=	an excellent performance;
2 = good	=	a performance considerably exceeding average requirements;
3 = satisfactory	=	a performance that meets average requirements;
4 = sufficient	=	a performance that meets the requirements despite some inadequacies;
5 = unsatisfactory	=	a performance that does not meet the requirements because of grave inadequacies.

For a more differentiated assessment, individual grades can be raised or lowered by 0.3 to obtain intermediate values; whereby the grades 0.7, 4.3, 4.7 and 5.3 are excluded. An individual examined assessment is solely assessed as 'passed' or 'failed' (ungraded examined assessment) if the relevant module description provides an exception for this. Ungraded examined assessments that are assessed as 'passed' do not enter further grade calculations; ungraded examined assessments assessed as 'failed' receive the grade 5 (unsatisfactory). They are then included in further grade calculations.

(2) The module grade is calculated as the average of the individual examination grades which may be weighted as specified in the module descriptions. Only the first decimal is taken into account, all further decimals are removed without rounding. On the basis of the averages, the module grades are:

1.5 and better	=	excellent
1.6 to 2.5	=	good
2.6 to 3.5	=	satisfactory
3.6 to 4.0	=	sufficient
4.1 and worse	=	unsatisfactory

(3) Module examinations that solely consist of an ungraded examined assessment are assessed as 'passed' or 'failed' in accordance with the grading of the examined assessment (ungraded module examinations). Ungraded module examinations do not enter further grade calculations.

(4) For the Master's examination an overall grade is calculated. The overall grade of the Master's examination is calculated as follows: 25% consists of the assessments at the partner university during the semester abroad, if applicable, as the weighted average of the individual grades as specified in the cooperation agreement; 25% consists of the grade for the module Industrial Property Law and Competition Law (JF-IP-1) or the module Intellectual Property Law and Unfair Competition Law (JF-IP-3); 10% consists of the grade for the module Media, Data Protection and Copyright Law (JF-IP-2) or the module Copyright, Media and IT Law (JF-IP-4), and 40% consists of the grade for the Master's thesis. For the overall grade, para. 2 sentences 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

(5) Additionally, the overall grade of the Master's examination is indicated as a relative grade corresponding to the ECTS grading scale.

(6) Students shall be informed, as is customary at the Faculty, about how examination results are announced.

## § 10

### **Non-appearance/Non-submission, Withdrawal, Cheating, Violation of Rules and Regulations**

(1) An examined assessment is deemed to be 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) or 'failed' if a student fails to appear for or withdraws from a compulsory examination without due justification. The same shall apply when an examined assessment is not completed within the specified period of time.

(2) The given reason for non-appearance, non-submission, or withdrawal shall be immediately communicated and justified in writing to the Examination Office. In case of illness, the student normally shall provide a doctor's note and, in cases of doubt, a note from a public health officer (*Amtsarzt*). With regard to deadlines for the first entry into examinations, re-taking of examinations, reasons for non-appearance at examinations and the adherence to submission periods or to the illness of a child for whom a student mainly cares for on their own shall be equivalent to the illness of the student themselves. If the reason is accepted, a new date is set. In this case, already existing examination results shall be taken into account. Acceptance of the withdrawal or the reason for non-appearance or non-submission is subject to the decision of the Examination Committee.

(3) If a student attempts to manipulate the result of the examination by cheating, e.g. by bringing or using illicit aids, the examination concerned is deemed to be 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) upon detection by the Examination Committee. Ungraded examinations shall be assessed as 'failed' accordingly. A student who is disrupting the normal proceedings of an examination may be excluded from continuing the examination by the respective examiner or invigilator; in this case, the examination is assessed as 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) or 'failed'. In serious cases, the Examination Committee may exclude the student from taking further examinations.

(4) If, during an examination, a student has cheated and this is detected only after the publication of the result, the Examination Committee may change the result of the examination to 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) or 'failed' and subsequently change the module grade according to § 9 para. 2. If the requirements for taking a module examination had not been met and the student was not at fault, this irregularity is rectified by passing the module examination. If the student intentionally and unduly obtained admission to an examination, the Examination Committee may assess the module examination to be 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) or 'failed'. In serious cases, the Examination Committee may exclude the student from taking further examinations.

(5) For the Master's thesis, para. 1 to 4 apply accordingly.

## § 11 Passing and Failing

(1) In order to pass a module examination, the module grade needs to be at least 'sufficient' (4.0) or the ungraded module examination needs to be assessed as 'passed'. Where specified in the module descriptions, passing the module examination depends additionally on fulfilling another requirement, i.e. submitting the placement certificate. If the module examination is passed, the credit points specified for the module in the module descriptions are awarded.

(2) The Master's examination is passed if both the module examinations and the Master's thesis have been passed. The Master's thesis is passed if it is assessed as at least 'sufficient' (4.0) and proof has been given that the topic of the Master's thesis was delivered in an academic presentation (colloquium). The supervisor informs the student about the context, type and scope of the presentation normally upon issuing the topic, but at the latest 8 weeks thereafter, and these details are documented. Passing the Master's examination additionally depends on fulfilling another requirement, i.e. earning 30 credit points in the field of intellectual property at the partner universities in Strasbourg, Seattle and Tokyo, and 25 credit points at the partner universities in Kraków, Prague, London, Szeged or Exeter, as stipulated in the Learning Agreement in accordance with the focal points of § 6 para. 2 of the Study Regulations.

(3) A module examination is failed if the module grade is below 'sufficient' (4.0) or if the ungraded module is assessed as 'failed'. The Master's thesis is failed if it is not assessed as at least 'sufficient' (4.0).

(4) A module examination is irreversibly failed if the module grade is below 'sufficient' (4.0) or if the ungraded module examination is assessed as 'failed' and no more re-takes are possible. The Master's thesis is irreversibly failed if it has not been assessed as at least 'sufficient' (4.0) and if re-submission is no longer possible.

(5) A Master's examination is failed or irreversibly failed if either one of the module examinations or the Master's thesis is failed or irreversibly failed. § 3 para. 1 remains unaffected. In the case that a module examination is irreversibly failed in the elective compulsory field, the irreversible failure of the Master's examination is only declared according to § 14 para. 4 if, within one month after the publication of the module examination results, the student does not change their module or if a change of the module according to § 6 para. 3 sentence 5 of the Study Regulations is no longer possible. If a student has irreversibly failed the Master's examination, the student loses the right to take examinations for all parts of the Master's examination according to § 2 sentence 1.

(6) If a student has failed a module examination or the Master's thesis, the student is informed as to whether, when and to what extent they can re-take or re-submit it.

(7) If a student failed the Master's examination, upon request and upon submission of the relevant proof and the certificate of de-registration (withdrawal from the student registry), the student is provided with a certificate listing the completed examined assessment including the results, as well as those that have not been completed (if this is relevant) showing that the Master's examination has not been passed.

## § 12

### Re-taking Module Examinations

(1) Failed module examinations can be re-taken once within one year following the first examination attempt. This timeframe begins with the announcement of the first failed attempt of the module examination. After this deadline expires, the examination is once again deemed to be failed.

(2) It is only possible to re-take an examination a second time at the next available examination date. Subsequently, the module examination is deemed to be irreversibly failed and no further re-takes are permitted.

(3) The re-take of a failed module examination that consists of several parts entails only those examined assessments that were not assessed as at least 'sufficient' (4.0) or 'passed'.

(4) It is not permitted to re-take a module examination that has already been passed.

(5) Failed attempts at module examinations in the same or in other degree programmes are taken into account.

## § 13

### Recognition of Study and Examined Assessments, Study Periods and Qualifications obtained outside a Higher Education Institution

(1) Study and examined assessments accomplished at a different institution of higher education are recognised upon request of the student if there are no substantial differences in the acquired skills. Further agreements between Technische Universität Dresden, the German Rectors' Conference, the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs, as well as agreements ratified by the Federal Republic of Germany shall be observed, if applicable.

(2) Qualifications obtained outside an institution of higher education are recognised upon request of the student if they are deemed to be equivalent. Qualifications are equivalent if their contents, scope and requirements are fundamentally similar to parts of the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law* at Technische Universität Dresden. The qualification comparison shall not be schematic, instead it should be considered and assessed in its entirety.

(3) Study achievements and examined assessments in the same degree programme accomplished in the Federal Republic of Germany are transferred ex officio.

(4) Study achievements and examined assessments accomplished at a different institution of higher education can be recognised despite substantial differences if, when assessed as a whole, their contents and qualification objectives are equivalent to the intent and purpose of the modules included in this degree programme and are structurally equivalent. The degree certificate shows the achievements accomplished.

(5) If study achievements and examined assessments are recognised or transferred according to para. 1, 3 or 4, or if qualifications obtained outside an institution of higher education are recognised according to para. 2, the respective study periods are ex officio recognised as well. If the grading systems are comparable, grades are transferred and enter further grading calculations. If the grading systems cannot be compared, a note 'passed' is added

and they do not enter further grading calculations. Recognition is marked as such in the degree certificate.

(6) Recognition is decided by the Examination Committee. Students must provide the required documents. After submission, the recognition procedure must not exceed one month. If recognition is denied, § 14 para. 4 sentence 1 shall apply.

#### **§ 14**

#### **Examination Committee**

(1) An Examination Committee for the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law* is established that will conduct and organise examinations and take on the tasks assigned in the Examination Regulations. The Examination Committee consists of three lecturers, one research and teaching associate, and one student. The lecturers' term of office is three years. The term of office of the research and teaching associate is two years. The student's term of office is one year.

(2) The chairperson, their deputy, and the other members and their deputies are appointed by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law; student members are appointed upon recommendation by the Student's Council. The chairperson normally manages the Examination Committee.

(3) The Examination Committee ensures that the stipulations of the Examination Regulations are adhered to. The Committee reports on a regular basis about the development of examination and study periods including the actual time spent on the Master's thesis, as well as about the distribution of the module and overall grades. The Examination Committee offers suggestions to reform the Examination Regulations, the Study Regulations, the Module Descriptions, and the Study Schedule.

(4) Decisions that adversely affect students must be announced to them in writing, including a justification and information about legal appeal options. The Examination Committee as the examination authority rules, in due course, on appeals against such decisions, and communicates their decisions concerning the complaint.

(5) The Examination Committee can allow guests without voting rights to attend its meetings. The members of the Examination Committee are entitled to attend any examination.

(6) The members of the Examination Committee and their deputies must abide by the duty of official confidentiality. Any members who are not public service staff shall be obliged by the chairperson to maintain official confidentiality.

(7) On the basis of the decisions of the Examination Committee, the Examination Office organises the examinations and manages the examination files.

#### **§ 15**

#### **Examiners and Assessors**

(1) The Examination Committee appoints the examiners from amongst university lecturers and other persons who are authorised to be examiners under Saxon State Law.

A person can only be appointed assessor if they have passed the respective Master's examination or at least a comparable examination.

(2) Students can suggest a supervisor for their Master's thesis. This suggestion does not bear any entitlement.

(3) For examiners and assessors § 14 para. 6 shall apply accordingly.

## **§ 16**

### **Purpose of the Master's Examination**

Passing the Master's examination concludes the degree programme and qualifies the student for professional work. It ensures that students have an overview of the professional contexts, are able to apply academic methods and findings, and have acquired the in-depth knowledge required for entering into the world of work.

## **§ 17**

### **Purpose, Issue, Submission, Assessment and Re-Submission of the Master's Thesis**

(1) The purpose of the Master's thesis is to prove that students are able to analyse problems in a sub-field of intellectual property using academic methods acquired through independent work and within a given period of time.

(2) The Master's thesis can be supervised by a university lecturer or another person who is authorised to examine according to the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony provided that they are working at Technische Universität Dresden. If an extramural person authorised to be an examiner is to supervise the Master's thesis, the chairperson of the Examination Committee needs to approve such supervision.

(3) The Examination Committee issues the topic of the Master's thesis. The topic and date of issuance shall be documented. Students are allowed to suggest a topic. Upon the request of the student, the Examination Committee issues the topic of the Master's thesis in a timely manner. The Examination Committee issues the topic ex officio at the very latest at the beginning of the semester that follows the completion of the last module examination or upon completion of the semester abroad.

(4) The topic can be changed only once within two months of being issued. In case of re-submission of the Master's thesis, changing the topic is only permitted if the student did not use this option previously. If a student has changed their topic, they are immediately issued a new topic in accordance with para. 3 sentences 1 to 3.

(5) The Master's thesis can be written in German or English, or, following a written agreement with the supervisor, in French. Students must ideally inform the Examination Committee about their language choice upon selecting the topic but no later than 15 weeks before the submission deadline.

(6) Two typed and bound copies of the Master's thesis shall be submitted to the Examination Office before the deadline, as well as a digital copy as a PDF file on a

suitable storage device; the date of submission shall be documented. Students must provide a written declaration alongside the submission of the thesis stating that the work submitted is their own and that they did not use any sources and tools other than those that they have indicated.

(7) The Master's thesis shall be marked by two examiners separately according to § 9 para. 1 sentences 1 to 3. The supervisor of the Master's thesis shall be one of the examiners. The marking time shall not exceed four weeks.

(8) The grade for the Master's thesis is calculated as the average of the individual grades given by the two examiners. If the two individual grades given by the examiners differ by more than two grades, the average is only valid if both examiners agree on this. If this is not the case, the Examination Committee arranges for the thesis to be marked by an additional examiner. In this case, the grade of the Master's thesis is calculated as the average of the three individual grades. § 9 para. 2 sentences 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

(9) If one of the examiners has assessed the Master's thesis as at least 'sufficient' (4.0) and the other examiner as 'unsatisfactory' (5.0), the Examination Committee arranges for the thesis to be marked by an additional examiner. The additional examiner then decides whether the Master's thesis is passed or failed. If the thesis is then deemed to be passed, the grade of the Master's thesis is calculated as the average of the individual grades given in favour of pass, in the opposite case in favour of fail. § 9 para. 2 sentences 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

(10) A failed Master's thesis can be re-submitted once within a one year period. Following the expiration of this deadline, it is deemed to be failed again. A second re-submission is only possible at the next available examination date, following that date it is deemed to be irreversibly failed. Any further re-submission or re-submission after already having passed the Master's thesis is not permitted.

## **§ 18**

### **Examination Certificate and Master's Degree Certificate**

(1) Upon passing the Master's examination, students receive an examination certificate without undue delay, if possible within four weeks. The Master's examination certificate shall consist of the module results according to § 21 para. 1 and the respective credit points and where applicable an indication of the recognised achievements and results obtained at the respective partner university, of the topic, grade and supervisor of the Master's thesis, as well as of the overall grade. The results of the individual examined assessments are shown on a supplement to the examination certificate. Upon request of the student, the certificate also shows the results of additional modules and the study time spent on the completion of the Master's examination; the supplement also includes the grades of the respective examination year (overview of grades, rank) as well as the results of the examined assessments in the additional modules.

(2) Concurrent with receiving the Master's examination certificate, students shall receive the Master's degree certificate with the date identical to that of the examination certificate. It certifies that the Master's degree has been awarded. The Master's degree certificate is signed by the chairperson of the Examination Committee and bears the handwritten or electronic signature of the Rector, alongside the seal of Technische Universität Dresden. Additionally, students are provided with an English translation of both the degree certificate and the examination certificate.

(3) The examination certificate bears the date of completion of the last part of the examination according to § 11 para. 2. It is signed by the chairperson of the Examination Committee and bears the faculty seal of Technische Universität Dresden.

(4) Technische Universität Dresden issues a Diploma Supplement (DS) in accordance with the Diploma Supplement model of the European Union/Council of Europe/UNESCO. For information on the German higher education system (DS para. 8), the text agreed upon by the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs and the German Rector's Conference shall be used as amended.

## **§ 19**

### **Invalidity of the Master's Examination**

(1) If a student has cheated in an examined assessment and if this cheating is discovered only after the examination certificate has been issued, the results of the examined assessment can be amended according to § 10 para. 3. If applicable, the Examination Committee may declare the module examination as 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) and the Master's examination as 'failed'. The same applies to ungraded module examinations and the Master's thesis.

(2) If the requirements for taking a module examination had not been met and this had not been discovered prior to the issuance of the examination certificate and the student was not at fault, this irregularity is rectified by passing the module examination. If the student intentionally and unduly obtained admission to an examination, the Examination Committee may assess the module examination as 'unsatisfactory' (5.0) and the Master's examination as 'failed'. The same applies to ungraded module examinations and the Master's thesis.

(3) The incorrect examination certificate and its translation shall be retracted by the chairperson of the Examination Committee and replaced by a new one, if applicable. If the Master's examination has been declared 'failed' due to cheating, the Master's degree certificate, any translations, and the Diploma Supplement shall be retracted together with the now invalid examination certificate. Following a period of 5 years since the date of the examination certificate, a decision according to para. 1 and para. 2 sentences 2 or 3 is no longer permissible.

## **Part 2: Subject-specific Regulations**

## **§ 20**

### **Duration, Structure and Scope of the Degree Programme**

(1) The standard period of study according to § 1 is two semesters.

(2) The programme is divided into modules and concluded with the Master's examination. In the context of a joint study programme, the details of which are stipulated in a cooperation agreement, students study and take examinations abroad for one semester at one of the partner universities in London, Exeter, Prague, Kraków, Tokyo, Strasbourg, Seattle or Szeged (semester abroad). For students spending the semester at the partner universities in Exeter, London, Kraków, Prague or Szeged according to sentence 2, the programme comprises professional work experience for at least four weeks.

(3) By passing the Master's Examination, a total of 60 credits are awarded for modules, study achievements and examined assessments at one of the partner universities, and for the Master's thesis.

## § 21

### **Subject, Nature and Scope of the Master's Examination**

(1) The Master's examination comprises all module examinations of the compulsory and elective compulsory field, the assessments at the respective partner university, and the Master's thesis.

(2) Compulsory modules are

1. for students who spend the semester abroad according to § 20 para. 2 sentence 2 at the partner universities in London, Kraków, Prague, Exeter and Szeged, the practice module (JF-IP-5) and
2. in the focal area *Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context* the modules
  - a) Industrial Property Law and Competition Law (JF-IP-1) and
  - b) Media, Data Protection, and Copyright Law (JF-IP-2) and
3. in the focal area *Comparative Intellectual Property Law* the modules
  - a) Intellectual Property Law and Unfair Competition Law (JF-IP-3) and
  - b) Copyright, Media & IT Law (JF-IP-4).

Students must choose one of the two focal areas.

(3) The required examined assessments in the modules and their type and structure are specified in the module descriptions. The subject matter of the examined assessment consists of the contents and skills acquired in the module, if not stated otherwise in the module descriptions.

(4) Students can take examinations in modules other than those stipulated in para. 1 (additional modules). Optionally, these module examinations can be selected from the full range of modules offered at Technische Universität Dresden or a cooperating institute of higher education after consultation with the person conducting or examining the module. They do not enter the calculations of a student's workload nor of the overall grade.

## § 22

### **Time Permitted for the Master's Thesis**

The time permitted for writing the Master's thesis is 15 weeks, and 15 credit points are awarded for it. The supervisor shall limit the topic, tasks, and scope of the Master's thesis so that the deadline for the submission of the Master's thesis can be realistically met. In specific cases and upon justified request by the student, the Examination Committee may extend the period by up to a maximum of two weeks, the number of credits awarded remains unaffected.

## § 23

### **Master's Degree**

If the Master's examination is passed, the 'Master of Laws' (LL.M.) degree is awarded.

### Part 3: Final Regulations

#### § 24

#### Entry into Force, Publication, and Interim Arrangements

(1) These Examination Regulations enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and are published in the official announcements of Technische Universität Dresden.

(2) They apply to all students enrolled in the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law* as of the winter semester 2018/2019.

(3) For all students enrolled before the winter semester 2018/2019, the Examination Regulations for the Master's programme *International Studies in Intellectual Property Law* that applied to them prior to the entry into force of the present Regulations shall continue to apply unless the switch to the most recent regulations is declared in writing to the Examination Committee. The form and deadline of this declaration are specified by the Examination Committee and announced as is customary at the Faculty.

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