

FSB (Subject-Specific Provisions)

for the Master of Laws Degree Programme in Digitalization and Law (90 ECTS credits)

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Article 13 Subarticle 1 Sentence 2 in conjunction with Article 58 Subarticle 1 and Article 61 Subarticle 2 Sentence 1 *Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz* (Bavarian Higher Education Act, BayHSchG) dated 23 May 2006 (*Bayerisches Gesetz- und Verordnungsblatt* (Bavarian Law and Ordinance Gazette, GVBl) p. 245, *Bayerische Rechtssammlung* (Collection of Bavarian Laws, BayRS) 2210-1-1-WFK) as amended from time to time forms the framework for the following subject-specific provisions decreed by Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg.

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Part 1: General Provisions

Section 1 Scope

These subject-specific provisions (FSB) shall supplement the ASPO (General Academic and Examination Regulations) for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU) dated 1 July 2015 as amended from time to time.

Section 2 Aims and Objectives of the Degree Program

(1) ¹The subject Digitalization and Law is offered by the Faculty of Law of JMU as an application-orientated programme leading to the degree of "Master of Laws" (LL.M.) in the framework of a non-consecutive further degree programme. ²The degree "Master of Laws" is a further qualification.

(2) Graduates of the master's programme can work in a primarily English-speaking professional environment specializing in current issues of digitalization, especially in the area of IT law.

(3) The language of instruction is almost exclusively English.

Section 3 Start, Structure and Standard Length of Programme

(1) The master programme Digitalization and Law offers winter intake only.

(2) ¹The degree programme is structured as follows:

<i>Area or Sub-area</i>	<i>ECTS credits</i>	
Compulsory Courses	30	
Compulsory Modules		30
Compulsory Electives	30	
Compulsory Elective Modules		30
Thesis	30	
Master's Thesis		25
Oral Examination		5
<i>Total</i>	90	

²The assignment of modules to the individual areas and sub-areas is derived from the Subject Description (SFB), which is attached as an appendix to these FSB.

(3) The standard length of programme for the degree in Digitalization and Law shall be three semesters, in which students must earn a total of 90 ECTS credits.

Section 4 Prerequisites for Admission to the Programme, Recommended Fundamental Knowledge and Skills

(1) ¹Admission to the Master of Laws in Digitalization and Law shall be conditional on the following prerequisites (to be met cumulatively):

a) a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts or Science (210 ECTS credits) completed at JMU, a completed First State Examination in Law or an equivalent degree of another higher education institution in Germany or abroad (e.g. university, university of applied sciences or university of cooperative education) or an equivalent German or foreign qualification

or

a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts or Science (180 ECTS credits) completed at JMU or another higher education institution in Germany or abroad or an equivalent German or foreign qualification (e.g. State Examination) **and** practical work competences of at least 30 ECTS credits, proven by pertinent practical work experience of at least one year,

b) a qualified practical work experience of at least one year,

c) suitable proof of English language proficiency at least to Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), for example: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with at least 87 points (internet-based TOEFL test) and

d) if the degree referred to in letter a) is not a law degree, proof of competences on the scale of at least 15 ECTS credits, which must have been acquired in one or more of the following areas:

- i) basic knowledge in the field of civil law
- ii) basic knowledge in the field of criminal law
- iii) basic knowledge in the field of public law

²The aptitude assessment panel shall decide whether the requirements set out in Sentence 1 Letter a) and b), the language skills (Sentence 1 Letter c)) and the required competences in Sentence 1 Letter d) are met. ³When deciding on the equivalence of first degrees with the above-mentioned reference qualification as well as for verifying the required minimum competences and their scale (in particular in the case of non-modularised programmes), the principle of reverse burden of proof and the obligation to establish equivalence shall apply in accordance with Article 63 *Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz* (Bavarian Higher Education Act, BayHSchG), insofar as there are no significant differences with regard to the competences acquired (learning outcomes).

(2) ¹In the case that the requirements set out in Subsection 1 Sentence 1 are not met, admission to the Master of Laws in Digitalization and Law shall not be possible. ²In this case, applicants shall receive a corresponding notification stating the reasons for the decision and instructions on the available legal remedies.

(3) Applicants who have not obtained the relevant first degree at a German-speaking institution shall additionally provide proof of sufficient proficiency in the German language by the end of the re-enrolment period for the second subject semester, in deviation from the specifications of the Enrolment Regulations (*Immatrikulationssatzung*) of JMU as amended from time to time.

(4) ¹Tuition fees are charged for participation in the LL.M. program. ²The amount of the tuition fees shall be determined by JMU in accordance with the University Fee Ordinance (*Hochschulgebührenverordnung*). ³The current fees can be obtained from the Faculty of Law.

Section 5 Control Tests

No control tests are carried out in accordance with Section 13 Subsection 5 ASPO.

Section 6 Examination Committee

(1) ¹The examination committee is formed in accordance with Section 14 Subsection 1 Sentence 3 ASPO. ²The committee may bring in additional members for consultation and advice, including, but not limited to, course coordinators; those members shall be non-voting.

(2) ¹The examination board appoints the examiners and the assessors. ²All university lecturers and other persons authorized to conduct university examinations in accordance with the University Examiners Ordinance (*Hochschulprüferverordnung*) as amended from time to time may be appointed as examiners. ³They should have been responsible for teaching in the relevant examination subject in the module associated with the examination. ⁴An assessor may be appointed if he or she has at least a bachelor's degree in Science and works in this area.

Section 7 Other Subject-Specific Assessments

There shall be no other subject-specific assessments.

Part 2: Assessments

Section 8 Thesis: Master's Thesis and Oral Examination

(1) ¹The Master's thesis shall be worth 25 ECTS credits. ²The time allowed for completion of the thesis shall be six months. ³It will be handed out by the chairman of the examination committee. ⁴The topic can only be assigned to the candidate at a time at which he or she has acquired a total of at least 30 ECTS credits in the LL.M. program Digitalization and Law from compulsory modules or compulsory elective modules. ⁵The topic of the thesis must be agreed upon with the supervisor (professor, lecturer or other person authorized to conduct Master's examinations in accordance with the Bavarian University Examination Ordinance (*Bayerische Hochschulprüferverordnung* of February 22, 2020, as amended) and belonging to JMU or another German university) and submitted to the Examination Committee with a corresponding confirmation signed by the supervisor. ⁶If the supervisor is not a university lecturer at JMU, but works in the areas of research and teaching at another German university, the assumption of supervision must be approved by the Examination Committee.

(2) ¹The Master's thesis must be defended in the framework of an oral examination in accordance with the SFB. ²The oral examination will last approximately 45 minutes and consists of an approximately 30 minutes lecture on the contents of the master's thesis and a subsequent discussion which, based on the topic of the final thesis, can also extend to other related areas of law. ³5 ECTS credits are awarded for the oral examination.

Section 9 Overall Grade, Grade for the Degree Subject and Grades Awarded for Individual Areas

¹A student's overall grade shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 Subsection 1 ASPO. ²The grade for the degree subject (Digitalization and Law) shall be calculated in accordance with Section 35 Subsection 2 ASPO, the grades for the respective areas shall be calculated in accordance with Section 35 Subsection 3 to 5 ASPO. ³The "hierarchy model" described in Section 35 Subsection 5 Sentences 3 to 6 ASPO shall be used for calculating the grades awarded for the compulsory modules and the compulsory elective modules.

⁴When calculating the grade for the degree subject and the overall grade, the individual areas shall be assigned the following weight values:

<i>Area or sub-area</i>	<i>ECTS credits</i>		<i>Weight value for</i>		
			<i>Area</i>	<i>Grade in degree subject</i>	<i>Overall grade</i>
Compulsory courses	30			30/90	90/90
Compulsory electives	30			30/90	
Thesis	30			30/90	
Master's thesis		25	25/30		
Oral Examination		5	5/30		
<i>Total</i>	90				

Part 3: Final Provisions

Section 10 Entry into Force

¹These FSB shall come into effect on the day following their announcement. ²They shall apply to all students enrolled in the Digitalization and Law programme that leads to the award of the degree of Master of Laws (90 ECTS credits) who commence studies in that programme at JMU in the winter semester 2022/2023 or later and whose programmes are governed by the ASPO (General Academic and Examination Regulations) for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes Offered by Julius- Maximilians-Universität Würzburg dated 1 July 2015 as amended from time to time.

Annex SFB

Studienfachbeschreibung (subject description, SFB) for the subject Digitalization and Law as a Master's with 1 major with the degree "Master of Laws" (90 ECTS credits)

Responsible: Faculty of Law

Responsible: Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology

Examination regulations version: 2022

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Abbreviations used: Course types: **E** = field trip, **K** = colloquium, **O** = conversatorium, **P** = placement/lab course, **R** = project, **S** = seminar, **T** = tutorial, **Ü** = exercise, **V** = lecture

Term: **SS** = summer semester, **WS** = winter semester

Methods of grading: **NUM** = numerical grade, **B/NB** = (not) successfully completed

Regulations: **(L)ASPO** = general academic and examination regulations (for teaching-degree programmes), **FSB** = subject-specific provisions, **SFB** = list of modules

Other: **A** = thesis, **LV** = course(s), **PL** = assessment(s), **TN** = participants, **VL** = prerequisite(s)

Conventions for the modules in this SFB: Unless otherwise stated, courses and assessments will be held in German, assessments will be offered every semester and modules are not creditable for bonus.

Information on assessment procedures: Should there be the option to choose between several methods of assessment, the lecturer will agree with the module coordinator on the method of assessment to be used in the current semester by two weeks after the start of the course at the latest and will communicate this in the customary manner.

Should a module comprise more than one graded assessment, all assessments will be equally weighted, unless otherwise stated below.

Should the assessment comprise several individual assessments, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

In accordance with the general regulations governing the degree subject described in this module catalogue:

ASPO2015

associated official publications (FSB (subject-specific provisions)/SFB (list of modules)):

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This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevance according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-specific provisions) and SFB (list of modules) in their officially published versions shall be legally binding. In the case of doubt, the provisions on, in particular, module assessments specified in the FSB/SFB shall prevail.

Every module will be described using the following form:

Abbreviation	Module title						
	ECTS		Duration	(in semesters)	Method of grading		Module level
	Courses		To be specified in the form X (y) with course type X abbreviated as specified above and number of weekly contact hours y				
	Method of assessment						
	Only after successful completion of		if applicable				
	Other prerequisites		if applicable				
	Participants and allocation of places		if applicable				
	Additional information		if applicable				
	Referred to in LPO I		if applicable (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)				

Compulsory Courses (30 ECTS credits)								
10-I=DigLo1-222-m01	Introduction to Informatics for Jurists							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	V (2) + Ü (2) Module taught in: English						
	Method of assessment	a) written examination (approx. 90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English						
02-DigLo1-222-m01	Introduction to German IT-Law							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	V (2) Module taught in: English						
	Method of assessment	a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English						
02-DigLo2-222-m01	Machine Ethics							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	V (2) Module taught in: English						
	Method of assessment	a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English						
02-DigLo3-222-m01	Fundamental Rights and Data Protection							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	V (2) Module taught in: English						
	Method of assessment	a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English						
02-DigLo4-222-m01	Cybercrime I							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	V (2) Module taught in: English						
	Method of assessment	a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English						

02-DigLo5-222-m01	Procedure Law							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
Compulsory Electives (30 ECTS credits)								
02-DigLo6-222-m01	Company Law and Digitalization							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigLo7-222-m01	Legal Tech							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigLo8-222-m01	Competition Law in the Digital Age							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigLog-222-m01	IP Law							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					

02-DigL10-222-m01	Cybercrime II							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigL11-222-m01	Public Law in the Digital Age							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigL12-222-m01	Robot Law / AI Law							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigL13-222-m01	E-Commerce / Consumer Protection							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					
02-DigL14-222-m01	Labor Law and Digitalization							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		V (2) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		a) written examination (90 minutes) or b) oral examination (approx. 15 minutes) Language of assessment: English					

Thesis (30 ECTS credits)								
02-DigL-A-1-222-m01	Master's Thesis							
	ECTS	25	Duration		Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		No courses assigned to module Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		Master's thesis (approx. 50 pages)					
	Additional Information		Time to complete: 6 months					
02-DigL-A-2-222-m01	Oral Examination							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses		K (o) Module taught in: English					
	Method of assessment		Oral examination (45 minutes)					