

Programme Regulations 2008
of the Master's degree programme in
Electrical Engineering und Information Technology

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The ETH Zurich Executive Board,

Pursuant to Art. 4, Para. 1, Lit. a of the ETH Zurich Organisational Ordinance
(*Organisationsverordnung ETH Zürich*) of 16 December 2003 (RSETHZ 201.021),
decrees:

Chapter 1: General regulations

Part 1: General

Art. 1 Subject and scope, Appendix

¹ These Programme Regulations set out the requirements according to which the Master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology may be acquired at the department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering (D-ITET).

² The Appendix is a part of these Programme Regulations. Any changes to the Appendix are subject to the approval of the Rector, on the request of or in consultation with D-ITET.

Art. 2 Academic title

¹ Graduates of the ETH Zurich Master's degree programme in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (degree programme) are awarded the academic title

(*in German*) Master of Science ETH in Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnologie
(abbreviation: MSc ETH ETIT)

² The English form of this title is

Master of Science ETH in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
(abbreviation: MSc ETH EEIT)

³ This title may also be used in the abbreviated form 'MSc ETH'.

Art. 3 Legal basis

These Programme Regulations are based upon the stipulations set out in the following legal documents:

- a. Ordinance on Course Units and Performance Assessments at ETH Zurich of 22 May 2012⁽²⁾ (*Leistungskontrollenverordnung ETH Zürich*)
- b. Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich of 30 November 2010⁽³⁾ (*Zulassungsverordnung ETH Zürich*)

Art. 4 Course Catalogue

¹ D-ITET lists the course units of the degree programme for each semester in the Course Catalogue. This list is binding.

² Details regarding entries in the Course Catalogue are set out in Art. 4 of the General Ordinance on Performance Assessments at ETH Zurich⁽⁴⁾ and in the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽⁵⁾ of the Rector.

Part 2: Credit system

Art. 5 Policy

¹ The degree programme follows a credit system which is aligned with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

² ETH Zurich deploys the ECTS in accordance with the Credit System Guidelines of the Rector (*Richtlinien zum Kreditsystem*).⁽⁶⁾

³ No credits are allocated to an industrial internship.

Art. 6 Credits, basis for calculation

¹ Credits describe the average time expenditure required for a student to earn a study achievement.

² One credit corresponds to a workload of 30 hours. The workload includes all course-related activities required to obtain credits.

³ The curriculum is designed in such a way that full-time students can acquire an average of 30 credits per semester.

² RSETHZ 322.021en (*in English*), SR 414.135.1 (*in German*)

³ (*only in German*) SR 414.131.52, RSETHZ 310.5

⁴ RSETHZ 322.021en (*in English*), SR 414.135.1 (*in German*)

⁵ See www.directives.ethz.ch

⁶ See www.weisungen.ethz.ch (*only in German*)

Art. 7 Allocation of credits

¹ D-ITET allocates a certain number of credits to each of the course units it offers.

² If an ETH Zurich course unit is found on the curriculum of more than one ETH Zurich degree programme, the department offering the course unit assigns it a standard number of credits in consultation with those integrating it into a programme. The Rector settles any disagreements.

³ If a course unit is offered by another university that university is responsible for allocating it a certain number of credits.

Art. 8 Issuing of credits

¹ Credits are issued for satisfactory performance. Performance is considered satisfactory if it has been awarded a grade of at least a 4, or a “pass”.

² No credits are issued for unsatisfactory performance.

³ The full number of credits are always issued if the prerequisites of Para. 1 have been satisfied. Partial issue of credits is not permitted.

⁴ The number of credits issued is that number published in the Course Catalogue valid at the time the respective performance assessment was undertaken.

Art. 9 Recording, checking, registration

D-ITET records, checks and registers the credits acquired.

Chapter 2: Content, structure and scope of the Master's degree programme

Part 1: Content, structure and tutoring system

Art. 10 Programme content

¹ This degree programme is a systematic, methodological engineering course with a scientific base. It covers both the scientific fundamentals of mathematics and the natural sciences, and the specifications of the subject. Students may select one of four areas of specialisation which deepen this knowledge to a top international research standard. Specialist training is augmented by general education electives from the humanities, social and political sciences. Here the course of study provides not only technical and scientific training, but trains its students to put what they have learned into practice in industry and elsewhere.

² Every component of the degree programme is supervised and coordinated by a professor, designated as a “tutor”. For further details of the tutoring system see Art. 14.

Art. 11⁽⁷⁾ Scope, duration, limits on duration of studies

¹ As stipulated in Art. 33, 90 credits are required to obtain a Master's degree.

² The normal duration of the degree programme is one and a half years.

³ The maximum permitted duration of studies is three years. The Rector may extend this if cogent grounds are provided in a request submitted by the respective deadline. A change of tutor does not entitle the student to an extension of the permitted duration of studies.

^{3bis} If a student undertakes an internship in industry during the Master's degree programme the student is entitled to an extension of the permitted duration of studies of at most one semester. This extension is not automatic, but is always subject to a request submitted by the respective deadline.

⁴ If admission to the degree programme is granted subject to the acquisition of additional credits (*admission with additional requirements*) the maximum permitted duration of studies may be extended by one semester for required extra credits in the range of 21 – 30 and by two semesters for required extra credits in the range of 31 – 60. For fewer than 21 required extra credits no extension is granted.

⁷ Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

Art. 12 Language of instruction

Course units and the corresponding performance assessments are normally conducted in English. The language of instruction is subject to the pertaining Rector's directives⁸.

Art. 13 Admission to course units

Special admission prerequisites may apply to the attendance of a particular course unit. These are determined by that ETH Zurich department or that university which offers the course unit.

Art. 14 Tutoring system, individual curriculum

¹ The Master's degree programme in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology is tutor-led. Tutors are exclusively full, associate or assistant professors from D-ITET.

² When Master's degree studies begin, every student selects a tutor with whose help a list of major courses to be taken is drawn up (individual curriculum); the list is binding. This curriculum should guarantee solid specialist training and also take into account the talents and expectations of the respective student. Tutors remain available to students for guidance throughout the Master's degree programme.

³ The Master's degree programme may never be undertaken without a tutor. If a student fails to find a tutor the Director of Studies⁹ will assign one. The assignment will reflect the interests of the student as far as possible.

⁴ D-ITET determines the deadlines and the further modalities of drawing up or adjusting the individual curriculum.

⁵ If students wish to change tutors they must submit a request, with reasons, to the Director of Studies. The latter may refuse a request if cogent grounds are provided. Changes of tutor are also subject to the following stipulations:

- a. Changes are normally only possible at the beginning of a semester.
- b. A change does not entitle the student to an extension of the permitted duration of studies.
- c. If there is disagreement between the Director of Studies and the student the Rector has the final say.

⁸ See www.directives.ethz.ch

⁹ Note: The German term for Director of Studies, "Studiendelegierte/r", was officially changed to "Studiendirektor/in" on 01.08.2015 (see Art. 45, Para. 1 (f) of the ETH Zurich Organisational Ordinance. The English term remains "Director of Studies".

Art. 15 Study Guide

D-ITET compiles a Study Guide to the degree programme which includes an overview of degree programme procedures and recommendations thereto.

Art. 16 Student exchange (outgoing students)

¹ During the degree programme credits may be acquired at other universities (mobility credits). Of these a maximum of 30 may be counted towards the Master's degree. The stipulations of Para. 6 still apply.

² If admission to the degree programme is subject to the acquisition of additional credits (admission with additional requirements) an exchange stay is only possible after all additional requirements have been fulfilled. Mobility credits may not be counted towards fulfilment of additional requirements.

³ Credits from course units of other universities do not qualify as mobility credits if these course units belong to the degree programme curriculum.

⁴ Students intending to undertake an exchange stay must draw up a written study plan in advance in consultation with the tutor and the departmental exchange coordinator. It should list the credits to be obtained at the host university. This study plan requires the approval of the Director of Studies.

⁵ The Director of Studies makes the final decision on recognition of mobility credits. Treatment of transcripts of records is governed by Art. 16 of the Ordinance on Performance Assessments at ETH Zurich⁽¹⁰⁾ and the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽¹¹⁾ of the Rector.

⁶ Students who did not complete their preceding (Bachelor's) degree studies at ETH Zurich are also subject to the following stipulations:

- a. Mobility credits in the categories "major courses" and "compulsory GESS electives" (Art. 19 Para. 1 and 3) may not be transferred.
- b. The Master's thesis or one of the two semester projects may be undertaken at another university and recognised towards the Master's degree, provided that the written agreement of the Director of Studies has been obtained in advance.

Art. 17

Rescinded

¹⁰ RSETHZ 322.021en (*in English*), SR 414.135.1 (*in German*)

¹¹ See www.directives.ethz.ch

Part 2: Grouping by category

Art. 18 Grouping by category

¹ Performance achievements in the following categories are required to obtain the Master's degree. The minimum number of credits required in each category is set out in Art. 33 Para. 2.

- a. Major courses
- b. Semester projects
- c. Compulsory electives in humanities, social and political sciences
- d. ¹²⁾ Industrial internship (*voluntary*)
- e. Master's thesis

² D-ITET assigns course units to the categories in Para. 1 and publishes them in the Course Catalogue.

Art. 19 Overview of categories

¹ **Major courses:**

Major courses deepen knowledge in the selected area of specialisation and form the basis of the Master's degree programme. Together with the student the tutor draws up the individual curriculum in which the major courses are listed; this list is binding. A list of recommended major courses is published in the Course Catalogue for every area of specialisation. Details regarding performance assessments are provided in Art. 29.

² **Semester projects:**

Semester projects, which involve solving a technical or scientific problem independently, provide students with their first experiences of applying their acquired subject and social competences. Further details, also regarding performance assessments, are provided in Art. 30.

³ **Compulsory electives in humanities, social and political sciences**

Students are required to select general course units from the offering of electives in humanities, social and political sciences (compulsory GESS electives). Further details are provided in the directives regarding compulsory GESS electives⁽¹³⁾ and in Art. 29 of these Programme Regulations.

¹² Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

¹³ See www.directives.ethz.ch

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Industrial Internship:

Students are urged to complete an internship in industry. This internship is voluntary and is not required for the Master's degree. The goal of an internship is to familiarise students with the future work environment. It offers them the opportunity to become involved in current projects of the respective institution. For further details see Art. 31.

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Master's thesis

The Master's thesis generally concludes the degree programme. With the Master's thesis students demonstrate their ability to conduct independent, scientifically structured work. Further details are given in Art. 32.

Chapter 3: Admission to the Master's degree programme

Art. 20 Prerequisites for admission

¹ The prerequisites for admission to the degree programme are either

- a. A university Bachelor's degree comprising at least 180 ECTS credits or an equivalent university degree in Electrical Engineering or in another qualifying discipline
- b. A Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from a Swiss university of applied sciences comprising at least 180 ECTS credits

² Details of the academic and language admissions prerequisites (profile of requirements) are given in the Appendix.

Art. 21 Registration/application, admissions procedure and entry to the Master's degree programme

¹ Students matriculated at ETH Zurich in the Bachelor's degree programme in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology may enrol directly in the Master's degree programme in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology.

² All other candidates should apply to the ETH Zurich Rectorate for admission to the degree programme.

³ The degree programme admissions committee investigates candidates' academic backgrounds and suitability for the Master's degree programme and submits a recommendation for admission/rejection to the Director of Studies.

¹⁴ Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

⁴ The Rector decides whether to admit/reject the candidate on the basis of the request of the Director of Studies.

⁵ The Rector may, depending on the candidate's qualifications and previous knowledge, make admission conditional upon the acquisition of additional knowledge and competences by a certain deadline during the Master's degree programme (admission with additional requirements).

⁶ Details regarding application/registration, the admission procedure and entry to the Master's degree programme are determined by the Rector. They are set out in the Appendix.

Chapter 4: Performance assessments

Part 1: General regulations

Art. 22 Types of performance assessment, performance evaluation

¹ The degree programme mainly deploys the following forms of performance assessment:

- a. Written and oral examinations
- b. Written reports and reports on project findings

² Performance in examinations is graded. Performance in other forms of performance assessment is either graded or evaluated on a pass/fail basis.

Art. 23 Admission to performance assessments

Admission to performance assessments may be subject to conditions. These are specified by the department of ETH Zurich or the university offering the respective course unit.

Art. 24 Registering/deregistering for performance assessments

¹ The following stipulations apply to registration/deregistration for performance assessments at ETH Zurich:

- a. If the performance assessments in question are session examinations or end-of-semester examinations, registration and deregistration are governed by the stipulations of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Performance Assessments⁽¹⁵⁾ and the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽¹⁶⁾ of the Rector.

¹⁵ RSETHZ 322.021en (*in English*), SR 414.135.1 (*in German*)

¹⁶ See www.directives.ethz.ch

- b. If the performance assessments fall into another category, registration and de-registration are handled directly by the respective lecturer.

² If the performance assessments concerned are those of another university, registration and deregistration are subject to the rules of that university.

Art. 24 Absence, interruption, abandonment, late submission or non-submission

The following stipulations apply to absence from, interruption or abandonment of, and late submission or non-submission of performance assessments:

- a. For ETH Zurich performance assessments the stipulations of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Performance Assessments⁽¹⁷⁾ and the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽¹⁸⁾ of the Rector apply.
- b. For performance assessments of other universities the rules of the respective university apply.

Art. 26

Rescinded

Art. 27 Issuing of results, disagreements

¹ Students may view all of their performance results via the internet in the respective ETH Zurich application. They are informed by email when their examination results become viewable.

² Every communication outlines the procedure in cases of disagreement about newly documented results.

Art. 28 Unethical behaviour

The sanctions for unethical behaviour in the context of performance assessments are governed by the Disciplinary Code of ETH Zurich (*Disziplinarordnung ETH Zürich*) of 2 November 2004.⁽¹⁹⁾

¹⁷ RSETHZ 322.021en (*in English*), SR 414.135.1 (*in German*)

¹⁸ See www.directives.ethz.ch

¹⁹ RSETHZ 361.1eng (*in English*), SR 414.138.1 (*in German*)

Part 2: Performance assessments of the Master's degree programme

Art. 29 Major courses, compulsory GESS electives

¹ Every course unit in the categories “major courses” and “compulsory GESS electives” is subject to a performance assessment.

² The respective mode of each performance assessment is listed in the Course Catalogue if the course unit is offered by ETH Zurich.

³ If a course unit is offered by another university that university determines the performance assessment mode of that course unit.

⁴ A performance assessment is passed if it is awarded a grade of at least a 4 or a “pass”.

⁵ A failed performance assessment may be repeated once unless the ETH Zurich department or the university offering the respective course unit stipulates otherwise.

⁶ The following special provisions also apply to the major courses category:

- a. The major courses to be attended are listed in the individual curriculum. This list is binding.
- b. If a student twice fails the performance assessment of a major course and therefore cannot obtain the associated credits, the student must make an adjustment to the curriculum. This adjustment requires the approval of the tutor.

Art. 30 Semester projects

¹ To acquire the Master's degree two semester projects undertaken in different disciplinary groups must be completed. A maximum of four attempts, including any repetitions, are possible.

² Semester projects are supervised and assessed by one or more professors and sometimes further persons. At least one professor must belong to D-ITET.

³ The maximum permitted duration of a semester project is seven weeks if full-time application is possible. If a semester project is undertaken during the semester parallel to lectures, half of the time available (full-time studies) should be deployed for the project, raising the maximum permitted duration to 14 weeks.

⁴ The responsible project supervisor defines, in writing, the project task, determines the deadlines for project start and submission, and sets out the criteria for project assessment.

⁵ Semester projects conclude with the submission of results, a written final report and a presentation. Semester projects are graded.

⁶ If a semester project is conducted in a group the performance of each group member is graded individually.

⁷ A semester project is passed if it is awarded a grade of at least a 4.

⁸ A failed semester project may only be repeated once. If it is repeated, a new theme must be addressed.

Art. 31⁽²⁰⁾ Industrial internship

¹ An industrial internship is voluntary and is not required for the Master's degree.

² The industrial internship is listed in the academic record at the request of the student if all of the following conditions have been met:

- a. The internship lasts at least 12 weeks and is generally completed in an industrial enterprise (in Switzerland or abroad). In exceptional cases the internship may be conducted in a university research laboratory.
- b. The internship must be completed during the course of ETH studies, but before the Master's degree project begins.
- c. The internship may not have been recognised towards any other degree programme.
- d. The internship must be verified by a written confirmation from the company or institution where it was completed (confirmation of internship).
- e. The confirmation of internship should be submitted to the Director of Studies as early as possible and at the latest with the degree request. The Director of Studies decides whether the internship will be recognised ("passed"). Only recognised internships can be listed in the academic record.

³ No credits are allocated to an internship in industry.

⁴ *Rescinded*

⁵ *Rescinded*

²⁰ Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

Art. 32 Master's thesis

- ¹ A student is only permitted to commence the Master's thesis if
- a. the Bachelor's degree programme has been completed
 - b. any additional requirements for admission to the degree programme have been fulfilled
 - c. ²¹⁾ both semester projects have been completed (16 credits, see Art. 30)
- ² The Master's thesis project is supervised by one or more professors and sometimes further persons. At least one professor must belong to D-ITET.
- ³ The maximum permitted duration of the Master's thesis project is six months. The Director of Studies may extend this by up to three months if cogent grounds are provided.
- ⁴ The Master's thesis project is normally conducted in the area of the selected specialisation and must be scientific and if possible innovative in character. In writing, the responsible project supervisor defines the task, determines the deadlines for project start and thesis submission, and sets out the assessment criteria.
- ⁵ The Master's thesis project concludes with submission of the results, a written final report and a presentation. Performance is graded.
- ⁶ If the Master's thesis project is conducted in a group the performance of each group member is graded individually.
- ⁷ The Master's thesis is passed if it is awarded a grade of at least a 4.
- ⁸ A failed Master's thesis project may only be repeated once. If it is repeated, a new theme must be addressed. The repetition may be conducted with a new supervisor.

²¹ Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

Chapter 5: Issuing of the Master's degree

Part 1: Credits by category and degree request

Art. 33⁽²²⁾ Credits by category

¹ *Rescinded*

² The 90 credits required for the Master's degree must be acquired in the following categories in at least the numbers given. Further details are set out in Para. 2^{bis} – 5.

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| a. Major courses | 42 credits |
| b. Semester projects | 16 credits |
| c. Compulsory GESS electives | 2 credits |
| d. Industrial internship (<i>voluntary</i>) | -- |
| e. Master's thesis | 30 credits |

^{2bis} An industrial internship is voluntary and is not required for the Master's degree.

³ The credits acquired by completing a course unit may not be split or counted more than once.

⁴ At least 60 of the required 90 credits must be acquired at ETH Zurich. The limiting provisions of Art. 16 apply (Student exchange).

⁵ The transfer of credits from a previous course of studies is in principle not possible, with the following exception:

- a. Credits acquired at ETH Zurich may be transferred if said credits have not already been recognised towards a degree. Credit transfer is only possible in the categories "major courses" and "compulsory GESS electives".
- b. *Rescinded*

²² Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

Art. 34⁽²³⁾ Degree request

¹ When they have fulfilled the requirements set out in Art. 33, students may request the issue of the Master's degree. The request must be made within three years of starting the Master's degree programme. If a request providing cogent grounds is submitted by the designated deadline the Rector may extend the deadline for the degree request.

² The request should contain all the performance achievements with pass grades in the categories listed in Art. 33, Para. 2 which are to be listed in the academic record. In each category the sum of the minimum number of credits set out in Art. 33, Para. 2 must be acquired.

^{2bis} For an internship in industry to be listed in the academic record a confirmation of internship must be enclosed with the degree request (see Art. 31).

³ A maximum of 100 credits are recognised towards the Master's degree.

Part 2: Academic record, degree certificate and Diploma Supplement

Art. 35 Documents

Students who complete the degree programme receive three documents: an academic record, a degree certificate and a Diploma Supplement.

Art. 36 Academic record

¹ The academic record serves as verification of the completed Master's degree.

² The academic record contains:

- a. The study achievements listed in the degree request according to Art. 34, Para. 2 (required achievements), including grades and other performance evaluation indicators.
- b. The final grade, calculated as the weighted average of all the grades listed in the degree request with the corresponding credits as the weighting factor.

³ A separate sheet of the academic record lists:

- a. Any additional admission requirements

²³ Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

- b. All further study achievements according to the corresponding implementation stipulations⁽²⁴⁾ of the Rector

⁴ D-ITET records, checks and registers the grades and other performance evaluation indicators and issues the academic record.

Art. 37 Degree certificate and Diploma Supplement

¹ Details regarding the degree certificate are set out in Art. 28 of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Performance Assessments.⁽²⁵⁾

² The Diploma Supplement comprises a standardised explanation of the degree.

Chapter 6: Final clauses

Art. 38 Definitive failure, exclusion from the degree programme

¹ The degree programme is regarded as definitively failed if either of the following applies:

- a. ⁽²⁶⁾ The conditions for obtaining the Master's degree (acquisition of the required number of credits for the Master's degree according to the stipulations of Art. 33 or any other conditions) can no longer be satisfied due to failure of performance assessments or failure to respect programme deadlines.⁽²⁷⁾
- b. In cases of admission with additional requirements said additional requirements have not been fulfilled due to failure of performance assessments or failure to respect the deadlines set for them.

² Definitive failure results in exclusion from the degree programme.

Art. 39 Transcript of records for non-graduating students (exclusion from or abandonment of studies)

Students who are excluded from the degree programme or withdraw from it before obtaining the Master's degree receive a transcript of records which lists all the study achievements generated and evaluated before exclusion or withdrawal.

²⁴ See www.directives.ethz.ch

²⁵ RSETHZ 322.021en (*in English*), SR 414.135.1 (*in German*)

²⁶ Version incorporating the Executive Board decision of 30.08.2011, in force since 01.09.2011. Applies to all students entering the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2011 onwards. Students who entered the degree programme before Autumn Semester 2011 are subject to the previous stipulations.

²⁷ Programme deadlines are the deadline for undertaking a performance assessment, individual assigned deadlines and the maximum permitted duration of studies.

Art. 40 Special cases

The Director of Studies settles cases which are not addressed or insufficiently addressed by these Programme Regulations and their Appendix, or other relevant ordinances and directives.

Art. 41 Entry into effect

¹ These Programme Regulations enter into effect at the beginning of Autumn Semester 2008.

² They apply to the following categories of students:

- a. Students who entered (or re-entered) the degree programme from Autumn Semester 2008 onwards.
- b. Students who entered the degree programme before 2008 and are permitted to complete the Master's degree on request according to the provisions of these 2008 Programme Regulations (change of pertaining Programme Regulations required); the Director of Studies evaluates and makes the final decision regarding the respective request and recognition or non-recognition of completed study achievements.

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