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- \* No. 1021 of 20 November 2000 concerning examination at certain post-secondary educations under the Danish Ministry of Education and later corrections.

The Board of Economics Studies may make an exception to its own rules of the curriculum.

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## Ministerial Regulations

### 1. Terms of admission

The admission requirement for the MSc in Economics programme (Cand.oecon.) is the three-year Bachelor of Science in Economics or a completed first part of the MSc in Economics.

In the curriculum for the Master Programme the institution lays down which other Bachelor Degree Programmes that qualify students to be enrolled in the Master Programme and which admission requirements with regard to courses and level the students must fulfil on the individual Bachelor Degree Programme to be qualified for enrolment on the Master Programme.

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<p><b>2. Duration, title and content of the study programme</b></p> <p><b>2.1 Duration of the study programme</b> The duration of the MSc in Economics is two year's workload (120 ECTS). One year's workload represents the work of a student for one year (60 ECTS).</p> <p><b>2.2 Title of the study programme</b> The graduate who has completed the MSc in Economics is entitled to use the title candidatus/candidata oeconomics (Cand.oecon.). In English Master of Science.</p> <p><b>2.3 Content of the study programme</b> The Master Programme is a well-balanced study programme which consists of studies within the economic subject area with possibility of studies within non-economic subject areas considering the level and the whole study programme.</p> <p>The Master Programme includes a thesis being a larger written dissertation within the economic subject area. In the curriculum specific rules of composition are laid down. The thesis subject must be delimited so the entire work of the thesis can be finished within a scale of 30 ECTS. In the curriculum specific regulations hereof are laid down. The institution must approve the thesis subject. The institution determine coincide with the approval a deadline for handing in the thesis.</p> <p>The institution may decide that the students should be in a position to replace some of the elements of the Mater Programme with a trainee period. In the curriculum prospective rules are laid down.</p> <p><b>2.4 Credit transfer</b> Completed educational elements at an institution offering the study programme according to this Ministerial Order equate the corresponding educational elements at other institutions offering the study programme.</p> <p>Completed educational elements from a Danish or foreign post-secondary institution may replace educational elements comprised in this curriculum. Decision is made on basis of a academic evaluation of the equivalence of the educational parts concerned. By approval the educational element is considered completed if passed according to the rules of the study programme concerned.</p>			

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<p><b>3. Examinations and requirements for passing</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Assessment</b> At least 1/3 of the study programme must be evaluated by an external examiner and graded according to the Danish 13-point grading scale. No more than 1/3 of the study programme may be evaluated as “passed/not passed”.</p> <p><b>3.2 Examination</b> The rules in the Ministerial Order about examination at some advanced study programmes under the Ministry of Education apply for examination (examination regulations).  An examination are considered passed when the student earns the evaluation “passed” or the grade of at least 6. Every examination must be passed separately.</p> <p><b>3.3 Reexamination</b> Reexamination is not allowed for students who earn a grade of at least 6. Reexamination is not allowed for students who earn a “Passed”.</p> <p><b>3.4 Number of examination attempts</b> The student may only attempt an examination in the same course three times. Under exceptional circumstances, the University may allow the student to attempt an examination four or five times.</p>			

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## Supplementary Regulations

### 4. Supplementary terms of admission

#### 4.1 Other diplomas of post-secondary education

Applicants who are not in possession of the relevant admission requirements but who, on the basis of other diplomas of post-secondary education, are considered to be qualified for carrying out the study programme, may send an admission application to the Board of Economics Studies. However, the permission given may stipulate that one or more supplementary courses be passed.

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<p><b>5. Content and weight (ECTS)</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Content</b></p> <p>The Master of Science in Economics at Southern University can be completed without area of specialization or with specialization in European Studies (an English, International Programme).</p> <p>Each semester, a number of core courses and advanced courses are offered in the Master's programme. Please consult the descriptions of graduate courses for further information about combination possibilities in the various areas.</p> <p><b>5.2 Without area of specialization</b></p> <p>To complete the Master's programme in Economics the following requirements must be met</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 80 ECTS in the graduate courses offered, among these as a minimum 30 ECTS core courses</li> <li>* 10 ECTS on the seminar</li> <li>* 30 ECTS on the Master's thesis</li> </ul> <p>Furthermore, the following regulations apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• optional courses, corresponding to 30 ECTS as a maximum can be replaced by a trainee period (see section 8)</li> <li>• that all courses are preliminary approved as optional courses on the day studies at the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Southern Denmark, unless it appears from the curriculum that the cand.oecon. students cannot choose the courses.</li> </ul> <p>In those cases where the student does not make use of an English-language course as part of an English-language education and where the instructor is Danish-speaking, the ordinary exams can be held in Danish, yet the question papers will be in English. At registration for exams the student has to inform whether he wants the exam held in Danish or English in the courses concerned.</p>			

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<p><b>5.3 With specialization in European Studies</b></p> <p>To complete the Master's Programme with specialization in European studies the following requirements must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 80 ECTS in the graduate courses offered, among these as a minimum 30 ECTS core courses in English. Among the core courses one course will be obligatory.</li> <li>* 10 ECTS on the seminar in English.</li> <li>* 30 ECTS on the Master's thesis in English.</li> </ul> <p>Furthermore, the following regulations apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* optional courses, corresponding to 30 ECTS as a maximum can be replaced by a trainee period (see section 8)</li> <li>* that advanced courses are only to be chosen among the courses approved for the European Studies. It is a condition that the teacher responsible for the area of study in writing has approved the alternative course(s) in case other advanced courses are wanted.</li> </ul> <p>In those cases where a student will not make use of an English-language course as a part of an English-language education and where the instructor is Danish-speaking, ordinary exams can be held in Danish, yet the question papers will be in English. At registration for exams the student has to inform whether he wants the exam held in Danish or English in the courses concerned.</p> <p><b>5.4 Weight</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;"><i>10 ECTS</i></td> <td>will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 1.0</i>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>5 ECTS</i></td> <td>will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 0.5</i>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Seminar</i></td> <td>will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 1.0</i>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Master's thesis</i></td> <td>will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 3.0</i>.</td> </tr> </table>				<i>10 ECTS</i>	will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 1.0</i> .	<i>5 ECTS</i>	will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 0.5</i> .	<i>Seminar</i>	will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 1.0</i> .	<i>Master's thesis</i>	will be calculated in the examination average with the <i>weight 3.0</i> .
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<b>6. Standard curriculum</b>				
ECTS distributed among semesters				
	1st Sem.	2nd. Sem.	3rd Sem.	4th Sem.
Core courses	20 ECTS	10 ECTS		
Core- and/or elective courses	10 ECTS	20 ECTS	20 ECTS	
Seminar			10 ECTS	
Master's Thesis				30 ECTS

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<p><b>7. Other regulations</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Course descriptions and methods of evaluation</b> Course descriptions and methods of evaluation will be published in a the descriptions of the graduate courses, which forms part of the curriculum. Examinations in a course will normally be held three times unless the course is offered again.</p> <p>The prerequisites in the course descriptions are recommended but not claimed.</p> <p>Only courses which can be used in the Master's degree may be followed.</p> <p><b>7.2 Syllabus descriptions</b> Syllabus descriptions are published in the internet in May and December at the latest. Students will be examined in the latest syllabus.</p> <p><b>7.3 Examination</b></p> <p>Ordinary examination As a rule, the ordinary examinations are held in January and June.</p> <p>Reexamination Reexamination in the same examination period is not held in the MSc in Economics programme.</p> <p>Make-up examination Documentation for the examinee's illness must be provided and must be sent to the Board of Economics Studies along with an application for make-up examination.</p> <p>Registration for examinations Registration for examination takes place during the periods of: 20-30 October for the winter examinations, 20-30 March for the summer examinations. Redrawing must be handed in no later than one week before the examination.</p> <p>"All study material allowed" If all study material is allowed for the examination it means "books, notes, papers, pocket calculator and semilar". Computers, printers, telephones or other material that kan communicate inside and outside the room and which may be disturbing can not be used unless it is precisely announced in the course description.</p>			

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<p><b>7.4 Credit transfer</b> The rules mentioned in section 3.1 about Passed/not passed is not in force, if the institution has accepted a trainee period and/or credit transfer from another educational institution.</p> <p>Every credit transfer must be approved by the Board of Economics Studies.</p> <p><b>7.5 Complaints</b> Complaints about an examination or the assessment must be brought before the Dean no later than two weeks after the examination result has been notified. The reason for the complaint must be stated in writing.</p>			

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<p><b>8. Trainee period</b></p> <p>A maximum of 30 ECTS (only under special circumstances) can be performed during a trainee period. The purpose of the trainee period is to integrate practical, economic, political and administrative problematics in the study programme. The trainee period consists of four months of work relevant for the study in the private/public sector or interest groups. Major parts of the work must include well-defined tasks.</p> <p>In connection with the trainee period a written report describing and analysing the content of the trainee period must be prepared. The size of the report must be approximately 30 pages.</p> <p>The trainee period must be approved in advance by a teacher who agrees to evaluate the report and the teacher responsible for the area of study concerned before starting the work. (A special form for approval in advance is available on request at the DUS-secretariat). A written agreement with the place of work must be entered. The agreement must include a description of the tasks and a name of a person to contact at the place of work.</p> <p>At the end of the trainee period an application for final approval of the trainee period must be handed in to the Board of Economics Studies along with the report.</p> <p>The report will be evaluated internally with the assessment "Passed/not passed".</p> <p><b>9. Study groups</b></p> <p>A study group consists of a smaller number of students who in cooperation with a teacher organize a course of instruction / study which in extent and level corresponds a courses at the Master Programme.</p> <p>Study groups can be formed on the initiative of a group of students or on the initiative of the Department of Economics. 4 students are required for forming a study group. The students agree on topics and syllabus with a teacher and apply the Academic Study Board for permission to establish the study group. The application must contain the signature of the teacher and the names of the students. The Academic Study Board can consider such applications at any time of the year. Study groups can be completed and ended irrespective of the academic calendar. Study groups can only be ended in the form of essays. Registration for exam is not needed.</p>			

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<p>On the economic study no more than 4 study groups can be formed per calendar year. The study groups are to be kept within the entire resource frameworks, determined by the Dean.</p> <p><b>10. Seminar</b></p> <p><b>10.1 Topic area</b> As a part of the Master Programme, the student must write a seminar report within the subject area of social science. If the student intends to obtain a Master's degree within European Studies the topic area must relate hereto. The seminar must be written in English.</p> <p>In reexamination a new assignment must be written. The new assignment may be prepared within the same topic area as the previous assignment.</p> <p><b>10.2 Elaboration and group work</b> The size of the assignment must not exceed 30 pages. Students may choose to write the seminar report individually or in groups of maximum four students, which means that the number of pages will be increased by a maximum of 20 pages per student. For detailed information please refer to the Danish brochure "Grundlæggende råd, vejledning og krav til opgaveskrivning ved Samfundsvidenskab" (available through the University Bookshop). Each student must be responsible for a separate part of the seminar, since each part will be evaluated individually.</p> <p><b>10.3 Assessment</b> The seminar report must be handed in at the DUS-secretariat for assessment.</p> <p>The seminar report will be evaluated externally and the Danish 13-point grading scale will be used.</p>			

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<p><b>11. Master's thesis</b></p> <p><b>11.1 Topic area</b> As a part of the Master Programme, the student must write a thesis within the subject area of social science. If the student intends to obtain a Master's degree within European Studies the topic area must relate hereto and the thesis must be written in English. Thesis topic areas are approved by supervisor and teacher responsible for the area of study in connection with entering supervisor agreement. In the supervisor agreement supervisor states deadline for handing in. Normally the deadline is 1 year from the start of the writing of the thesis. In reexamination a new topic area must be chosen. In accordance with the above procedure the new topic area is agreed.</p> <p><b>11.2 Elaboration and group work</b> The Master's thesis written in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish must be accompanied by a summary in English or another principal language according to arrangement with the supervisor/supervisors. The contents of the summary will form part of the evaluation of the Master's thesis. The summary must not exceed two pages. Students may choose to write the Master's thesis individually or in groups of four students as a maximum. Each student must be responsible for a separate part of the thesis, since each part will be evaluated individually. For further information please refer to the Danish brochure "Grundlæggende råd, vejledning og krav til opgaveskrivning ved Samfundsvidenskab" (available through the University Bookshop). The thesis must not exceed 100 pages including notes and reading list. If the thesis is prepared in groups the number of pages will be increased (200, 300, 400).</p> <p><b>11.3 Registration</b> Having chosen a topic for the Master's thesis, a supervisor agreement must be filled in and handed in to the DUS-secretariat. The agreement must include information about the topic of the Master's thesis and a deadline for handing in the project description. The agreement must be signed by the students and the supervisor(s).</p>			

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<p><b>11.4 Evaluation of the Master's thesis</b></p> <p>The student(s) must hand in the Master's thesis in four copies at the DUS-secretariat (four copies, if it may be issued by the University Library). When handing in the thesis the students must inform the DUS-secretariat if they are prevented from participating in the oral defence within the next three months.</p> <p>During the evaluation of the thesis the student presents the Master's thesis. On the basis of this, the teacher and examiner will examine the student within the field of the Master's thesis.</p> <p>Duration of the evaluation of the thesis (oral defence) is approximately one to two hours. If the Master's thesis is prepared by a group the duration of the evaluation of the thesis will be longer, since the students will be examined individually. The oral defence is opened by the student giving a speech of 10 to 20 minutes, focusing on problems during the preparation of the Master's thesis, etc. A summary of the assignment is not advisable. The purpose of the subsequent discussion is to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* clarify disputed points concerning details of the Master's thesis,</li> <li>* undertake a thorough test of the student's knowledge within the topic of the Master's thesis.</li> </ul> <p>Time and place for the evaluation of the thesis will be announced on the notice board no later than seven days before the evaluation takes place.</p> <p>By the evaluation of the Master's thesis the linguistic presentation might under certain extreme circumstances have an effect on the evaluation. In case of relevant and documented functional disabilities an exemption to this rule can be made.</p> <p>The evaluation of a thesis is open to the public unless special arrangements have been made. Evaluation of a thesis takes place at Odense University.</p> <p>The Master's Thesis is evaluated eksternal with grades after the 13-grade scale. The Thesis must be passed with at least the grade 6.</p>			

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<b>12. Interim rules</b>  Students who transfer to the cand.oecon degree programme year 2001 and earlier continue the degree programme according to the previous curriculum. Tests according to previous curriculums will be effected for the last time in June 2004.  Students who transfer to the cand.oecon. degree programme year 2002 will be transferred to the curriculum present.			