

Examination Regulations for the MA Psychology Study Course

The Academic Senate of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin (IPU) determined and agreed these examination regulations for the advanced studies MA Psychology study course on 13.06.2013.

Section 1 Scope

These regulations regulate the requirements and processes for the provision of the achievements in the MA Psychology study course in accordance with the specifications in the framework study and examination regulations at the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin (IPU).

Section 2 Standard Period of Studies

The standard period of studies amounts to 4 semesters. In the event that the MA Psychology study course is studied on a part-time basis – to the extent that this option is provided – the standard period of studies is then prolonged to 8 semesters.

Section 3 Examination Committee

The Academic Senate of the IPU appoints an Examination Committee, which is responsible for conducting the examinations. Its composition and its tasks are defined in the framework study and examination regulations of the IPU.

Section 4 Extent of Examination and Study Achievements

- (1) In the MA Psychology study course, study and examination achievements accounting for 120 ECTS credits have to be gained, of which
1. 80 ECTS credits are for the core subject of psychology, of which 15 are for the professional work placement
 2. 5 ECTS credits for the compulsory elective subject
 3. 25 ECTS credits for the Master thesis
- (2) The examinations during the study course are to occur within modules. Details about the modules, the obligation to regularly attend the various intended lectures, as well as the ECTS credits allocated to the modules are provided in the respective study course study regulations. The study regulations regulate the conditions for the compulsory elective subject, while the separate work placement regulations regulate the conditions for the professional work placement.

Section 5 Master Thesis

- (1) A period of 6 months is allocated for writing the Master thesis, with 12 months available for this in the part-time study course.
- (2) The intention is for the Master thesis to demonstrate that the student is capable of independently processing an issue from a field of psychology with the scientific methods in the subject area within the predefined timeframe, reaching scientifically reasoned assertions and presenting the results in an appropriate manner.
- (3) A written declaration is to be enclosed with the Master thesis, which states that the thesis was written independently by the student and that no means other than the aids and resources detailed were used.
- (4) The Master thesis is assessed by two examination appraisers authorised to do so.

Section 6 Conclusion of Studies

- (1) The conclusion of the studies is reached when the ECTS credits as required in accordance with Section 4 have been successfully gained and the completion of the individual modules is achieved.
- (2) A certificate, a degree certificate and a diploma supplement on the content of the studies, as well as a transcript of records about the study course achievements are issued on the basis of the successfully conclusion of studies achieved.
- (3) In the event that the completion of the studies is not conclusively achieved, the student receives written notification with reasons for same.

Section 7 Academic Degree

The academic degree of Master of Arts (MA) is awarded following the successful completion of the examinations.

Section 8 Applicability

These regulations were approved on 17.06.2013 by the Berlin Senate Department. They are applicable and binding as and from the date following their publication on 26.06.2013.