

Regulation of Study and Examination Procedures of the Advanced Training Master Programme “European and International Energy Law”

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On March 24th 2014, the Joint Commission with Authority to Decide TU-Campus EUREF of the Technical University Berlin enacted the following Regulation of Study and Examination Procedures of the international advanced training master programme “European and International Energy Law”, according to §18 para. 1 no. 1 of the *Grundordnung* of Technical University Berlin, §74 of the *Berliner Hochschulgesetz* (BerlHG) as of July 26th 2011.

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§1 Scope of application

This Regulation of Study and Examinations Procedures regulates objectives, contents and form of studies within the international advanced training master programme “European and International Energy Law” of the Technical University Berlin. It complements the Regulation Governing General Study and Examination Procedures (*AllgStuPO*) as of May 8th 2013.

§2 Objectives of Study

The objective of the study programme is to convey common theoretical and practical knowledge in the area of European and international energy law, under consideration of the different backgrounds of students, and to empower students to give judgements on com-

plex cases connected to the markets of electricity and gas, and to be able to work out solutions and present them.

Against the background of the importance of functioning markets for gas and electricity for modern economies and societies, the advanced training master programme “European and International Energy Law” deals with the technical, economic and legal foundations of the markets of electricity and gas. A comprehensive approach regarding the topic: regulation of energy markets, forms the core of this master course, ranging from the understanding of technical and economic fundamentals up to detailed legal questions along the value chain in the markets of gas and electricity.

Students are introduced to the methodology of continental European law, which is a prerequisite to apply energy regulation law. In respect to the global significance of functioning energy markets, the European and international energy law is set in perspective with the Russian and American regulatory law. This comparative approach empowers students to understand the essential structures of various regulatory systems and operate within them. Students thus gain the ability to acquaint themselves with different regulatory systems and hence live up to the challenges rising from the permanent changes in energy regulatory law on the one side, and from the international character of energy markets, on the other.

The selection of lecturers, and the combination of classic in-house teaching with excursions, establish a sound connection of theory and practice. Students thus learn to develop solutions that are simultaneously legally correct and applicable in practice.

The learning process of the students takes central stage. State-of-the-art teaching methods convey fundamental abilities and create a sound link to both practice and research.

The campus around the gasometer Schöneberg offers an attractive environment during in-house periods, so that students may experience and help shape the transfer of knowledge and technology between Technical

University Berlin and businesses. In addition, excursions establish a strong connection to practice. Students acquire social and technical competences, put them into use in discussion with experts, and can thus not only develop themselves, but also help shape the future of society.

Companies responsible for the provision of energy and governmental institutions must adapt to the complex global circumstances of the markets of gas and power. This results in a significant extra need for experts who are specifically trained, broadly educated, and have a sound command of industry specific English vocabulary. This need is not yet catered for by existing advanced training programmes. This TU advanced training programme closes the gap, and prepares students for leading positions in undertakings, institutions, and consultancy companies of this sector.

§3 Description of Professional Practice

The knowledge conveyed through this programme enables graduates of this master programme to become practitioners in the energy sector and/or in research. This encompasses practice as legal advisors or practitioners in energy enterprises (all types of energy), in governmental institutions and commissions (e.g. EU-Commission, Federal Network Agency, other national or international regulation authorities), research positions in academic institutions, and political activities (e.g. in trade associations).

§4 Duration and Structure of Studies

(1) The regular period of study of the international advanced training programme “European and International Energy Law” encompasses two semesters. Language of instruction and examination is English. The master thesis is to be written following the in-house lectures of the second semester.

(2) The study programme is structured in modules and consists of programme achievements of 60 ECTS. The programme starts each year in the winter semester.

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§5 Contents of Studies

(1) The master programme “European and International Energy Law” consists of obligatory studies equivalent to 42 ECTS and a master thesis of 18 ECTS. The obligatory studies consist of six modules over the course of two semesters, covering the following subjects:

In the first semester, the technical, economic and legal fundamentals of energy law are conveyed. The second semester covers European and international jurisdiction relevant for the functioning of energy markets. The focus lies on markets for electricity and gas. The legal provisions of energy law are conveyed following the value chain from production, transport / distribution to sales. The ability to compare legal structures are trained through introductions into Russian and American regulatory law. Excursions and the choice of lecturers assure the link to practice in both semesters.

(2) The modules of the international advanced master programme “European and International Energy Law” comprise the study contents as presented in the module handbook. A schedule of studies is presented in annex (1) to this Regulation of Study and Examination Procedures.

§6 Student Advise Office

The Student Advise Office, in charge of advising students regarding an expedient structure of their plan of studies, is established by the “TU Campus EUREF”. The general student advise encompasses general questions regarding the study programme and also offers psychological advise. It rests with the *Referat IE*

§7 Scope and Size of Master Examination

The master examination consists of the successfully concluded modules as listed in the module list in the annex, and the successfully concluded master thesis.

§8 Master Thesis

(1) Proof of successfully concluded module examinations from the first to the second semester in the extent of 33 ECTS in sum is prerequisite for the admission to the master thesis. Exceptions may be granted by the examination board upon substantiated request.

(2) Admission to the master thesis shall not be granted if the student has handed in an identical or similar thesis at TU Berlin or another university, has finally failed a required performance, has finally failed required examination within the Master Programme of European and International Energy Law, or is subject to another examination procedure not yet concluded.

(3) The scope of the master thesis equals 18 ECTS (ca. 50 pages). The master thesis must be handed at the latest in three months after the topic was issued. The examination board may extend this period upon substantiated request, after a hearing of the examiner.

(4) The topic of the master thesis may be rejected once, but only within two weeks after it was issued. If the master thesis is repeated, the topic may only be rejected if the right to rejection has not been exercised in the first attempt of concluding the master thesis.

(5) The master thesis is to be written in English.

(6) After completion, the master thesis is to be handed in with the examination board in two copies. The examination board files the date of handing in, and passes the thesis on for examination and grading. Master theses not handed in in due time are graded with “5.0” and the verdict “not sufficient”. If the late handing in is substantiated, § 3 para. 3 applies accordingly.

(7) If the master thesis was graded insufficient, it may be repeated only once. This repetition has to be started within the semester following the handing in of the first attempt and to be concluded therein. A master thesis that is not begun and concluded within this period is graded as fail, except if the student can not be held responsible for that delay.

§9 Academic Degree

Upon passing of the master examination, Technical University Berlin bestows through the Joint Commission with Decision Authority (*GKME*) TU-Campus EUREF the academic degree: Master of Business Law (Energy), in short: MBL (Energy).

§10 Coming into Force

This regulation comes into force winter semester 2014/2015, the latest on the day of its publication in the official journal of the Technical University Berlin.

Annex

Annex to the Regulation of Study and Examination Procedures of the Advanced Training Master Programme “European and International Energy Law” of Technical University Berlin

Schedule of Studies

Winter semester	ECTS	Summer semester	ECTS
Legal framework for the functioning of the energy markets	9 CP	The legal framework for grid operation	6 CP
Economic foundations of regulatory law	6 CP	The legal framework for energy trade and supply	9 CP
Introduction to regulatory law	6 CP	Master thesis	18 CP
Technical fundamentals and legal framework for electricity generation	6 CP		
ECTS total	27 CP	ECTS total	33 CP

List of Modules

No.	Module	ECTS	Exam form	graded
I	Legal framework for the functioning of the energy markets	9	written (paper)	no
II	Economic foundations of regulatory law	6	written (exam)	yes
III	Introduction to regulatory law	6	written (exam)	yes
IV	Technical fundamentals and legal framework for electricity markets	6	oral (excursion report)	no
V	The legal framework for grid operation	6	written (paper)	yes
VI	The legal framework for energy trade and supply	9	written (paper)	yes
VII	Master thesis	18	written (master thesis)	yes