

Examination Regulations of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg for the consecutive Master's Programme M.A. Jewish Civilizations (Partnership Programme)

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Following § 70 para. 6 and § 32 of the Landeshochschulgesetz, the Board of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg has passed the following Examination Regulations for the consecutive Master's Programme Jewish Civilizations on 8 July 2026.

The Rector approved these changes on 8 July 2026.

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I. General Stipulations

§ 1 Aim of the Programme and the Master's Examination

- (1) The consecutive Master's programme in "Jewish Civilizations" should enable students to develop the cultural-scientific study of Jewish civilizations in their different forms through intensive language and source study. Central to this is competency in the Hebrew language and expertise in the source material. In the course of their studies in Stockholm and Heidelberg, students should additionally acquire the necessary theoretical knowledge and methodological instruments in order to be able to critically approach the study of complex events in Jewish cultures in the past, present and future, including within an intercultural context.
- (2) The Master's examination will establish whether the candidate possesses extensive and detailed knowledge in Jewish Studies (history, philosophy, religion, literature and art) as well as the ability to independently reflect on and develop an academic topic deeply and in detail, both regarding the content as well as in the methods employed. The student should also be able to link acquired knowledge on an interdisciplinary level, tackle corresponding academic debates and have developed a profound understanding of current cultural-scientific theories in the context of Jewish Studies, as well as in the critical study of concept formation and its theories.
- (3) Admission to the programme will be determined by separate admissions regulations.

§ 2 Master's Degree

After successfully passing the Master's examination, the student will be awarded the academic degree of "Master of Arts" (M.A.) by the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg.

§ 3 Course Structure and Examinations

- (1) The number of semesters prescribed for the completion of the course, including the completion of the Master's thesis, is four semesters. Taught courses should be taken in the first three semesters, with the final module being completed in the third and fourth semesters.
- (2) The degree programme has a modular structure. A module is a thematic teaching/learning unit to be completed within a certain period of time which may be composed of different courses. It consists not only of the hours taught/learning, but further includes the study credits necessary for the successful completion of a module.
- (3) The examination of a module may consist of several examinations for the module's parts. In order to pass a module, candidates must achieve a minimum mark of "satisfactory" (4,0) in all scheduled assessments within the module.

- (4) Credits will be awarded upon the successful completion of modules and all their component parts. One ECTS credit (*Leistungspunkt* or LP) corresponds to a workload of 30 hours on the part of the student.
- (5) At the end of every semester a list of marks (transcript of records) will be issued. It lists all examinations for each part of a module that have been successfully completed, together with the respective credit points and marks.
- (6) Successful completion of the master's programme is dependent on the student obtaining 120 credit points, which are to be obtained from five different modules:
 - Basic Module I with 25 credit points (to be completed at Paideia-Stockholm – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden)
 - Basic Module II with 35 credit points (to be completed at Paideia-Stockholm – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden)
 - Intensive Module with 22 credit points
 - Free Elective Module with 8 credit points
 - Final Module with final oral exam, colloquium and Master's thesis with 30 credit points total
- (7) The language of instruction is generally English. Examinations and assessments should, as a rule, also be completed in English. With the agreement of those involved in the examination(s) in question, it may be possible for examinations to be conducted in other languages.

§ 4 Examination Board

- (1) The Examination Board is responsible for the organization of examinations and the tasks as designated by these Examination Regulations. The Board consists of the rector as well as two further lecturers from the Hochschule in accordance with § 4, para. 1 of the statutes of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg; a representative of the research associates and a student acting in an advisory capacity. The rector chairs the Board. A deputy chairman and the other members of the Examination Board as well as their deputies are appointed by the rector for a two-year-duration. The student representative serves on the Board for one year. The Chairman and the deputies must all be lecturers at the Hochschule.
- (2) The Examination Board ensures that the Examination Regulations are followed and make suggestions to further their development. The examiners and co-examiners are appointed by the Examination Board. The Board can transfer the responsibility for appointing them to the Chairman. He may be asked to answer any questions regarding the examinations.
- (3) The Chairman conducts the business of the Examination Board, prepares for meetings, chairs them and has the casting vote in the event of an unreach majority.
- (4) The Examination Board may transfer other responsibilities of the Examination Board to the Chairman, which can be revoked at any time as long as this does not contravene any legislative regulations. The Examination Board should be regularly informed of any such arrangement.
- (5) Members of the Examination Board have the right to attend any examinations.
- (6) All members of the Examination Board, examiners and co-examiners are bound to maintain confidentiality. The decision to fail a Candidate should be communicated promptly to the Candidate in writing, stating the grounds on which the decision was made.

§ 5 Examiners and Co-examiners

- (1) As a rule, only Hochschule instructors and lecturers and private lecturers are authorized to act as examiners for examinations not conducted during the course of the programme in connection with individual courses. This is also applicable for research associates at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg who are authorized to examine after having successfully taught at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien for several years. Academic assistants as well as temporary lecturers and teachers at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien may, in exceptional cases, be appointed as examiners for particular assessments if not enough authorized examiners are available.
- (2) Only those having completed an equivalent Master's or other comparable examination may be appointed as co-examiners.

§ 6 Recognition of Periods of Study, Coursework, and Examination Achievements

- (1) Periods of study, coursework, and examination achievements completed at a German university or equivalent higher education institution may be recognized towards the consecutive Master's degree programme Jewish Civilizations, provided that their equivalence has been established. Equivalence shall be established if the periods of study, coursework, and examination achievements correspond substantially to those of the consecutive Master's degree programme Jewish Civilizations at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg in terms of content, scope, and requirements. A schematic comparison shall not be applied; rather, an overall consideration and assessment shall be undertaken. The student shall submit the original documents required for recognition.
- (2) When recognizing periods of study, coursework, and examination achievements completed outside Germany, equivalence agreements approved by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (Kultusministerkonferenz) and the German Rectors' Conference (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz), as well as agreements concluded within the framework of university partnerships, shall be taken into account.
- (3) Paragraph 1 shall apply accordingly to periods of study, coursework, and examination achievements completed in state-recognized distance learning programmes and at other educational institutions, in particular at state or state-recognized universities of cooperative education.
- (4) If coursework and examination achievements are recognized, the grades shall be transferred and included in the calculation of the overall grade in accordance with these Examination Regulations, provided that the grading systems are comparable. In the case of grading systems that are not comparable, the transcript shall include the notation "passed". Recognition may be indicated on the certificate. If more than half of the examination achievements to be recognized consist of ungraded coursework-related assessments or of coursework-related assessments with non-comparable grading systems, the Examination Board shall decide.
- (5) Decisions pursuant to Paragraphs 1 to 4 shall be made by the Examination Board.
- (6) Recognition of parts of the Master's examination may be refused if more than half of all coursework-related examination performances or the Master's thesis are to be recognized.
- (7) Coursework and examination achievements completed in degree programmes that served as an admission requirement for the Master's degree programme may only be recognized in exceptional cases. The Examination Board shall decide on such cases.

§ 7 Failure, Absence and Withdrawal from Examinations, Cheating, Violation of the Regulations

- (1) An examination will automatically receive a mark of “insufficient” (5,0) if the Candidate fails to turn up for the examination without valid reason, or if, after the commencement of the examination, the Candidate withdraws from the examination without valid reason. The same will apply if a written assessment is not submitted by the set deadline, unless the Candidate was not responsible for the failure to adhere to the deadline.
- (2) In the case of withdrawal or absence from an examination in line with para. 1, credible reasons must immediately be reported to the Examination Board in writing. In the case of illness on the part of the Candidate or of a dependant of the Candidate for whom he is the primary carer, a doctor’s note must be supplied; in case of doubt, the Candidate may be required to obtain a doctor’s note from a doctor known to the College. If the reasons for the decision to withdraw from/failure to attend an examination are accepted, a new date for the examination/deadline for the submission of the assessment should be set. Examination results which are already available should, in this instance, be taken into account.
- (3) In deciding whether responsibility for failing to meet a deadline for the registration for/taking of an examination/assessment lies with the Candidate or not, the Examination Board must take into account the protective legislation concerning maternity leave and the legal provision regarding parental leave, and make their implementation possible.
- (4) Should the Candidate seek to influence the result of an examination or assessment through cheating, plagiarism or the use of unauthorized help, the examination or assessment will automatically be marked as “insufficient” (5,0). A candidate who contravenes the rules in the course of an examination may be barred from continuing the examination by an authorized examiner or the invigilator; in this instance, the examination or assessment concerned will be marked as “insufficient” (5,0). In extreme cases, the Examination Board may bar the Candidate from taking any further examinations or assessments.
- (5) Within 14 days of receiving notice of such a decision, the Candidate may request the Examination Board to review of the decision in accordance with para. 4, sentences 1 and 2. Decisions to the candidate’s detriment should be conveyed to the candidate promptly in writing, setting out the reasons why such a decision has been reached.

§ 8 Types of Coursework-Related Assessments

- (1) Coursework-related assessments include:
 1. oral assessments;
 2. written assessments.
- (2) If the candidate provides credible evidence, by means of a medical certificate, that they are unable to complete assessments, either in whole or in part, in the prescribed form due to prolonged or permanent health impairments, the Examination Board may permit the candidate to complete equivalent assessments in another form. The same shall apply to coursework.

§ 9 Coursework-Related Oral Assessments

- (1) In oral assessments, the candidate shall demonstrate that they have understood the interrelationships within the examination area and are able to place specific issues within these contexts. Furthermore, the assessment shall determine whether the candidate possesses fundamental knowledge appropriate to the degree programme.
- (2) The duration of oral assessments shall be 30 minutes. In the case of group assessments with a maximum of three candidates, the duration shall be 60 minutes, with 20 minutes allocated to each candidate.

§ 10 Coursework-Related Written Assessments

- (1) In written assessments, the candidate must demonstrate that he can recognize and find a solution to a problem using conventional methods within a set time and with limited aid(s).
- (2) In the case of written assessments in the form of a seminar paper, essay or similar format, the candidate must declare on the attached "Declaration of Originality" of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg that he has written the paper himself and has not used any sources or aids other than those stated.
- (3) Written assessments should be marked within four weeks of submission.

§ 11 Assessment of Examinations

- (1) Marks for individual examinations will be determined by each individual examiner/marker. Assessments are to be marked using the following marking system:

1 = very good	= an outstanding effort
2 = good	= an effort which surpasses the average required
3 = satisfactory	= an effort which corresponds to the average attained
4 = sufficient	= an effort which, despite its shortcomings, fulfills the requirements
5 = insufficient	= an effort which, owing to substantial shortcomings, fails to fulfill the requirements

In order to differentiate between the marks awarded, values in between these marks may be achieved by lowering or raising the individual marks by 0,3; a mark of 0,7 and values above 4,0 (i.e. 4,3, 4,7 and 5,3) may not be awarded.

- (2) The final mark for a module, corresponding to the number of credits, should be calculated from the non-rounded individual marks for each part of the module
- (3) The final mark for a module and the overall mark for the master's examination is ranked accordingly:

with an average mark of up to 1,5: very good
with an average mark between 1,6 – 2,5: good
with an average mark between 2,6 – 3,5: satisfactory
with an average mark between 3,6 – 4,0: sufficient
- (4) An examination is considered to have been passed when a minimum mark of "sufficient" (4,0) is awarded. A module is considered to have been passed when all respective modular examinations have been passed.
- (5) In assigning final module marks and the overall mark for the Master's examination, the mark should be rounded to one decimal place. The overall mark for the master's examination will be calculated according to section § 17, para. 2.
- (6) Examinations should be marked within four weeks at the very latest after the completion of a module.
- (7) In addition to the final mark, candidates who have successfully completed the corresponding examinations will receive a relative mark according to the following ranking system:

- A: the best 10%
- B: the next 25%
- C: the next 30%
- D: the next 25%
- E: the next 10%

This relative ranking is calculated, depending on the size of the respective cohort, on the basis of the two previous cohorts plus the cohort in question. The marks for ECTS credits must additionally be noted upon completion of the degree, while individual modules may optionally be assigned marks for ECTS credits by the respective faculty, as far as this is possible and a corresponding need for them is given.

II. Master's Examination

§ 12 Prerequisites for Admission to the Master's Examination

- (1) A candidate may only be admitted to take the Master's examination when:
 1. he is registered as a student at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg for the consecutive Master's programme in Jewish Civilizations
 2. he has not lost his eligibility to be examined for the consecutive Master's programme in "Jewish Civilizations"
- (2) In order to be able to allowed to take the final oral exam, confirmation of successfully passed modules (Basic Modules I and II, Intensive Module, Free Elective Module), totalling the number of credits stipulated in §3, para. 6, must be provided.
- (3) The Master's thesis can only be begun when the final oral exam has been successfully completed.

§ 13 Admissions Process

- (1) Applications should be submitted in writing in English to the Chairman of the Examination Board. The following are to be included in the application:
 1. Evidence of compliance with the admissions requirements as set out in §12, para. 1.
 2. A declaration as to whether the Candidate has previously failed a Master's examination in the consecutive Master's programme in "Jewish Civilizations" or a related degree programme with essentially the same content, or whether the candidate still has examinations to complete.
- (2) Should the Candidate be unable to provide the necessary evidence in the required form, the Examination Board may agree to accept the evidence in another format.
- (3) The Examination Board should determine acceptance the basis of an application. Both decisions to accept or reject an application are to be communicated to the Candidate in writing; in the case of a rejection, the reasons why the application has been rejected must be provided.
- (4) Applications may only be rejected if:
 1. The prerequisites of §12, para. 1 have not been fulfilled, or
 2. The documents as para. 1 are incomplete, or

3. The Candidate has conclusively failed a Master's examination in the consecutive programme M.A. Jewish Civilizations or a related degree programme with essentially the same content, or lost his eligibility to be examined, or
4. The Candidate is involved in an on-going examination.

§ 14 Scope and Format of the Examination

- (1) An examination consists of:
 1. successful participation in the modules listed in the appendix with corresponding courses
 2. the final oral exam
 3. the Master's thesis.
- (2) The assessments referred to in Paragraph 1 No. 1 shall be completed as part of the respective course and shall be conducted in written or oral form. The type and duration of the assessment shall be determined by the course instructor and announced no later than at the beginning of the course.
- (3) The Master's examination must be taken in the following order:
 - Examinations taking place during the course (para. 1, number 1)
 - The final oral exam (para. 1, number 2)
 - Master's thesis (para. 1, number 3)A successful participation in the research colloquium accompanies the writing of the Master's thesis.
- (4) § 8 para. 2 is correspondingly valid.

§ 15 Final Oral Exam

- (1) The final oral exam should demonstrate that the Candidate recognizes the links between the examined areas and can address academic problems within these connections. Furthermore, it establishes whether the Candidate possesses core, as well as in-depth knowledge of the topics of the examined areas. The final oral exam should be conducted by two examiners in line with § 5, para. 1, sentence 1. The Candidate has the right to suggest examiners, but this does not mean that these suggestions must be accepted. The Chairman should ensure that the Candidate is informed of the names of the examiners in good time.
- (2) The final oral exam must take place no later than six weeks after the submission of the last examination within a course framework, as stipulated in § 14, para. 1, number 1. Failure to observe this deadline will result in the final oral exam being marked as "insufficient" (5,0), unless the Candidate was not responsible for the failure to adhere to the deadline.
- (3) In the final oral exam the Candidate should show evidence of extensive core knowledge in Jewish Studies as well as in-depth and detailed knowledge in the following areas:
 1. interdisciplinary academic problems in the context of Jewish Studies,
 2. current cultural-scientific theories (gender theory, memory theory, post-colonial theory etc.) in the context of Jewish Studies.

With the agreement of the examiners, the Candidate should suggest two topics from the areas named. This does not constitute a claim on the part of the Candidate to limit the content of the examination to the topics he suggests.

- (4) The final oral exam should last around 60 minutes.

- (5) The examination will be conducted in English. With the agreement of those participating in the examination, it may be possible for it to be conducted in (an)other language(s). § 3, para. 11 remains unaffected by this regulation.
- (6) The main topics and the results of the oral exam should be noted on a transcript. The Candidate should be informed of the result at the end of the examination.
- (7) Candidates who wish to be examined in the same subject at a later date, may, according to the number of places available, be admitted as a listener. Admission does not permit the Candidate to advise on or make known the results of the examination. On application by the Candidate, with good reasons, the general public may be barred from attending the examination.

§ 16 Master's Thesis

- (1) The Master's thesis should show that the Candidate is capable of independently tackling a problem from within the area of Jewish Studies within a set period of time, using academic methodology.
- (2) The Master's thesis in the consecutive Master's degree programme Jewish Civilizations shall be written in one of the subdisciplines (Teilfächer) offered at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg. It may either focus on a specific subdiscipline or cover several subdisciplines. In the subfield in which the Master's thesis is supervised, an advanced seminar paper must have been completed. The Master's thesis may be assigned and supervised by any person authorized to examine pursuant to § 5(1), Sentence 1.
- (3) The Candidate must begin the Master's thesis or submit an application to receive a topic of the thesis to the Chairman of the Examination Board no later than two weeks after completing the final oral exam, as set out in § 14, para. 1, number 2. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the thesis being automatically marked as "insufficient" (5,0), unless the Candidate was not responsible for the failure to adhere to the deadline.
- (4) The topic of the thesis should be directed and supervised by an examiner at the suggestion of the Candidate following §5 para. 1, first sentence. Upon application, the Chairman of the Examination Board should ensure that the Candidate receives a topic for the thesis in good time. The Candidate is given the opportunity to make suggestions as to the topic, but this does not preclude that these suggestions will be accepted. The starting date for the thesis should be recorded by the Chairman of the Examination Board.
- (5) The Candidate may, within the first four weeks after officially beginning work on the thesis, apply a maximum of one time to resubmit a different topic, giving good reasons to do so.
- (6) The time designated for working on the thesis from the official start date is five months. In exceptional circumstances, the deadline may be extended by up to two months by the Examination Board with the consent of the supervisor. If the new deadline is not adhered to, the thesis will automatically be marked as "insufficient" (5,0) unless the Candidate was not responsible for the failure to adhere to the deadline.
- (7) The topic, scope of the task and length of the thesis should be limited so that the time allowed for working on the thesis is sufficient to enable the deadline to be adhered to.
- (8) The thesis should not exceed 150.000 characters (including footnotes, but without spaces, appendices [publications, pictures, maps etc.] or the bibliography). (With an average of 6 characters per word, this corresponds to around 25,000 words and with an average of 2,300 characters per page, around 65 pages.)
- (9) The thesis should be written in English. With the agreement of those involved in the examination of the thesis and the Examination Board, it may be possible to write the thesis in (an)other language(s).

- (10) When handing in the thesis, the Candidate must declare on the attached “Declaration of Originality” of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien that he has written the thesis himself and has not used any sources and aids other than those stated. Furthermore, a declaration must be submitted that
 - the thesis has not been previously submitted for examination elsewhere
 - the thesis has not yet been published.
- (11) The thesis should include a summary in English
- (12) Three bound copies of the thesis should be submitted punctually to the Examination Board. The date of submission should be recorded.
- (13) The thesis should be graded by two markers, one of whom, in line with § 3, para. 1, point 1 of the statutes of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg, must be a Hochschule instructor. The first examiner should be the supervisor of the thesis. The second examiner should be appointed by the Examination Board. The Candidate has the right to suggest a second examiner, however, this does not mean that the Examination Board is bound to accept the Candidate’s suggestion(s). The Chairman of the Examination Board should ensure that the Candidate is informed of the names of the examiners in good time. The marking process should not exceed 6 weeks.
- (14) The mark is made up of the sum of both markers’ marks; § 11 is correspondingly valid in this instance. In the case of a difference of more than one mark awarded by the two markers, the Examination Board should determine the final mark to be awarded after listening to both markers’ reasons why they have awarded particular marks. Under such circumstances, the Examination Board may consult a third marker.
- (15) Should the thesis be marked as “insufficient” (5,0), it may be resubmitted with a new topic; resubmission of the same topic is not permitted. It is not permissible to resubmit the thesis more than once, as set out in § 18, para. 1.
- (16) The grade of the final module is assessed by weighing the marks of the final oral exam and the Master’s thesis according to § 11, para. 3, in a scale of 1:3, before rounding the marks.

§ 17 Passing the Examination, Final Overall Mark

- (1) The Master’s examination is considered to have been passed when all component examinations as § 14, para. 1, are awarded a mark of at least “sufficient” (4,0).
- (2) As § 11, para. 3, the final overall mark of the Master’s examination will be calculated by adding together the marks for each module before rounding up, and weighted according to the number of credits awarded for each.

§ 18 Resits and Corresponding Deadlines

- (1) Candidates may only retake failed examinations or examinations marked as failed once. Failed examinations at other Hochschulen and universities should be taken into account in the event of an application to resit. A maximum of two examinations taking place during the course may be retaken a second time in exceptional cases given good reason. The decision whether or not to permit resits rests with the Examination Board. The Master’s thesis may not be resubmitted more than once.
- (2) Examinations considered to have been passed may not be retaken.
- (3) Failed examinations must be resat at the latest by the end of the following semester. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in the candidate losing his eligibility to be examined, unless the candidate was not responsible for the failure to observe the deadline.

- (4) The final failure of a compulsory module will result in the Candidate being barred from completing the degree programme.
- (5) Should the Master's thesis be marked as "insufficient" (5,0), the Candidate must begin work on a new topic not later than four weeks after having been informed of the failure of the first thesis. Failure to observe this deadline will result in the Master's thesis being marked as "insufficient" (5,0) unless the candidate was not responsible for the failure to observe the deadline. Upon request, the Examination Board should make the final decision on this matter. § 15 is correspondingly valid in this case.

§ 19 Master's Transcript and Certificate

- (1) Within four weeks of the Master's examination having been passed, a bilingual transcript in German and English will be issued, which will include a description of the individual modules with the individual marks achieved within them (marks as § 11, para. 3 plus numerical value), as well as the credits allocated to each module, the topic and mark awarded to the Master's thesis and the final overall mark of the Master's examination. The transcript should record the date on which the last examination was taken and be signed by the rector of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg and a representative of the Partnership Committee.
- (2) A diploma supplement in German and English will be included along with the transcript which should contain further information on the content of the courses studied and the course of studies followed and, with regards to content, should follow the framework established by the "European Diploma Supplement Model".
- (3) Alongside the transcript, a bilingual certificate in German and English will be issued. This will provide the certification for the awarding of the academic degree of Master of Arts. The certificate should be signed by the rector of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg and a representative of the Partnership Committee and include the official stamp of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg and of the Partnership Committee.
- (4) Should the Master's examination ultimately be marked as not having been passed, the Chairman of the Examination Board should inform the Candidate of this in writing.

III. Concluding Regulations

§ 20 Void examinations

- (1) Should the Candidate cheat in an examination and this first be brought to light after the transcript has been issued, the Examination Board may retrospectively correct the corresponding marks for those examinations in which the Candidate's performance was affected by cheating and the declare the examination(s) whole or partially as having been "failed".
- (2) Should the conditions for admission to an examination not have been complied with, with no implications that the Candidate intended to cheat, and this first be brought to light after the transcript has been issued, the issue is resolved should the examination have been passed. The Examination Board will decide whether the Candidate was admitted to the examination as a result of deliberate wrong-doing or not.
- (3) Before such a decision is reached, the Candidate should be given the opportunity to comment on the situation.

- (4) The incorrect examination transcript should be withdrawn and if necessary, a new one issued in its place. The Master's certificate should also be withdrawn along with the incorrect transcript if the examination has been declared to have been "failed" on the grounds of cheating. As in para. 1 and para. 2, sentence 2, such a decision may only be reached within five years after the examination transcript has been issued.

§ 21 Feedback on Examinations

Within a year after the completion of the examination process, upon written application, the Candidate may receive feedback on his written examinations and the comments of examiners on his examinations as well as the records of the examinations themselves. The Chairman of the Examination Board should determine the time and place on which this feedback should be issued.

§ 22 Part-time study programme

Students may be admitted to part-time study on application. Further details are set out in the regulations governing part-time study at the Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies in the currently valid version. Admission to part-time study extends the standard period of study in accordance with the regulations set out therein.

§ 23 Supplementary Provisions on Academic Misconduct and the Use of AI-Based Electronic Tools

- (1) In accordance with the principle of equal opportunities and with regard to the entire group of students taking the examination, the candidate is required to provide a personal and independent performance without the use of any unauthorized aids.
- (2) For written examination papers in the form of the Master's thesis, a seminar paper, essay, or similar formats, the "Declaration of Independent Authorship and the Use of AI-Based Tools (Declaration of Originality)" of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien must be attached. By submitting this declaration, the candidate confirms that they have written the work independently and have not used any aids other than those specified. In particular, the use of AI-based tools must be indicated in accordance with the requirements set out in the Declaration of Originality, provided that the use of AI-based tools is generally permitted following consultation with the responsible Examination Board. In the case of group work, the individual contributions of the respective candidates must be clearly identifiable.
- (3) In order to investigate suspected plagiarism, suspected academic misconduct, or the use of unauthorized aids, examiners may apply appropriate technical procedures. In such cases, the candidate is required to provide the examination work in electronic form.
- (4) If the candidate attempts to influence the result of a written examination paper through academic misconduct or by using unauthorized aids, the respective examination paper shall be graded as "fail" (5.0). Before a decision is made, the candidate shall be given the opportunity to comment on the matter.

§ 24 Entry into Force and Transitional Provisions

These Examination Regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication on the website. At the same time, the Examination Regulations of 16 April 2025 shall cease to be in force.

The Examination Regulations of 16 April 2025 shall continue to apply to Master's theses for which confirmation of the topic by the Examination Board was granted before these

Examination Regulations entered into force, as well as to coursework-related examination achievements for which confirmation of the topic by the course instructor was granted before these Examination Regulations entered into force.

Heidelberg, 8 July 2026

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Rector

Appendix (separate)

Attachement 1: Curriculum Overview for the consecutive Master's programme (M.A.) in
Jewish Civilizations