

# Study and Examination Regulations (SER) for the BSc in Tourism (Directive)

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#### **Basis**

The following Directive is based on the Framework Regulations for the Study and Examination Regulations of the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons.

#### I. General provisions

Art. 1 Art. 1 Content and scope

I. These Study and Examination Regulations govern the BSc in Tourism, acting in addition to the Framework Regulations for the Study and Examination Regulations.

#### II. Admission and enrolment

Art. 2 Art. 2 Admission and enrolment

- I. The provisions of the admission directive apply.
- II. In clarification of the framework regulations, individuals with the following qualifications and professional experience are eligible for the bachelor's program:
  - Holders of a federally recognized vocational baccalaureate in combination with basic vocational training in fields related to tourism or tourism-related industries (including the service sector), e.g., graduates of a three-year apprenticeship as a hotel specialist or a commercial apprenticeship.
  - II. Holders of a federal or federally recognized academic baccalaureate or specialized baccalaureate, provided they have at least one year of relevant professional experience as specified in section a by the time of enrolment.
- III. Holders of comparable foreign certificates and diplomas are eligible, provided they can demonstrate at least one year of relevant professional experience by the time of enrolment.
- IV. The program management will decide whether to recognise other professional experience on a case-by-case basis on the recognition of other professional experience.

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V. English proficiency at level B2 (Cambridge First Certificate or equivalent) is required for the program.

- Art. 3 Art. 3 Recognition of previous academic achievements
- I. The recognition of previously earned academic credits is defined in the admission directive.
- II. For other credit transfers of previously completed coursework, the following applies:
  - I. Course modules can be credited if similar modules with equivalent content and workload have been completed and passed in a prior program.
- III. The request for recognition of ECTS credits or equivalent achievements earned before the start of the program must be submitted within seven working days after the beginning of the studies.
- IV. The program director decides on the approval of credit transfers.

#### III. Study program

Art. 4 Art. 4 Structure of the Program

- I. The program comprises 180 ECTS credits.
- II. The program is offered both as a full-time and a part-time study option. Both models generally follow the same content.
- III. The full-time program consists of six semesters and typically takes three years to complete. Employment alongside full-time studies is only possible to a limited extent (recommendation: <15%).
- IV. For the part-time program: Employment alongside studies is generally possible (recommendation: ≤50%). A prerequisite for part-time studies is that the job can be planned flexibly alongside the program. Block courses, such as project weeks, require continuous attendance.
- V. The primary study location is Chur, though some courses may take place at other locations.
- VI. Both the full-time and part-time programs are offered in two language tracks, provided there are sufficient enrolments. For the Germanspeaking classes, instruction is generally in German/English during the first two semesters, while for international classes, it is in English. From the third semester onward, the language of instruction is generally English for all students. Some courses may be conducted in other languages.

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Art. 5 Art. 5 Program-Specific Additional Costs

- I.Additional costs for external exams, learning materials, excursions, etc., amount to an average of approximately CHF 550 per semester.
- II. The university of applied sciences does not generally cover these costs.

Art. 6 Art. 6 Curriculum

- I. The curriculum (study structure) can be found in the appendix.
- II. The cohort-specific study plan is accessible to students.

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- III. Changes to the curriculum and study plan are subject to modification.
- IV. The study structure includes a specialization (Major) chosen by the student. To obtain the degree, at least one Major must be successfully completed in its entirety.
- V. The choice of Major determines the selection of compulsory elective modules.
- VI. Regardless of the chosen specialization, the study structure includes Mandatory modules totalling 116 ECTS
- VII. Compulsory elective modules totalling 52 ECTS, divided as follows:
  - I. Compulsory elective modules: 40 ECTS
  - II. Elective language: 12 ECTS
- VIII. Additionally, a maximum of 12 ECTS from optional modules can be counted towards the degree. Students can actively identify and propose optional modules, which may include: Modules from other specializations within the Tourism program, modules from other degree programs at the university of applied sciences, external educational offerings, such as summer school courses, MOOCs, or similar. The study coordinator makes the final decision regarding the recognition of optional modules.
- IX. The study coordinator may also set minimum participant requirements for the implementation of elective or optional modules.
- X. As part of the curriculum, students must complete the module "Culture and Foreign Exchange Field Experience." This specific training component is regulated by a separate directive

Art. 7 Art. 7 Exchange semester

- I. Students have the opportunity to broaden their academic, professional, and socio-cultural horizons by completing an exchange semester during their studies.
- II. The detailed rules and conditions for an exchange semester are regulated in a separate directive.

Art. 8 Art. 8 Double Degree

- I. The program offers the opportunity to complete a Double Degree, which consists of part of the B.Sc. in Tourism at the University of Applied Sciences Graubünden and part of a comparable bachelor's program at a partner university.
- I. The detailed rules and conditions for a Double Degree are outlined in a separate directive

### IV. Examination and promotion procedures

Art. 9 Art. 9 Examination Procedure

- I. The number, format, and duration of assessments are specified in the respective module and semester descriptions.
- II. Unexcused absence from an assessment is graded 1.0 and counts as an attempted examination.

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- III. For justified missed assessments, the program management may determine substitute assessments.
- IV. The details of these substitute assessments are decided by the program management and may differ from the original exam in terms of format, timing, duration, and permitted aids.
- V. Students cannot refuse the offered substitute examination.
- VI. The reason for missing an assessment must be documented and submitted to the program management immediately upon becoming aware of it. In case of illness during an exam, a medical certificate must be submitted within seven working days; otherwise, the absence is considered unexcused. The study coordinator makes the final decision in case of doubt.
- VII. If a student is already ill before the exam and still decides to take it, the result will be valid, even if a medical certificate is submitted afterwards.
- I. Deregistration from a mandatory module must be done in writing, no later than ten working days before the start of the first assessment, to the program management.
- II. Deregistration from an elective or compulsory elective module must be done in writing and with justification, by the end of calendar week 36 for the autumn semester, and by the end of calendar week 6 for the spring semester, to the program management.
- III. Deregistration is not possible for repeated modules.
- IV. Deregistration is not possible for modules with practical partners.
- V. Module and course grades are available on the official release date (grade announcement) of the University of Applied Sciences Graubünden. Grades for assessments completed during the semester can be announced immediately after the assessment is graded by the instructors.
- VI. Access to assessments is possible after the grade announcement. The organization and implementation of this access will be determined by the program management.
- VII. The deadline for objections starts from the grade announcement. If the right to access one's own assessments is exercised, the deadline for appeals begins from the date of access.
- I. The compensation for a definitively failed mandatory module is determined by the program management.
- II. There are generally no re-examinations in the program.
- I. The provisions for the Bachelor Thesis are governed by a separate directive of the program.

Art. 10 Art. 10 Assessment or Performance Record

Art. 11 Art. 11 Failure to Pass Modules

Art. 12 Art. 12 Bachelor Thesis

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## V. Closing provisions

Art. 13 Art. 13 Entry into force and validity

I. This study and examination regulation comes into effect on September 1, 2025 and replaces all previous study and examination regulations.

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