

Regulation
Amending the Saxony-Anhalt Study Program Accreditation Regulation.

Dated July 10, 2025.

Pursuant to Article 4, paragraphs 1 through 4 and 6, of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation of June 1 through June 20, 2017 (GVBl. LSA pp. 235, 236; 2018 p. 7), the following is hereby enacted:

§ 1

The Saxony-Anhalt Study Accreditation Ordinance of September 18, 2018 (GVBl. LSA p. 300) is amended as follows:

1. The table of contents is amended as follows:
 - a) The entry for § 3 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 3 Program Structure and Duration, Recognition and Credit Transfer.”
 - b) The entry for § 10 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 10 Joint Programs.”
 - c) The entry for § 15 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 15 Diversity, Gender Equality, and Equal Opportunity.”
 - d) The provision regarding § 16 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 16 Special Provisions for Joint Programs.”
 - e) The entry for § 17 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 17: Quality Management Concept for System-Accredited Universities (Objectives, Processes, Instruments).”
 - f) The entry for § 32 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 32 Procedural Regulations for Joint Programs.”
2. Section 3 is amended as follows:
 - a) The heading is amended to read as follows:

“§ 3
Program Structure and Duration, Recognition,
and Credit Transfer.”
 - b) The following paragraph 4 is added after paragraph 3:

“(4) The institution shall implement the national and state regulations governing the recognition of competencies, qualifications, and academic achievements earned at a higher education institution, as well as the transfer of competencies and qualifications acquired outside of higher education institutions.”
3. Section 4(1) is amended as follows:
 - a) Sentence 1 is amended to read as follows:

“Master’s programs may be distinguished according to an ‘application-oriented’ or ‘research-oriented’ profile.”
 - b) Sentence 4 is amended to read as follows:

“If the institution of higher education defines a profile, this must be specified in the accreditation.”
4. Section 5(1), sentence 3, is amended as follows:
 - a) The words “as a rule” are deleted.
 - b) The period is replaced with a semicolon, and the following clause is added:

“In justified exceptional cases, deviations are possible for individual students.”
5. Section 7 is amended as follows:
 - a) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In sentence 1, the words “intended learning outcomes and” are inserted after the word “of.”
 - bb) In sentence 2, the word “content” is replaced by the words “intended learning outcomes and course content.”
 - b) Paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In item 1, the words “content and qualification objectives” are replaced by the words “intended learning outcomes and course content.”
 - bb) Number 4 is repealed.
 - cc) Items 5 through 9 become items 4 through 8.
 - c) The second sentence of paragraph 3 is repealed.
6. In § 8(5), the letter “I” is deleted after the words “teaching degrees in special education.”
7. Section 10 is amended as follows:
 - a) The heading is replaced by the following:

“§ 10
Joint Programs.”
 - b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In sentence 1, the term “Joint-Degree-Program” is replaced by the term “Joint Programmes,” and the words “(Joint Degree) or a double or multiple degree” are inserted after the word “degree.”
 - bb) The following sentence 2 is added after sentence 1:

“Furthermore, the provisions of §§ 16 and 32 apply to these degree programs.”
 - c) The following sentence 5 is added to paragraph 2:

“In all other respects, the provisions of Part 2 do not apply.”

- d) In paragraph 3, the term “Joint-Degree-Programm” is replaced by the term “Joint Programme.”
8. Section 11 is amended as follows:
- a) Paragraph 1, sentence 1, shall read as follows:
“The qualification objectives and the intended learning outcomes are clearly formulated, publicly accessible, and demonstrably take into account the objectives of higher education set forth in Article 2, paragraph 3, no. 1 of the State Treaty on Study Accreditation.”
- b) In paragraph 3, sentence 1, the words “or artistic” are inserted after the word “scientific.”
9. Section 12 is amended as follows:
- a) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
- aa) In sentence 3, the words “teaching and learning methods” are replaced by the words “teaching, learning, and examination methods.”
- bb) The following sentence 6 is added after sentence 5:
“Degree programs, course of study, examination requirements, module descriptions, and admission requirements, including provisions for compensating for disadvantages for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses, are documented and published.”
- b) Paragraph 5, sentence 2, item 4 is amended to read as follows:
“4. An adequate and workload-appropriate examination frequency and organization, which is coherently justified in an examination concept and whose workload appropriateness is regularly evaluated with the involvement of students as part of the program’s further development within the meaning of § 14; modules shall have a scope of at least five ECTS credits.”
- c) The following paragraph 7 is added after paragraph 6:
“(7) A degree program may be designated and advertised as ‘dual’ if the learning locations (at least the university and a company or a vocational academy and a company) are systematically integrated with one another in terms of content, organization, and contractual arrangements.”
10. Section 13(3), sentence 2, is amended to read as follows:
“Exceptions to the first sentence, items 1 and 2, are permitted for teacher training programs for vocational schools and for master’s programs designed for career changers.”
11. Section 15 is amended as follows:
- a) The heading is replaced by the following:
“§ 15
Diversity, Gender Equity, and Compensating for Disadvantages.”
- b) After the word “concepts,” the words “to take diversity into account” are inserted.
12. Section 16 is amended as follows:
- a) In the heading, the words “Joint-Degree-Programmes” are replaced by the words “Joint Programmes”.
- b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
- aa) In sentence 1, the term “Joint-Degree-Programme” is replaced by the term “Joint Programmes.”
- bb) The following new sentence 2 is inserted after sentence 1:
“In all other respects, the provisions of Part 3 do not apply.”
- cc) The current second sentence becomes the third sentence.
- c) In § 16(2), the term “Joint-Degree-Program” is replaced by the term “Joint Program.”
13. Section 17 is amended as follows:
- a) In the heading, the words “of system-accredited institutions of higher education” are inserted after the word “quality management system.”
- b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
- aa) Sentence 1 is amended to read as follows:
“The institution has central educational objectives for teaching, which are reflected in the institution’s mission statement and in the curricula of the degree programs.”
- bb) The following sentences 5 through 7 are added after sentence 4:
“The institution shall establish provisions regarding periods of validity and deadlines in accordance with §§ 25 and 26. The institution may set shorter periods of validity and deadlines. If a quality management system provides for the formation of clusters, § 29(1) shall apply mutatis mutandis with respect to cluster sizes.”
14. Section 18 is amended as follows:
- a) In the heading, the words “by system-accredited institutions of higher education” are added after the word “quality management concept.”
- b) Paragraph 1, sentence 1, is amended as follows:
- aa) The words “internal and external” are replaced by the words “intra-institutional and extra-institutional.”
- bb) The period is replaced by a semicolon, and the following clause is added:
“the institution may independently assess the formal criteria.”
- c) Paragraph 4 is amended as follows:
- aa) Sentence 1 is amended as follows:
aaa) After the word “stakeholders,” the words “as well as the measures taken” are inserted.

- bbb) The word “public” is deleted.
- ccc) The words “regularly about the measures taken” are replaced by the word “thereof.”
- bb) Sentence 2 is amended to read as follows:
“To inform the public, it shall make the accreditation decisions and a brief summary of the quality assessment available to the Accreditation Council for publication.”
- cc) The following sentence 3 is added after sentence 2:
“Section 28, sentence 2, applies mutatis mutandis.”
15. In § 21(2), sentence 1, the word “written” is replaced by the word “electronic.”
16. Section 23 is amended as follows:
- a) In paragraph 3, sentence 1, clause 2, the words “before forwarding to the Accreditation Council” are inserted after the word “inspection report.”
- b) In paragraph 5, sentence 1, the words “as a rule on site” are inserted after the word “expert panel.”
- c) The following paragraph 6 is added after paragraph 5:
“(6) If the expert opinion contains proposals for conditions, the institution of higher education and the agency may agree on an additional procedural step to address the objections before submitting the application to the Accreditation Council.”
17. In § 24(5)(2), the word “Joint-Degree-Programmen” is replaced by the words “Joint Programmes.”
18. Section 25 is amended as follows:
- a) Paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
- aa) Sentence 1 is replaced by the following:
“Before the expiration of the accreditation period, an application for reaccreditation must be submitted; if successful, this reaccreditation shall immediately follow the previous accreditation.”
- bb) The following new sentences 2 and 3 are inserted after sentence 1:
“If an application is submitted in a timely manner as defined herein, the accreditation is extended for the duration of the administrative proceedings. Reaccreditation takes effect no later than the beginning of the second semester or trimester following the announcement of the accreditation decision.”
- cc) The previous sentence 2 becomes sentence 4.
- b) Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:
“(3) The period of validity of the accreditation may be extended for a total period of up to two years if
1. in the case of program accreditation, the institution prepares an application for a bundled or system accreditation that includes the relevant degree program, or
2. the institution requests an extension of the deadline in justified exceptional cases that are wholly or partly beyond the institution’s control; the extraordinary extension of the deadline in individual cases shall be credited toward the next accreditation period.
If an application for system accreditation has been submitted, the accreditation of degree programs whose accreditation expires during the proceedings may be extended for the duration of the proceedings plus one year. If an accredited degree program is discontinued, the accreditation may be extended for students who are still enrolled at the expiration of the accreditation period.”
19. Section 28, sentence 3, is repealed.
20. Section 29(2) is amended to read as follows:
“(2) Groups comprising more than four degree programs must be approved by the Accreditation Council prior to the submission of the application. This applies to combined degree programs regardless of the size of the group.”
21. In § 31(2), second sentence, the phrase “pursuant to § 12(5)” is inserted after the word “feasibility.”
22. Section 32 is amended as follows:
- a) The heading is amended to read as follows:
“§ 32
Procedural Regulations for Joint Programs.”
- b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
- aa) In the first sentence, the term “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the term “Joint Programs”.
- bb) Sentence 2 is amended as follows:
- aaa) In the portion of the sentence preceding item 1, the words “Joint-Degree-Programmes pursuant to Parts 2 and 3” are replaced by the words “Joint Programmes pursuant to §§ 10 and 16”.
- bbb) In item 2, the word “Joint-Degree-Programms” is replaced by the words “Joint Programs.”
- ccc) In paragraph 4, the word “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the words “Joint Programmes.”
- ddd) In paragraph 5(a), the term “Joint-Degree-Program” is replaced by the words “Joint Programmes.”
- eee) Paragraph 7 is amended to read as follows:
“7. The Agency has published at least a summary of the expert opinion, including the assessment and justification, on its website in English.”

- cc) The following new paragraph 4 is inserted after paragraph 3:
“If the accreditation decision is not made in accordance with sentence 1, in deviation from § 21, the provisions of §§ 10 and 16 for joint programs within the meaning of Section 10(1) shall nevertheless apply mutatis mutandis.”
- dd) The previous sentences 4 through 6 become sentences 5 through 7.
- ee) In sentence 6, the phrase “Joint-Degree-Programme” is replaced by the phrase “Joint Programmes”.
- c) In paragraph 2, the term “Joint-Degree-Programme” is replaced by the term “Joint Programmes”.
23. In § 33(5), sentence 2, the reference to “sentence 3” is replaced by the reference to “sentence 2.”
24. Section 35 is amended to read as follows:
“The regulation shall be reviewed regularly and within a reasonable period of time.”
- Section 2
- (1) Subject to paragraph 2, this regulation shall enter into force on August 1, 2025.
- (2) Section 11(1), sentence 1; Section 12(1), sentence 5; Sections 15 and 17(1), sentences 5 through 7, and § 29(2) shall enter into force on April 1
Effective in 2026.

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