# SAM - Master of Science (MSc) in Economics and Business Administration in Sales Management

## Preamble

Pursuant to section 45 of Ministerial Order no. 1119 of 19 September 2025 on Full-time Programmes at Universities and Corporate Master Programmes (the University Programme Order); Ministerial Order no. 1120 of 19 September 2025 on Admission and Enrolment on Full-time Programmes at Universities and Corporate Master Programmes (the Admission Order); Ministerial Order no. 1121 of 19 September 2025 on University Examinations and Assessments (the Examination Order) and Ministerial Order no. 1125 of 4 July 2022 on the Grading Scale of Educations within the Sphere of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (the Grading Scale Order) the Dean of Education, acting on a proposal prepared by the study board, has approved the following programme regulations.

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# Part 1: Programme specific regulations

**Degree title and duration**

**1.** Students who successfully complete the programme earn the degree in *Master of Science (MSc) in Economics and Business Administration in Sales Management*, in Danish *cand.merc. i erhvervsøkonomi i salgsledelse.*

(2) The programme is governed by the Study Board Market and Innovation.

(3) The master's (candidatus) programme is a two-year full-time programme, corresponding to 120 ECTS credits. The deadline for completing the programme is the rate of study + one year after the student commenced the programme. Leave periods, if any, are not included in this time frame. Level of qualification: Master’s degree at NQF/EQF Level 7 referring to Second Cycle in the Bologna QF.

(4) The programme duration refers to the number of student full-time equivalents according to which the programme is structured. A full-time equivalent corresponds to one year of work by a full-time student and corresponds to an annual workload of 150 working hours corresponding to 60 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). The workload includes scheduled classes, preparation for classes, completion of written assignments, other teaching activities, independt study as well as preparation for, and participation in examinations.

**Admission requirements and qualifying degrees**

**1A.** No bachelor degree gives the right to admission to the *Master of Science (MSc) in Economics and Business Administration in Sales Management*, in Danish *cand.merc. i erhvervsøkonomi i salgsledelse.*

(2) The following bachelor degrees give access to admission to this programme, see however subsections (4) and (6):

From CBS:

- BSc in Economics and Business Administration (HA),
- BSc in International Business,
- BSc in Business Administration and Service Management,
- BSc in Business Administration and Project Management,
- BSc in International Shipping and Trade,
- BSc in European Business,

(2) The following bachelor degrees also give access to admission to this programme, see however subsection (4) and (6):

- Erhvervsøkonomi (HA)(SDU)

- Erhvervsøkonomi (HA)HA Almen (RUC)
- BSc in Business Administration (RUC)
- Erhvervsøkonomi (HA)(AU)
- BSc in Economics & Business Administration (AU)
- Erhvervsøkonomi (HA)(AAU)
- BSc in Economics and Business Administration (AAU).

(3) Admission to the MSc in Economics and Business Administration programme requires that the applicant has completed a qualifying bachelor degree, among these a professional bachelor degree, or other Danish or foreign degree at the same level. During the education the applicant must have covered the following academic disciplines to a sufficient degree on an overall, individual assessment:

- 45 ECTS-points in Business Administration/Economics
- 45 ECTS-points in the following core academic areas, with a minimum of 5 ECTS-points within each: Microeconomics, Organisation, Marketing, Quantitative Methods/Statistics, Accounting, Finance.

(4) The language requirement is English A, see: cbs.dk/graduateadmission.

(5) Standard assessments of a number of degrees from CBS or other universities are available on cbs.dk/graduateadmission.

(6) In the event that there are more applicants who fulfil the admission requirements than there are places offered at this programme, the selection shall be made according to criteria laid down in advance and published on cbs.dk/graduateadmission.

(7) Available at cbs.dk/graduateadmission are the application and admission procedures, including deadlines, as well as information about the date when the offer or the rejection of a place of study is made and about the requirement to accept a place of study.

**Purpose**

**2.** The MSc Programme in Economics and Business Administration in Sales Management (cand.merc. i erhvervsøkonomi i salgsledelse) is a graduate-level, theoretical programme that research-based programme that serves as a continuation and builds upon the business economics foundations from the BSc Programme in Economics and Business Administration (HA) and equivalent programmes (please see section 1A, subsection (1) and (2) for the full list.

(2) The objective of the MSc Programme in Economics and Business Administration in Sales Management is that students should acquire the scientific skills and competencies to identify and develop solutions to business economics issues in private and public enterprises and organisations.

(3) The programme will help students acquire these skills and competencies by providing them with both a general understanding and specialised knowledge, to the effect that the graduate in the

solving of problems pertaining to business economics may employ in-depth knowledge of the field as well as independently acquire, produce and utilise new knowledge.

(4) Through participation in the programme, students should also acquire the ability to collaborate with people having the same or another academic background in working with and solving problems that involve a variety of fields.

## Competency profile

### Purpose and academic profile

**3.** MSc. in Economics and Business Administration (EBA) in Sales Management is a research-based graduate level program in business economics. It has an overall focus is to provide students with broader competences and skills in order to manage sales organizations and companies in a global context, as well as business economic theory and methods. The program focuses particularly on how business enterprises can make economic decisions under uncertainty, and hence make the best use of limited, or scarce, resources, while taking into account an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development of society.

The specific competency profile is obtained through the combination of core business economics and methodology courses within the programme and the Master's degree thesis, which – unless the student decides to complete a minor - must be written within the specific focus of the programme. The programme provides graduates with long-term thinking and the competencies to handle change and complexity towards sustainable development.

### Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the program, the student:

- Has research-based knowledge at the highest international level within business economics
- Can understand and on a scientific basis reflect on the field's knowledge and characterize its practical relevance in a relevant organizational and societal context
- Masters the theories, scientific methods and tools of business economics as well as the general skills linked to employment in broader business contexts
- Can assess and choose among the business economic theories, methods, tools and general skills to solve economic and business problems and ethical dilemmas, and on a scientific basis develop new analytical models and new options
- Can communicate research-based knowledge and discuss professional and scientific issues in a way that make them relevant and comprehensible to peers and non-specialists alike
- Can manage work and development situations that are complex, ambiguous, and unpredictable and that require continuous learning and sometimes new solutions
- Can independently initiate and complete professional and cross-disciplinary collaboration and assume professional responsibility
- Can create value from global connections for local communities
- Can independently assume responsibility for own professional development and specialization
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- Has research-based knowledge at the highest international level within sales management in general, and specifically in relation to the business-to-business and high-tech industries, as well as other (digital) industries and the shared economy
- Is familiar with the application of relevant artefacts (i.e., values, concepts, models, design rules, and instantiations) in the core sales management areas: professional selling, design science, innovation management, big data management, performance management, sales and marketing analytics, and customer profitability management
- Can model and diagnose a sales management issue analytically using advanced qualitative and quantitative techniques
- Can assess existing solutions to a sales management issue on the basis of one or more of the core areas: professional selling, design science, innovation management, big data management, performance management, sales and marketing analytics, and customer profitability management
- Can evaluate the utility of sales management solutions in relation to relevant performance indicators, such as costs, customer satisfaction, profitability, and social and environmental impact
- Can suggest possible (new) solutions for a sales management issue on the basis of one or more of the core areas: professional selling, design science, innovation management, big data management, performance management, sales and marketing analytics, and customer profitability management
- Can describe how to implement and test solutions on the basis of one or more of the core areas: professional selling, design science, innovation management, big data management, performance management, sales and marketing analytics, and customer profitability management

**Content and structure**

**4.** The MSc. in Economics and Business Administration (EBA)in Sales Management is a two-years master's programme that is divided into four semesters. There are eight mandatory courses during the first year, and elective courses followed by a master's thesis in the second year. The programme will also give access to take electives, enabling you to go even further into specific areas.

(2) As a rule, the language of instruction and exam will be English.

(3) The programme comprises four blocks, each constituting 25% of the programme:

1) The programme-specific block
2) The methodological block
3) The elective block
4) The thesis block

The first two blocks are taught as far as possible as a coherent and integrated whole.

(4) The programme-specific block comprises related scientific areas that together with the Master's thesis reflect the academic profile of the programme.

(5) The methodological block comprises disciplines that students need to be able to use in the course work of the programme-specific block and which are important for solving business economics issues or for further developing business economic and cross-disciplinary models.

(6) The courses in the programme-specific block and the methodological block, totalling 60 ECTS, are taken in the 1st and 2nd semesters.The elective courses, totalling 30 ECTS, are taken in the 3rd semester. The Master's thesis, which carries 30 ECTS, is the final component of the programme and is written during the 4th semester.

(7) The table below lists the structure of the programme and the ECTS credits of the individual courses (30 ECTS per semester). The course descriptions are available in the online course catalogue. Direct links are inserted in the table below:

### 1 year

| Course | ECTS |
|---|---|
| Semester 1 | |
| Big Data Commercial Strategies | 7.5 |
| Professional Selling | 7.5 |
| Designing Market-Based Digital Platforms | 7.5 |
| Creating Innovation and Customer Value | 7.5 |
| Semester 2 | |
| Performance Management | 7.5 |
| Sales and Marketing Analytics | 7.5 |
| Customer and Firm Profitability | 7.5 |
| Commercial Business Project | 7.5 |

### 2 år

| Course | ECTS |
|---|---|
| Elective courses | 30 |
| Master's Thesis | 30 |

### Total

| Course | ECTS |
|---|---|
| Total | 120 |

### Master's thesis

**4A.** The master's (candidatus) thesis must document skills in applying scientific theories and methodologies to a clearly defined academic topic. The thesis must be placed at the second year of study of the master's candidatus programme.

(2) The Programme Director, or the person the Programme Director has empowered to do so, approves the research question of the master's thesis and at the same time determines a submission deadline for the thesis, see subsection (3), and a plan for the thesis supervision. The deadline for submitting the thesis contract is 15 November in the student's 3rd semester, by submission of the thesis contract; see however section 14(3). See also section 19(7).

(3) The deadline for submitting the thesis is 15 May in the student's 4th semester, and it is not possible to withdraw from the exam once the thesis contract has been approved. If the student does not submit within the deadline, the student has used one examination attempt, unless a dispensation has been granted under section 14(7).

(4) If the student does not submit the thesis within the time frame specified in subsection (3), the Programme Director, or the person the Programme Director has empowered to do so, approves a

modified problem formulation within the same field and lays down a new three-month deadline for submission at the same time. If the student does not submit the thesis by the new deadline, the student may be granted a third examination attempt, see the Examination Order, in accordance with the same rules which applied to the second examination attempt.

(5) The rules in subsection (4) also apply for a master's thesis for which the student has not obtained at least the grade 02, see the Grading Scale Order.

(6) The thesis block comprises the preparation of a written thesis (the Master´s thesis), which serves as a test of the student´s ability to engage in an in-depth study and independently describe, analyze and process a complex issue at Master's level.

(7) The topic delimitation of the Master's thesis must be approved prior to the start of thesis supervision. At the time of approval, a deadline for submission of the thesis is also determined.

(8) The student chooses the subject of the thesis from within the programme's overall theme and academic profile. Under special circumstances, the Study Board may approve an exemption from this provision.

(9) Students have the option to collaborate on their Master's Thesis with fellow students from all other programmes at CBS, without requiring an exemption. Students must still meet the requirements of subsections (7)-(8).

(10) While working on the thesis, students are entitled to receive a pre-determined amount of guidance from their supervisor.

**Elective and Internship**

**4B.** In the 3rd semester, students must take electives equivalent to 30 ECTS credits. The electives may be selected from the list of courses approved by the Markets & Innovation Study Board for the programme, the approved lists are published on the student intranet . Students may choose to take their electives at CBS and CBS Summer University, at other Danish universities as credit-transfer students, or through credit transfer from a study-abroad semester at a foreign university or business school. All courses must be at the graduate level.

**4C.** It is possible to take an approved internship on the 3rd semester equivalent to 15 ECTS credits. It is a prerequisite for pre-approval that the student finds an internship and a CBS supervisor. For more information, see the Internship pages on the student intranet and the course description in the online course catalogue. Direct link is inserted in the table below.

| Exam name | Exam form | Gradingscale | Internal/external exam | ECTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academic Internship | Home assignment - written product | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 15 |

**Examinations**

**5.** The programme consists of the examinations listed below. The learning objectives and the regulations of the individual examinations are prescribed in the online course catalogue. Direct links to the individual examinations are inserted in the tabel below:

| Exam name | Exam form | Gradingscale | Internal/external exam | ECTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Semester 1 | | | | |

| Exam name | Exam form | Gradingscale | Internal/external exam | ECTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Big Data Commercial Strategies | Home assignment - written product | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 7.5 |
| Professional Selling | Oral exam | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 7.5 |
| Designing Market-Based Digital Platforms | Oral exam | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 7.5 |
| Creating Innovation and Customer Value | Home assignment - written product | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 7.5 |
| Semester 2 | | | | |
| Sales and Marketing Analytics | Home assignment - written product | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 7.5 |
| Performance Management | Oral exam | 7-point grading scale | External exam | 7.5 |
| Customer and Firm Profitability | Oral exam | 7-point grading scale | External exam | 7.5 |
| Commercial Business Project | Oral exam based on written product | 7-point grading scale | Internal exam | 7.5 |
| Semester 3 | | | | |
| Electives | Please refer the Course descriptions | | | 30 |
| Semester 4 | | | | |
| Master's Thesis | Oral exam based on written product | 7-point grading scale | External exam | 30 |
| Total | | | | 120 |

**Prerequisites for registering for the exam – compulsory activities**

**5A.** The following courses have compulsory assignments or requirements about active class participation, see section 13. Further specifications and regulations are listed in the relevant course description in the online course catalogue, see the below link(s).

| Course | Number of mandatory activities |
|---|---|
| Professional Selling | 1 |
| Creating Innovation and Customer Value | 1 |
| Sales and Marketing Analytics | 1 |
| Customer and Firm Profitability | 1 |

**Body of external examiners**

**6.** This programme is coverede by the body of external examiners for the business administration programmes.

**Pass requirements**

**7.** The general pass requirements are stipulated in section 26.

(2) In order to pass a combined examination consisting of several partial examinations, the grade of the individual partial examinations must be ‘00’ as a minimum.

**Additional programme-specific regulations**

**CEMS Master’s in International Management (MIM)**

**8.** CEMS MIM is a double degree programme you are eligible to apply for as a student in the MSc in Economics and Business Administration / cand.merc. programme. The aim of the CEMS MIM programme is to increase your knowledge and understanding of fundamental issues within international management. The programme is designed to build a bridge between theory and practice. CEMS MIM enables you to study international management in an international and intercultural environment, as the CEMS student cohort is a mix of CBS students, as well as exchange students from the CEMS partner schools.

(2) CEMS MIM is a one year programme which you study in combination with your MSc degree from CBS - if you are selected. The CEMS Master takes place in the second year of your studies in your third and fourth semester. The programme is flexible in relation to course selection as CEMS MIM offers you a range of electives in a number of different areas. At the end of your studies, you will obtain a MSc degree from Copenhagen Business School as well as the CEMS Master's in International Management degree.

(3) For more information, see the CEMS pages on cbs.dk. Information about the application procedure, including the deadline and the selection criteria, is available on the CEMS admission page.

9.-10. (Not in use.)

## Part 2: General regulations for master's (candidatus) programmes

**11.** The teaching is organised in a collaboration between the Programme Director, the course coordinators and the teachers. The Study Board approves the organisation of the teaching.

**Examination language**
**12.** Examinations are conducted in English; see however subsection (2).

(2) If a course has been taught in a language other than English, the examination is conducted in that language.

(3) The Study Board may decide to deviate from the rules stipulated in subsections (1)-(2), except when documenting the student's skills in a specific other language is part of the objective of the examination.

(4) The provisions in subsections (1)-(2) apply to oral and written sit-in examinations and to all types of written take-home assignments (seminar papers, projects etc.) subject to assessment.

**Prerequisites for participating in the exam: compulsory activities**

**13.** Besides the examinations listed in section 5, which are included in the final grade point average, on some courses there are one or more compulsory activities. That means that as part of the teaching, one or more written assignments must be submitted and/or one or more oral presentations or other compulsory activities must be carried out. For students to participate in the final examination of the course in question, it is a condition that, within a set deadline, the required number of compulsory activities have been submitted/carried out and have been approved by the teacher. What is evaluated is the student's effort, i.e. whether the student has made a try at solving/answering the assignment or has participated in the activity. A blank or irrelevant submission is not regarded as having participated in the activity. Students who do not fulfil the requirements for participating in the examination have used an examination attempt, see section 14(6). Further specifications regarding the number of compulsory activities, format etc. are stated in the course description of the individual course.

(2) A student who, within the deadline determined under subsection (1), is short on having one or more activities approved as regards the required number of approved activities in the course may, to a reasonable extent, be given one or more extra assignments/participate in one or more extra activities, prior to the ordinary examination (1$^{st}$ examination attempt) in the final examination in the course, see however subsection (3). However, it is a precondition that the student has participated in all set activities, unless it can be documented that lack of submission/participation was caused by illness or similar circumstances. If necessary for practical reasons, a different type of activity may be decided.

(3) In courses where the number of set activities during the teaching period is higher than the number of activities that are required to be approved (x number of y number set activities must be approved), the student may not be given extra assignments/participate in extra activities prior to the ordinary examination in the final examination in the course; this also applies in cases of illness or similar circumstances.

(4) A student who, prior to the re-exam (2$^{nd}$ examination attempt) in the final examination in the course, is still short on having one or more activities approved as regards the required number of

approved activities in the course may, to a reasonable extent, be given extra assignments/participate in extra activities prior to the re-take examination. However, it is a precondition that the student has participated in all set activities, unless it can be documented that lack of submission/participation was caused by illness or similar circumstances. Further specifications regarding the number of compulsory activities, format etc. are stated in the course description of the individual course.

(5) For a student who is to participate in a re-exam under programme regulations which are entered into force after the first time the student was registered for the course in question, the student shall not be subject to any new requirements about compulsory activites resulting from the newer programme regulations.

**Registration for and withdrawal from courses and exams**

**14.** CBS registers the student for the 60 ECTS credits comprising the coming year of study, and in addition CBS makes a semestrial registration for the student to any not completed courses from previous years of study.

(2) The students register for electives via the Self Service. Students not registered for mandatory courses and electives for a total of minimum 60 ECTS in a year of study, must register for electives, including summer school courses, corresponding to the lacking ECTS credits in the coming year of study, resulting in the student being registered for a minimum of 60 ECTS credits in the coming year of study.

(3) Within a withdrawal period, the students could withdraw from courses they are registered for if the registration made under subsection (1) is more than 60 ECTS for a year of study/30 ECTS for a semester, so that the individual student is registered for a total of 60 ECTS for a year of study/30 ECTS for a semester. There is a withdrawal period before both the spring semester and the autumn semester.

(4) The student can be deregistered from one or more courses or course elements where 1) the students is an elite athlete, or where 2) there are extraordinary circumstances, including impairment, and where the student will be unable to fulfil the registration requirement, or where 3) the student is an entrepreneur, see section 18, or where 4) the student is the chairperson of a voluntary organisation under *Dansk Ungdoms Fællesråd (DUF)* and where the student will be unable to fulfil the registration requirement. Deadlines for submitting dispensation applications are determined on the student intranet.

(5) When selecting students for elective courses, a draw is made among the students who fulfil the conditions for taking the elective course in question if there are more applicants for the course than there are available places. For certain electives the selection is not made by lot, but on the basis of a motivational essay; this will be stated on the list with the offered electives on cbs.dk.

(6) Students are automatically registered for an examination or examinations when they are registered for a course or course element with which one or more examinations are associated. Withdrawal from the ordinary exam (1$^{st}$ examination attempt) is not possible, and students have used an examination attempt, see section 27(1), unless an exemption has been granted pursuant to subsection (7). Students who do not fulfil the requirements for participating in the examination as laid down by the university, see section 13(1), have used an examination attempt, see section 27(1), unless an exemption has been granted pursuant to subsection (7).

(7) The university may grant exemptions from the rules set out in subsection (6) where 1) the students is an elite athlete, or where 2) there are extraordinary circumstances, including impairment, or where 3) the student is an entrepreneur, see section 18, or where 4) the student is the chairperson of a voluntary organisation under *Dansk Ungdoms Fællesråd (DUF)*, see the University Programme Order. Deadlines for submitting dispensation applications are determined on the student intranet.

(8) When a student has used one or more exam attempts in a mandatory course, the student cannot deregister from the course, see s. 12() of the University Programme Order.

(9) The university may grant an exemption to the rule stipulated in subsection (8) if warranted by extraordinary circumstances. When assessing whether extraordinary circumstances apply, none of these circumstances can be taken into consideration: prolongation of the period of study; academic aptitude; and the student's desires as regards the academic content of the degree programme. In addition, for an exemption to be granted, the extraordinary circumstance must be both directly linked to the course in question and, over a longer period, be preventing the student from completing the mandatory course.

(10) When a student has used one or more exam attempts in an elective course, the student cannot deregister from the course, see s. 13(1) of the University Programme Order.

(11) The university may grant an exemption to the rule stipulated in subsection (10) if warranted by extraordinary circumstances. When assessing whether extraordinary circumstances apply, none of these circumstances can be taken into consideration: prolongation of the period of study; academic aptitude; and the student's desires as regards the academic content of the degree programme. In addition, for an exemption to be granted, the extraordinary circumstance must be both directly linked to the course in question and, over a longer period, be preventing the student from completing the elective course.

**Re-exams**

**15.** Students are automatically registered for the re-exam (2nd and 3rd examination attempt) when the student has not passed the exam in question. Within a deadline, the student can withdraw from a re-exam (2nd and 3rd examination attempt), see subsection (5). However, it is not possible to withdraw from the 2nd and 3rd examination attempt as regards the master's thesis. If the student has not withdrawn within the deadline, the student has used and examination attempt, see section 27(1).

(2) On programmes with two annual examination periods (semester examinations), students who have not passed an ordinary examination are automatically registered for the re-exam (2nd examination attempt) in the same examination period or immediately thereafter.

(3) On programmes with more examination periods than in subsection (2), students who have not passed an ordinary examination are automatically registered for the re-exam (2nd examination attempt), which will be held as soon as possible; however, no later than six months after the ordinary examination.

(4) The rules on automatic registration for a re-exam (2nd examination attempt) are dispensed with if the student is not offered the opportunity to fulfil the requirements laid down pursuant to section

13(1) and (3) before the second examination attempt is held. The student is registered for the next examination attempt as soon as possible.

(5) The deadline for withdrawal from an examination is 1 month before the start of the examination in question. However, a student who awaits an assessment is exempt from this deadline as regards the re-exam of the course in question.

(6) For the requirements regarding documentation etc. concerning illness during an examination, reference is made to CBS's rules regarding illness in connection with an examination. Attention must be paid to the documentation deadline stated in those rules.

(7) Re-exams are subject to the learning objectives of the ordinary examination of the examination in question.

(8) Re-exams are conducted according to the examination regulations of the ordinary examination of the examination in question, except when:

1. the examination regulations for the examination in question explicitly contain differing provisions for the re-exam, or
2. it is a written examination and the number of registered candidates for the re-exam warrants that it may most appropriately be held as an oral examination.

(9) It is not possible to determine another examination form for the re-exam of the master's thesis.

**Study start test**

**16.** The student must pass the study start test in order to continue on the programme. An online-course will be available prior to the study start test, and the student will be able to take the online-course as many times as needed. The purpose of the study start test and the online course is to make the students acquainted with academic integrity and provide them with an introduction to source management and correct referencing. In order to pass the study start test, the student must show that he/she knows the rules on academic conduct.

(2) The study start test is held within the first to 2 months from the beginning of the programme. The study start test is a multiple-choice test, and the student has 2 attempts to pass the exam. The re-take will be held within the first 3 months from the beginning of the programme and is also a multiple-choice test.

(3) The student is automatically registered for the study start test. If the student does not participate in the exam, he/she fails the exam and has used one attempt. If a student fails the study start test, he/she will be able to participate in the re-take. If the student does not participate in the re-take, he/she has used one attempt. If the study start test is not passed after 2 attempts, the university will cancel the student's enrolment.

(4) The university may grant exemptions from subsection (1) and (2) when warranted by extraordinay circumstances.

**Extraordinary re-exams and offers of re-assessment/re-exam**

**17.** If an extraordinary re-examination is arranged or offered in accordance with section 30 of the Examination Order (regarding examination irregularities) or the offer of a re-evaluation/re-examination is given in accordance with section 38 or 41 of the Examination Order

(regarding complaints about the exam), the re-examination is subject to the learning objectives of the ordinary examination of the examination in question.

(2) Examinations under subsection 1 can be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the re-exam if the examination is an offer of an extraordinary re-exam.

**Entrepreneurs**

**18.** Students who are entrepreneurs in parallel with their studies must document that they are either self-employed with a turnover and productive assets or are part of an entrepreneurial environment, e.g. university incubators and regional growth environments, cf. section 14 (2) of the University Programme Order.

(2) A student who has a registered CVR number in a start-up company with relevance for the student's studies or is able to document that he/she has been enrolled in one of the programmes which are offered by Copenhagen School of Entrepreneurship (CSE) or the like is considered an entrepreneur under subsection (1). The student must follow the registered entrepreneurship programme in accordance with the continuous requirements of the programme.

**Examination forms**

**19.** Examinations are organised as individual examinations or as group examinations. The specific examination form of a given examination, including whether it is an individual or a group examination, or a mixture of the two, is stated in the relevant course description, see links in section 5.

(2) At both individual and group examinations the student's individual performance must be assessed, and grading must be individual, see subsections (3)-(4).

(3) At oral group examinations the individual student must be examined in such a way that it is ensured that the student's individual performance is assessed.

(4) If a written product is produced by more than one student, and if there is no oral defence of the product, it must be stated in the group product which parts of the product the individual student has written, so that individual assessments can be made of the individual students' performances. It must be stated both in the table of contents and at the introduction of the parts of the product which the individual student is responsible for. The individual student's student number is to be noted, not the student's name. The introduction, the problem statement, methodology sections, and the conclusion – including any subconclusions – can be written jointly. If it within the given exam format makes sense to write other relevant sub-elements of the assignment jointly, it must be described in the exam regulations in the course description for the course.

(5) For group examinations, see subsection (1), rules about those of the following factors that are relevant for the examination form in question must be stated in the regulations of the individual examination:

1. maximum group size
2. the allotted time at the oral examination – see subsection (3)
3. requirements regarding individual contributions – see subsection (4).

(6) Where it is stipulated in the regulations of a given examination that it is a group examination, it is stated in the course description if the students can choose to take the examination as an individual examination instead, see however subsection (7). When the examination in question contains both a written and an oral part, both parts must then be taken as an individual examination.

(7) The student can choose to write the master's thesis individually. When the master's thesis has been made by a group, the student can choose to have an individual oral exam.

(8) When it is an oral exam based on a written product, the following applies to all variations:

1. Submission of the written product is a requirement to be able to attend the oral examination.
2. Both the written product and the oral presentation count in the assessment.
3. The assessment is an overall evaluation of the written product and the oral presentation.

(9) If the written element is of a limited extent and only serves as a basis for a broader oral examination in the syllabus (e.g. as at an oral exam based on a synopsis) it will usually be the oral element that constitutes the central basis of the evaluation. The written element will usually only have a marginal effect on the grade.

(10) If the written element clearly constitutes a greater part of the effort, and is therefore the element most central in achieving the learning objectives for this exam (e.g. as a final written exam with oral defense), it will usually be this element that constitutes the central basis of the evaluation. The oral element will usually only have a marginal effect on the grade.

**Examination rules**

**20.** All students have an obligation to familiarise themselves with and to observe the examination rules of the examinations which they participate in, including the general rules that apply to the individual examination. Those rules are in particular:

- The examination rules, as stipulated in the relevant course description, see links in section 5.
- *Rules about written sit-in examinations at CBS, including rules about electronic aids*, see section 21(3).
- *Rules about online oral exams*
- Rules on good academic conduct, see section 4 of *Copenhagen Business School's rules and regulations on academic conduct, including penalties*.

(2) Audio and video recordings of an examination or of the examiners' discussion of a student's performance are not allowed, unless such recordings are considered an integral part of the examination process. Such recordings will then be made by CBS.

(3) It is stipulated in the examination regulations of the individual examination what the maximum number of pages is for a given written product. This pertains to the examination forms written home assignment and oral exam based on a written product. In addition, the following applies for the written product with these two examination forms:

1. In the page count the front page, the bibliography and any appendices are not included. Appendices are not part of the assessment.
2. All pages must have a margin of min. 3 cm in top and bottom and min. 2 cm to each of the sides. The font must be minimum 11 points.

3. The table of contents, tables, diagrams, illustrations etc. are not included in the number of characters, but will not justify exceeding the maximum number of pages.
4. On average, one page must not contain more than 2,275 characters (including spaces).

(4) Upon digital submission the student declares that the submitted product complies with the rules for good academic conduct, form requirements and maximum size, via a digital declaration of authorship.

(5) Any violation of rules and regulations under subsections (1)-(2) will be sanctioned in accordance with *Copenhagen Business School's rules and regulations on academic conduct, including penalties*.

(6) Violation of form or layout requirements stipulated in subsection (3)-(4) or form requirements laid down under section 19(4) may result in a rejection of the exam paper, see section 22 of the Examination Order. If the exam paper is rejected, it will not be assessed, and the student will have used an exam attempt.

**Examination aids**

**21.** The examination aids that students are allowed to bring with them to written sit-in examinations are specified in the examination regulations of the individual examination/course.

(2) Unless otherwise stated in the examination regulations, see subsection (1), no examination aids, whether written or technical, are allowed in the examination room, except simple writing and drawing utensils.

(3) In cases where the examination regulations, see subsection (1), stipulate that electronic aids can be brought to the examination room, the provisions stipulated in *Rules about written sit-in examinations at CBS, including rules about electronic aids* apply.

**Examinations under special circumstances**

**22.** The Study Board may decide to deviate from the examination regulations stipulated for the individual examination with the purpose of allowing students with special needs to sit examinations under special circumstances. Such exemption can be granted to students who are physically or mentally disabled, to students whose mother tongue is not Danish, and to students who have similar difficulties when this is considered necessary in order to place them on even terms with their fellow students in the examination situation. It is a condition that it does not change the academic level of the examination.

(2) When it is stipulated in the objectives of the examination in question that the student's spelling and writing skills are included in the assessment, the Study Board may grant exemption from this to a student who is able to document a relevant and specific impairment.

(3) Students who wish to apply for permission to sit an exam under special circumstances according to subsection (1) or apply for an exemption according to subsection (2) must submit an application via dispensation.cbs.dk. no later than 2 months before the exam is to take place.

**Conducting virtual examinations and examinations abroad**

**23.** The university may conduct oral exams as virtual examinations.

(2) The Programme Director decides, when warranted by special extraordinary circumstances, whether - an oral exam can be conducted as an online oral exam.

(3) When an examination is conducted as a virtual exam CBS’s rules about online oral exams apply.

**23a.** The university may conduct examinations at a Danish representation or at other locations abroad, provided the reason for doing so is that the student is unable to participate in the university's examinations in Denmark for practical or financial reasons and if the student and the exam location reach an appropriate agreement. Danish examinations held abroad must comply with all the other rules laid down in the Examination Order.

(2) The Programme Director decides whether the examination can be conducted abroad and appoints or approves persons to organise the practical aspects of conducting the examination abroad.

(3) The university defrays the special costs associated with conducting examinations abroad.

(4) The Ministerial Order on Payment for the Services of Civil Servants Serving Abroad (Bekendtgørelse om betaling for tjenestehandlinger i udenrigstjenesten) applies to conducting examinations at Danish representations abroad.

(5) The university may ask the student to pay part or all costs incurred by the university to conduct the examination abroad. However, it is a condition that the student confirms in writing in advance his or her willingness to pay the costs in question, on the basis of an estimate made by the university of the expected costs. The university may make it a condition for conducting the examination that the amount is paid in advance.

(6) When an examination is conducted abroad, the conditions and regulations in CBS’s guidelines for examinations conducted abroad apply.

**Assessment**

**24.** Examinations are either internal or external:

- Internal examinations are assessed by one or more teachers (internal examiners) appointed by CBS from among the teachers at the university or from other universities that offer the same or similar study programmes.
- External examinations are assessed by one or more internal examiners and one external examiner (in Danish: censor) appointed by the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science.

(2) It is stipulated in the exam regulations of the individual examination whether it is an internal or an external examination, see link in section 5.

(3) Assessment of the examinations is carried out in accordance with the Grading Scale Order.

(4) Compulsory assignments and class participation, see section 13, are assessed by the teacher(s) of the specific course. The assessment type ‘Approved/Not approved’ is used.

**Announcement of results**

**25.** In connection with examinations where the result is not announced immediately after the examination, the result must be announced within 4 weeks after the examination has been held, see however subsection (2). The month of July is not included in the calculation of these 4 weeks.

(2) In connection with bachelor projects, master's (candidatus) theses and master's projects, the result must be announced no later than 6 weeks after the project/thesis has been submitted.

(3) When special circumstances warrant it, the Programme Director can set aside the deadlines stipulated in subsections (1) and (2). If the assessment cannot be completed by the fixed deadline, the student(s) must be notified as soon as possible and be informed about the reason for the delay and when the result will be announced.

**Pass requirements**

**26.** Each examination must be passed separately. An examination shall be passed when the student achieves a grade of at least 02 or the assessment 'Pass'.

(2) Each examination can be retaken separately. However, passed examinations cannot be retaken.

(3) If a grade consists of several partial grades for various categories of performance (partial examinations), the grade shall be the average of the partial grades, rounded off to the nearest grade on the grading scale, see however subsection (4). The grade shall be rounded up if the average is half-way between two grades.

(4) If the partial grades are given different weights when the combined grade is to be calculated, this is stipulated in the exam overview in section 5. If so, the grade shall be the sum of the individual grades, each multiplied by the weighting of the grade, divided by the sum of the weightings and then rounded off to the nearest grade on the grading scale. The grade shall be rounded up if the average is half-way between two grades.

(5) If an examination consists of partial examinations, each partial examination can be retaken separately. However, passed partial examinations and not-passed partial examinations that are part of a passed examination cannot be retaken.

(6) Any requirements about a certain grade on the grading scale being required as achieved in one or more partial examinations are stipulated in section 7. If no such requirements are stipulated in section 7 the overall course must be passed. Thus, a partial grade can be -03 or 00 if the total grade according to subsection 4 is at least 02.

(7) If an elective course has partial exams, the pass requirements for the specific elective course apply.

(8) The calculation of the overall grade point average is based on the weights of the individual grades, which are listed in the table in section 5.

(9) If a student retakes an examination or another type of assessment, the highest grade applies – see however section 42 of the Examination Order.

**27.** Students have a maximum of three attempts in passing each examination, see however subsection (2) and section 16(3). The Study Board may grant more attempts, if warranted by

extraordinary circumstances. The question of academic aptitude may not be included when assessing whether extraordinary circumstances apply.

(2) No later than 16 months after the end of the teaching of the course, the student must participate in the third examination attempt if the course is no longer offered. If the course is offered each semester, the deadline for completing the course is 10 months after the end of the teaching of the course.

(3) Students who are to have their class participation assessed a second time may require an examination instead. However, where class participation includes practical exercises, it cannot be replaced by an examination.

**Diploma**

**28.** CBS issues a diploma to students who have completed their study programme, in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Examination Order. The diploma is issued to the graduate no later than 2 months after the announcement of the result of the final examination. July is not included in the calculation of these 2 months.

(2) Students who leave the programme without having completed it are entitled to receive a transcript documenting the completed parts of the programme, with the relevant number of ECTS credits stated and letter according to the ECTS-scale.

**Leave**

**29.** A student may be granted leave from the programme on personal grounds. The specific rules for obtaining leave and the provisions that apply to students while on leave are stipulated in CBS's *Rules regarding leave on bachelor and master programmes at CBS*.

**Programme regulations**

**30.** The programme regulations and various regulations etc. referred to in this document are publicly available on CBS's website, more specifically on studieordninger.cbs.dk and in the study administrative rules (SAR).

**Exemption from the programme regulations**

**31.** The university may, when warranted by extraordinary circumstances, grant exemptions from those rules in the programme regulations which are solely laid down by the university.

(2) An exemption from the programme regulations that requires an exemption from a ministerial order may be brought before the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science.

**Credit transfer**

**32.** Programme elements passed at another university are regarded as equivalent to corresponding programme elements covered by these programme regulations.

(2) The Study Board may grant approval for students to substitute passed programme elements from another Danish or foreign programme of the same level, for programme elements covered by these regulations.

(3) Decisions under subsections (1) and (2) are made on the basis of a professional assessment.

**33.** Students who, as part of their studies, wish to complete programme elements at another university or another institution of higher education in Denmark or abroad may apply to their home university for pre-approved credit transfer for planned programme elements.

(2) Pre-approval of a programme element to substitute a mandatory element will only be granted if the student due to special circumstances is prevented from passing the mandatory element at the ordinary programme at CBS, and if the student has not already used an exam attempt in the mandatory element.

(3) Approval of pre-approved credit transfer pursuant to subsection (1) may only be granted if, in connection with the application for preapproved credit transfer, the student undertakes to submit to the home university the necessary documentation to show whether the programme elements have been passed or failed upon completion of the programme elements for which pre-approved credit transfer has been granted. Students must also consent to the home university requesting the necessary information from the host institution if students are unable to procure the documentation themselves.

(4) Once documentation is available that the student has passed the programme elements for which pre-approved credit transfer has been granted, the home university administratively approves the transfer of the credit to the relevant programme at the university.

(5) In cases where the programme elements for which pre-approved credit transfer has been granted are, for example, not offered by the host institution, the university may, upon the student's request, change the approval of pre-approved credit transfer pursuant to subsection (1). The student is responsible for and is obliged to take the initiative to compose a proposal for a study plan. The university offers academic support if requested by the student. In special cases, the chair of the Study Board may approve changes to the Study Board’s decisions about pre-approved credit transfer.

(6) Decisions under subsections (1) and (5) are made on the basis of a professional assessment.

(7) Credit transfer of Master theses is not possible when the thesis is the basis of the awarding of a different title in another Master programme.

**34.** Programme elements which students wish to have transferred from other programmes will be transferred on the basis of the normalised workload specified in ECTS credits and stipulated in the relevant degree regulations. Due to the structure of the programme, discrepancies may occur between the equivalent number of ECTS credits and the actual amount of ECTS creditstransferred, as the number of ECTS credits for the programme must total the number of ECTS credits stated in section 1(1).

(2) If the programme element in question is assessed according to the 7-point grading scale or the 13-point grading scale at the academic institution at which the examination was taken, and if this programme element equates or replaces a programme element which according to the exam regulations of these study regulations is assessed according to the 7-point scale or the 13-point scale, the grade will be transferable, but converted into the 7-point scale if assessed according to the 13-point scale. In all other cases, the assessment will be transferred as ‘Pass’. Examinations transferred as ‘Pass’ are not included in the calculation of the final grade point average.

**35.** Applications for pre-approval or credit transfer must be sent to the Study Board via credit.cbs.dk. See guidance on credit transfer applications on the student intranet.

(2) Concerning complaints about credit transfer decisions, see part 3.

## Part 3: Complaints

**Complaints about examinations etc.**

**36.** A student is entitled to file a complaint about an examination or other assessment. Concerning the specific rules and procedures, including deadlines, for filing written and reasoned complaints reference is made to the rules in part 9 of the Examination Order and to CBS's guidelines on CBS's student intranet.

**Complaints about decisions concerning credit transfer**

**37.** Complaints about decisions made by the Study Board on whether education qualifications acquired at another Danish University may replace parts of the programme (credit transfer) as well as complaints about the decisions made by the Study Board on whether Danish or foreign education qualifications, not yet passed, may replace parts of the programme (pre-approval of credit transfer), may be brought before the Appeals Board for decisions on credit transfer, see Ministerial Order no. 826 of 16 June 2023 on credit transfer in university study programmes (meritbekendtgørelsen).

(2) The deadline for filing a complaint is 2 weeks from the date when the complainant was informed of the decision. The complaint must be addressed to the Appeals Board for decisions on credit transfer but sent to the President of CBS; the reasoned complaint should be sent to CBS Legal, Solbjerg Plads 3, 2000 Frederiksberg. It is also possible to send the complaint to: legal@cbs.dk. CBS has the option to process the application again. If the decision is upheld, CBS will forward the complaint to the Appeals Board, accompanied by a statement. CBS will give the complainant the opportunity to comment on the statement within a time limit of 1 week. The complainant's comments, if any, will be enclosed when the complaint is forwarded to the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board will make the final administrative decision.

**38.** Complaints about decisions made by the Study Board on whether education qualifications acquired abroad may replace parts of the programme (credit transfer) may be brought before the Qualifications Board, see Act no 579 of 1 June 2014 on Assessment of Foreign Qualifications etc.

(2) The deadline for filing a complaint is 4 weeks from the date when the complainant was informed of the decision. The complaint must be addressed to the Appeals Board for decisions on credit transfer but sent to the President of CBS; the reasoned complaint should be sent to CBS Legal, Solbjerg Plads 3, 2000 Frederiksberg. It is also possible to send the complaint to: legal@cbs.dk. CBS has the option to process the application again. If the decision is upheld, CBS will forward the complaint to the Qualifications Board, accompanied by a statement. CBS will give the complainant the opportunity to comment on the statement, within a time limit of 1 week. The complainant's comments, if any, will be enclosed when the complaint is forwarded to the Qualifications Board. The Qualifications Board will make the final administrative decision.

**Complaints about other decisions**

**39.** Complaints about decisions made by the Study Board or the Programme Director according to these programme regulations may be appealed to the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science when the complaint is concerned with an error of law or procedure. The deadline for lodging an appeal is 2 weeks from the date when the complainant was informed of the decision. The reasoned appeal should be addressed to the agency but sent to CBS Legal, Solbjerg Plads 3, 2000 Frederiksberg. It is also possible to send the complaint to: legal@cbs.dk. CBS will forward the appeal to the agency, accompanied by a statement. CBS will give the complainant the opportunity to

comment on the statement, with a time limit of at least 1 week. The complainant’s comments, if any, will be enclosed with the other case files when the appeal is forwarded to the agency.

(3) Moreover, students are referred to CBS’s Guidelines regarding students' right to file a complaint about decisions made by study boards, programme directors and programme administration.

**Complaints about the teaching etc.**

**40.** Complaints about the teaching, academic supervision or other issues concerning the organisation of the degree programme can be brought before the Study Board.

## Commencement and transition regulations

**41.** These Programme Regulations are effective for students enrolled on the programme in September 2025 or later, and for students who are transferred to these Programme Regulations, see section 42.

(2) The 2024 Programme Regulations are repealed as of 1 September 2025.

**42.** Students who began their studies under the 2024 Programme Regulations are transferred to these 2025 Programme Regulations, so that these are effective for the remainder of the programme.