

Part-Time Online Master's Degree Program "Regulatory Affairs"

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Version dated 30 January 2026
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1. Is the program a 100% online degree program, or are there on-campus phases? Are examinations taken on campus or online?

The program is conducted **100% online**.

Up to and including the student cohort of the winter semester 2025/26, examinations were partly held on campus in the form of written in-person exams or written partial assessments.

Starting with the winter semester 2026/27, students enrolled in the first MRA semester will take all examinations **exclusively online**.

Examination periods take place at the end and at the beginning of each semester—always on Fridays and Saturdays. The exact schedules will be announced in due time.

At the beginning of the program, a so-called **kick-off meeting** lasting **1.5 days** is held. This meeting provides general and organizational information about the program, an introduction to medical technology, and an opportunity for students to get to know each other. The kick-off meeting is conducted in a **hybrid format**, meaning it takes place on site while all sessions are simultaneously streamed online. Traveling to Lübeck is expressly recommended but not mandatory.

2. How can I apply for the online Master's program in Regulatory Affairs?

You can apply online via the application portal of TH Lübeck. Further information is available at

<https://www.th-luebeck.de/studium/bewerbung/schritt-fuer-schritt-erklaert/>.

Applicants who obtained their university entrance qualification and Master's admission qualification (Bachelor's degree) outside the Federal Republic of Germany usually apply via uni-assist (<https://www.uni-assist.de/en/>), the working and service point for international student applications. uni-assist reviews eligibility for the chosen degree program at TH Lübeck.

3. Are the costs due in installments per semester or as a total amount?

The tuition fees are charged per semester (EUR 2,500 per semester).

If the duration of studies exceeds four semesters (from winter semester 2026/27: more than five semesters), the tuition fee is reduced to EUR 250 per semester from the 5th (or 6th) semester onward.

In addition, a semester fee of approximately EUR 370 is charged. This includes the Germany Semester Ticket (free use of public transportation). As an online student, you may apply for a refund of the semester ticket portion (approx. EUR 180).

Note for international students: Even students who are not resident in Germany are legally required to have health insurance in Germany. International students must therefore obtain health insurance independently. Contributions amount to approximately EUR 120 per month.

4. Where do I complete my Master's thesis?

In most cases, it will be easiest to complete the Master's thesis at your place of employment. However, thesis topics may also be selected that are proposed by TH Lübeck or recommended in cooperation with other organizations.

If it is not possible to use part of your working hours for the preparation of the Master's thesis, this may lead to an extension of the study period.

5. Will the online Master's program in Regulatory Affairs be offered permanently, including in the winter semester?

The program is part of the regular study offerings of TH Lübeck and always begins in the winter semester.

6. What is the application deadline for the winter semester?

The regular application period begins on May 1 and ends no later than August 31.

7. What happens to students if the program should be discontinued in the unlikely event?

If the program is discontinued, all enrolled students will have the opportunity to complete their studies properly. Appropriate transition or phase-out periods will be observed.

8. What is the correct designation of the degree?

Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs

9. How is the semester structured? How many online or live sessions take place?

Each semester usually consists of several modules, the structure of which is coordinated by the respective instructors. In the first, at the latest the second week after the start of the semester, introductory web conferences are held. These are then continued in each module at intervals of approximately two to three weeks.

The web conferences serve to exchange experiences, deepen the learning content, and conduct exercises. Mere repetition of the learning material is not the objective. The conferences last approximately 90 minutes on average.

In addition, instructors are available at any time via email or online announcements to answer questions. Web conferences generally take place in the evening around 7:00 p.m. German time and are recorded. If participation is not possible (e.g., due to time zone differences in an international context), the recordings can be accessed online at a later time.

10. I have a B.Sc. degree in Industrial Engineering. Is this degree with 210 ECTS credits sufficient?

Yes, this degree is sufficient.

11. I have a Bachelor's degree with 180 ECTS credits. When must the missing 30 ECTS credits be proven? t the time of application, or can they be earned in parallel during the Master's program in Regulatory Affairs?

In principle, admission with the requirement to earn the missing 30 ECTS credits during the MRA program is possible.

However, it should be considered that the workload of a part-time study program is already very high, and earning an additional 30 credits within a reasonable time frame can be very challenging.

In addition, the availability of online courses is limited, and attendance of on-campus courses may be required. However, it is also possible to earn the missing ECTS credits at other universities (in Germany and worldwide), provided that the corresponding credits are documented or can be converted to the German system.

Note for international students: TH Lübeck cannot guarantee that sufficient English-language Bachelor's courses will be available online to earn the missing 30 ECTS credits. Students are required to independently arrange the acquisition of these credits—possibly with advisory support, where available.

12. Must the missing 30 ECTS credits for a Bachelor’s degree with only 180 ECTS credits be earned in specific subjects?

No. Subjects from the degree programs that led to the Bachelor’s degree may be considered if more than 180 ECTS credits were earned.

If the credits are to be earned during the MRA program, the selected subjects must be coordinated with the program coordination and management.

13. Are there courses at TH Lübeck that can be taken to obtain the 30 ECTS credits?

Yes, such courses can be taken after consultation with the program coordination. Further information can be found in the “Information Sheet on the Acquisition of Additional Credits” at

<https://www.th-luebeck.de/studium/studienangebot/studiengaenge/regulatory-affairs-msc/uebersicht/>.

14. Are additional costs incurred by enrolling in supplementary courses to obtain the 30 ECTS credits?

Yes. As a rule, the fee is EUR 95 per course if these courses are taken within TH Lübeck.

15. Are students officially enrolled as students?

Yes, you are officially enrolled as a student of TH Lübeck.

16. My Bachelor’s degree grade is worse than 2.5. Is it still possible to apply?

Yes, an application is still possible. Decisions are then made by the program committee and the admissions office on a case-by-case basis.

17. How many term papers must be completed?

This will be announced in the individual courses. In general, it is assumed that approximately 30 hours of total workload (self-study, web conferences, assignments, term papers) are required per ECTS credit.

18. How is the practical component structured?

There are several options for the practical project in the third semester.

First, the practical project may be completed as part of regular professional activities at the student's own workplace. If this is not possible or appropriate, TH Lübeck also offers projects that address suitable and current regulatory issues and can often be carried out in cooperation with industry or regulatory authority representatives.

19. Is it possible to take only individual modules step by step and thus not necessarily complete all planned modules in one semester?

Yes, an extension of the study period is generally possible.

After completion of the first "overrun semester," i.e., after the 5th semester of enrollment, a reduced tuition fee of EUR 250 per semester is charged.