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Re: Decision by ECTE Accreditation Commission

Dear Colleagues!

The ECTE Accreditation Commission (AC) in its session on May 14, 2024, deliberated on the additional representation submitted related to the requirements pending in the programme accreditation review following the on-site visit in June 2023.

The sequence in this letter follows the structure of our Programme Standards B.1 through B.6.

B.2.2 Outcomes and fitness for purpose

The AC confirms the requirement that IGW-International ensures and demonstrates clear progression between EQF6 and EQF7 programmes. This includes distinct learning outcomes, learning activities and marking criteria aligned explicitly referencing the QF-EHEA for EQF 6 and 7 programmes.

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The AC confirms the requirement that if IGW decides to maintain the distinct practice/research orientations in their specific programmes, they must ensure clear differentiation between learning outcomes for practice- and research- focused programmes.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as full compliance

B.3.1 Educational philosophy and adult pedagogy

The AC requires IGW to compile the existing elements of its educational philosophy into one concise document.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as full compliance

B.3.3 Module design and delivery

The AC requires that IGW as part of their ongoing assessment:

- research how their defined quality indicators for every delivery mode is experienced and assessed by students, faculty, and staff,
- evaluate this feedback and
- define areas for improvement or clarification.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as full compliance

B.3.6 Assessment:

The AC requires that the assessment policy be expanded to include defined formative aspects, and more robust, detailed marking criteria, particularly given the institution's practice of using correctors and multiple teaching staff.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as full compliance

B.4.4 Graduation and Certification

The AC requires that IGW issues a Diploma Supplement (DS) as part of its graduation documents, and also for the purposes of international mobility.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as full compliance

B.5.1 Qualification nomenclature

The AC requires IGW

- to provide documentary evidence that the use of nomenclature for its programmes is practised in line with ECTE-SG and the legal contexts of Germany and Switzerland;
- that it uses such nomenclature more consistently (both in internal and external communications) and
- to state more explicitly to the public that IGW does not have the right to confer academic degrees.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as full compliance

B.6.2 Teaching Staff

The AC requires IGW to present a plan for a structured and institutionalised faculty development programme within IGW which encompasses all teaching faculty (B.6.2).

AC recommendation: implementation to be reported in each APR.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as partial compliance

The AC upholds the recommendation that implementation is to be reported with each APR.

B.6.3 Learning resources and student support:

The AC requires that IGW submits a plan (including budgetary provisions) on how they will support their programmes adequately with (German) learning resources that are fit for purpose, taking the different levels of delivery and programme orientation into account (see full text in Standard A.5.3).

AC recommendation: Report on implementation via APR to include information on updating learning resources.

Unanimously rated by the AC-members as partial compliance

The AC upholds the recommendation that implementation is to be reported with each APR.

The Accreditation Commission unanimously granted programme accreditation for

- EQF Level 6/First Cycle named “Bachelor of Arts in Praktischer Theologie (CH)“/Studium Praktische Theologie (DE)
- EQF Level 7/Second Cycle named “Master of Advanced Studies in Missionalem Gemeindebau (CH)“
- EQF Level 7/Second Cycle named “Master of Advanced Studies in Theologie (CH)“

Please see the Final Review Report for the recommendations issued by the Visiting Evaluation Team and confirmed by the Accreditation Commission. The Accreditation Commission requests that responses to all recommendations be included in the Annual Progress Reports (APR) starting in 2024.

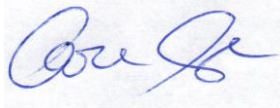
Programme accreditation is valid until November 13, 2028 (five years from the first deliberation of the Accreditation Commission, by which time the first cyclical review of the programmes must be complete). We strongly recommend that you choose an integrated cyclical review of the institution and all accredited programmes to align with your institutional accreditation period a year earlier.

The ECTE website directory will be updated accordingly within the next few days and once the DEQAR database is set up for Alternative Providers of Higher Education, IGW International will be listed there also.

Congratulations to you and your entire team on this successful review!

Please do not hesitate to contact me as questions arise.

Serving Him with you,



Carmen Crouse
Accreditation Director