



Fact sheet: Optimal Study Progression Plan & Scheduling of Master's Thesis

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1. Preliminary

The guidelines state (section 4.2, p. 6) that "An optimal course progression is recommended in each focus area. [...] The MSD includes so called core lectures that must be attended to avoid exclusion. Furthermore, the attendance of these lectures is compulsory for the allocation of certain classes, as they provide knowledge essential for the successful completion of the degree program. Students are advised to attend these core lectures in the first fall semester".

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2. Optimal study progression plan - full time studies

The optimal study progression is to be considered as a recommendation and applies for a period of four semesters including the following points:

- admission to the MSD and start of studies in fall semester (as recommended);
- admission to the MSD without additional requirements (Auflagen) or preliminary semester(s) (preparation master/Vorbereitung Master);
- full time study.

As soon as one of the above-mentioned conditions is altered, the optimal study progression changes accordingly.

2.1 Optimal study progression plan focus area in natural sciences: full time (* numbers in brackets indicate CP)

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| CK Social Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41829: Perspectives of Social Sciences on Sustainability (3)* 14253: Environmental Ethics and Intergenerational Justice (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11513: Sustainability: A new Societal Paradigm? (3) 17403: Governance, Sustainable Development and Democracy (3) | | |
| CK Economics 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48981: Intensive Introduction to Intermediate Economics (6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10160: Introduction to Environmental Economics (3) 71004: Resource Economics | | |
| IRS 24 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48953: Sustainable Development: Introduction into Topics and Approaches (3) 48954: Tools and Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods in Natural Sciences (3) Methods in Social Sciences (3) Methods in Economics (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Specific courses published each spring semester. 50729: Training for Sustainability Research (6) Master's colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's colloquium B: 52317: Presentation of concepts of MSD Master's thesis (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's colloquium C: 53982: Presentation of results of MSD Master's thesis (1) |
| CC Natural Sciences 15 CP | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <p>NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 49077: Global Change Resources (3)</p> <p>AND: only in case of free capacities you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 09 CP).</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <p>NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 50274: Global Change Ecology (3)</p> <p>AND: only in case of free capacities you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 09 CP).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of optional courses out of this module (max. 9 add. CP to take) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of optional courses out of this module (max. 9 add. CP to take) |
| PM Natural Sciences 15 CP | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3): for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis Registration of CP according to capacities: start with individual research work/seminar paper (11 CP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3): only if the Master's thesis is to be done in 6 months Submission of report (individual research work/ seminar paper) before starting with MT (11 CP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSD Life Science colloquium |
| MT Natural Sciences 30 CP | | | Master's Thesis | Master's Thesis |
| FASR 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according to free capacities |

2.2 Optimal study progression plan focus area in social sciences: full time (* numbers in brackets indicate CP)

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| CK Natural Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41828: Perspectives of Natural Sciences on Sustainability (3)* 20721: Ecosystems – Concepts, Principles and Processes (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40076: Technic. Basis of Generation, Distribution & Storage of Energy (3) 50260: Ecology and Evolution (1) 36792: Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology & Sustainable Landuse (2) | | |
| CK Economics 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48981: Intensive Introduction to Intermediate Economics (6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10160: Introduction to Environmental Economics (3) 71004: Resource Economics | | |
| IRS 24 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48953: Sustainable Development: Introduction into Topics and Approaches (3) 48954: Tools and Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods in Natural Sciences (3) Methods in Social Sciences (3) Methods in Economics (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Specific courses published each spring semester. 50729: Training for Sustainability Research (6) Master's colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's colloquium B: 52317: Presentation of concepts of MSD Master's thesis (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's colloquium C: 53982: Presentation of results of MSD Master's thesis (1) |
| CC Social Sciences 15 CP | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <p>NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first (in total for the module: 6 CP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AND: only in case of free capacities you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 09 CP). | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <p>NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first (in total for the module: 6 CP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AND: only in case of free capacities you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 09 CP). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of optional courses out of this module (in total: 09 CP.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of optional courses out of this module (in total: 09 CP). |
| PM Social Sciences 15 CP | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis Registration of CP according to free capacities start with the seminar paper (5 CP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3): only if the Master's thesis is to be done in 6 months Registration of CP according to free capacities Submission of seminar paper before starting with MT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57245: Sustainability Science Research (social dimension) |
| MT Social Sciences 30 CP | | | Master's Thesis | Master's Thesis |
| FASR 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of CP according free capacities |

2.3 Optimal study progression plan focus area in economics: full time (* numbers in brackets indicate CP)

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| CK Natural Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41828: Perspectives of Natural Sciences on Sustainability (3)* • 20721: Ecosystems – Concepts, Principles and Processes (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40076: Technic. Basis of Generation, Distribution & Storage of Energy (3) • 50260: Ecology and Evolution (1) • 36792: Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology & Sustainable Landuse (2) | | |
| CK Social Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41829: Perspectives of Social Sciences on Sustainability (3)* • 14253: Environmental Ethics and Intergenerational Justice (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11513: Sustainability: A new Societal Paradigm? (3) • 17403: Governance, Sustainable Development and Democracy (3) | | |
| IRS 24 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48953: Sustainable Development: Introduction into Topics and Approaches (3) • 48954: Tools and Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods in Natural Sciences (3) • Methods in Social Sciences (3) • Methods in Economics (3) ⇒ Specific courses published each spring semester. • 50729: Training for Sustainability Research (6) • Master's colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's colloquium B: 52317: Presentation of concepts of MSD Master's thesis (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's colloquium C: 53982: Presentation of results of MSD Master's thesis (1) |
| CC Economics 15 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. |
| PM Economics 15 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis • Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3): only if the Master's thesis is to be done in 6 months • Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. |
| MT Economics 30 CP | | | Master's Thesis | Master's Thesis |
| FASR 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of CP according to free capacities |

3. Optimal course progression plan - part time studies

This optimal course progression plan is to be seen as an **example** for a part time study considering that:

- the period of studying is of six semesters (without counting the semester(s) for the master's thesis);
- the MSD has been started in fall semester (as recommended);
- the admission to the MSD has been without additional requirements (Auflagen) or preliminary semester(s) (preparation master/Vorbereitung Master).

As soon as one of the above-mentioned conditions is altered, this optimal course progression plan changes accordingly.

3.1 Optimal study progression plan focus area in natural sciences: part time (* numbers in brackets indicate CP)

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring | Semester 5 Fall | Semester 6 Spring |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| CK Social Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41829: Perspectives of Social Sciences on Sustainability (3*) • 14253: Environment. Ethics (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11513: Sustainability: A new Societal Paradigm? (3) • 17403: Governance, Sustainable Development and Democracy (3) | | | | |
| CK Econ. 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48981: Intensive Introduction to Intermediate Economics (6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10160: Introduction to Environmental Economics (3) • 71004: Ressource Economics | | | | |
| IRS 24 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48953: Sustainable Development: Introduction into Topics and Approaches (3) • 48954: Tools and Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods in Natural Sciences (3) • Methods in Social Sciences (3) • Methods in Economics (3) ⇒ Specific courses published each spring semester, selection according to capacities. • 50729: Training for Sust. Research (6) • Master colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (or next semester) (1) | <p>CP according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium A: 50399: Introduction to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (or next semester) (1) | <p>Courses not passed in semester 2 (spring) out of this list according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method course(s), see semester 2 • 50729: Training for Sus. Research (6) • Master colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (1) | <p>CP according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium A: 50399: Introduction to Ongoing MSD Master's (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium B: 52317: Presentation of concepts of MSD Master's thesis (1) |

Continuation of optimal study progression plan focus area in natural sciences: part time

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring | Semester 5 Fall | Semester 6 Spring |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| CC Natural Sciences 15 CP | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 49077: Global Change Resources (3) AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP) | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 50274: Global Change Ecology (3) AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP) | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 49077: Global Change Resources (3) AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP) | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 50274: Global Change Ecology (3) AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP) | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer: only optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP) | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer: only optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP) |
| PM Natural Sciences 15 CP | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis (as a "test") • Independent research work (or next semester) (11 or 6) • Optional seminar paper (or next semester) (5) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis (when applying for the MT in the same semester) • Independent research work (or former semester) (11 or 6) • Optional seminar paper (or former semester) (5) • MSD Life Science Colloquium (or next semester) (1) |
| FASR 12 CP | | | Registration of CP according to free capacities | Registration of CP according to free capacities | Registration of CP according to free capacities | Registration of CP according to free capacities |

Master colloquium C: 53982: Presentation of Results of MSD Master's thesis (1): In the semester of submission of the master's thesis. The theses have to be completed at least up to 80% or may have been submitted already prior to this final presentation.

3.2 Optimal study progression plan focus area in social sciences: part time (* numbers in brackets indicate CP)

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring | Semester 5 Fall | Semester 6 Spring |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| CK Natural Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41828: Perspectives of Natural Sciences on Sustainability (3*) • 20721: Ecosystems – Concepts, Principles and Processes (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40076: Technical Basis of Generation, Distribution and Storage of Energy (3) • 50260: Ecology and Evolution (1) • 36792: Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology & Sustain. Landuse (2) | | | | |
| CK Economics 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48981: Intensive Introduction to Intermediate Economics (6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10160: Introduction to Environmental Economics (3) • 71004: Ressource Economics | | | | |
| IRS 24 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48953: Sustainable Development: Introduction into Topics and Approaches (3) • 48954: Tools and Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods in Natural Sciences (3) • Methods in Social Sciences (3) • Methods in Economics (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Specific courses published each spring semester, selection according to capacities. • 50729: Training for Sust. Research (6) • Master colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (or next semester) (1) | <p>CP according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium A: 50399: Introduction to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (or next semester) (1) | <p>Courses not passed in semester 2 (spring) out of this list according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method course(s), see semester 2 • 50729: Training for Sus. Research (6) • Master colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (1) | <p>CP according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium A: 50399: Introduction to Ongoing MSD Master's (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium B: 52317: Presentation of concepts of MSD Master's thesis (1) |

Continuation of optimal study progression plan focus area in social sciences: part time

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring | Semester 5 Fall | Semester 6 Spring |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| CC Social Sciences 15 CP | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <p>NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: (3) 14253: Environmental Ethics ... (3)</p> <p>AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP)</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 11513: Sustainability: A new Societal Paradigm? (3) <p>AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP)</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <p>NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 14253: Environmental Ethics ... (3)</p> <p>AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP)</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: Attend mandatory courses first: 11513: Sustainability: A new Societal Paradigm? (3) <p>AND: in case of free capacities, you can take optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP)</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer: only optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP)</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer: only optional courses out of this module (in total: 9 CP)</p> |
| PM Social Sciences 15 CP | | | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer: all mandatory, incl. Research Design course and seminar paper</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer: all mandatory, incl. Research Design course and seminar paper</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's Thesis start with the seminar paper (5 CP) remaining CP according to capacities and offer (mandatory courses) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3): only if the Master's thesis is to be done in 6 months Submission of seminar paper before starting with MT Registration of CP according to free capacities 57245: Sustainability Science Research (social dimension) (or next semester) (1) |
| FASR 12 CP | | | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities</p> | <p>Registration of CP according to free capacities</p> |

Master colloquium C: 53982: Presentation of Results of MSD Master's thesis (1): In the semester of submission of the master's thesis. The theses have to be completed at least up to 80% or may have been submitted already prior to this final presentation.

3.3 Optimal study progression plan focus area in economics: part time (* numbers in brackets indicate CP)

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring | Semester 5 Fall | Semester 6 Spring |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| CK Natural Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41828: Perspectives of Natural Sciences on Sustainability (3*) • 20721: Ecosystems – Concepts, Principles and Processes (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40076: Technical Basis of Generation, Distribution and Storage of Energy (3) • 50260: Ecology and Evolution (1) • 36792: Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology & Sustain. Landuse (2) | | | | |
| CK Social Sciences 12 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41829: Perspectives of Social Sciences on Sustainability (3) • 14253: Environmental Ethics ... (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11513: Sustainability: A new Societal Paradigm? (3) • 17403: Governance, Sustainable Development and Democracy (3) | | | | |
| IRS 24 CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48953: Sustainable Development: Introduction into Topics and Approaches (3) • 48954: Tools and Methods for Interdisciplinary Research (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods in Natural Sciences (3) • Methods in Social Sciences (3) • Methods in Economics (3) ⇒ Specific courses published each spring semester, selection according to capacities. • 50729: Training for Sust. Research (6) • Master colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (or next semester) (1) | <p>CP according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium A: 50399: Introduction to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (or next semester) (1) | <p>Courses not passed in semester 2 (spring) out of this list according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method course(s), see semester 2 • 50729: Training for Sus. Research (6) • Master colloquium A: Intro. to Ongoing MSD Master's Thesis (1) | <p>CP according to possibilities and offer published in the medium-term syllabi & online course directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium A: 50399: Introduction to Ongoing MSD Master's (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master colloquium B: 52317: Presentation of concepts of MSD Master's thesis (1) |

Continuation of optimal study progression plan focus area in economics: part time

| Module | Semester 1 Fall | Semester 2 Spring | Semester 3 Fall | Semester 4 Spring | Semester 5 Fall | Semester 6 Spring |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CC Economics 15 CP | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. | Registration of CP according to free capacities and offer published in the medium-term syllabus and in the online course directory for every semester. |
| PM Economics 15 CP | Plus only in case of free capacities: optional courses out of this module (max. 12 CP to take) | Plus only in case of free capacities: optional courses out of this module (max. 12 CP to take) | Plus only in case of free capacities: optional courses out of this module (max. 12 CP to take) | Plus only in case of free capacities: optional courses out of this module (max. 12 CP to take) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis (as a "test") • optional courses out of this module (max. 12 CP to take) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49078: Research Design Master's Thesis (3) for both, 9- or 6-months period Master's thesis (when applying for the MT in the same semester) • optional courses out of this module (max. 12 CP to take) |
| FASR 12 CP | | | Registration of CP according to free capacities | Registration of CP according to free capacities | Registration of CP according to free capacities | Registration of CP according to free capacities |

Master colloquium C: 53982: Presentation of Results of MSD Master's thesis (1): In the semester of submission of the master's thesis. The theses have to be completed at least up to 80% or may have been submitted already prior to the final presentation.

4. Scheduling of the master's thesis (MT)

The study guidelines (section 4.4.6.5) „The students have a choice of two periods in which to complete the master's thesis: six or nine months. They must choose one of the periods when applying for the master's thesis.

For the nine-month period specific data collection relevant to answer the research question is compulsory. These that do not meet the criteria have a period of six months.” (section 4.4.6.5).

Prior to the application of the MT students must do a **credit point check** with the coordination office MSD. For that, students sent the following documents to coordination-msd@unibas.ch **BEFORE** they submit the application MT:

- **admission letter** (= letter of admission of the University of Basel informing you about the admission to the MSD; and, where necessary, additional sheet with information regarding additional requirements;
- **academic progress summary** (PDF to be downloaded via online services);

- **personal study progress plan**; template available on: <https://www.msd.unibas.ch/en/services/downloads/msd-2017/>. Please fill in the form **completely**:
 - on the top of the form insert your name, matriculation number, etc.;
 - in the column „number" insert the course number;
 - in the column „title" insert the title without abbreviations of words. If the title is very long, the first five words are enough, no need to insert any information about the course format;
 - in the column „semester" write fall or spring plus year (not semester 1, 2, etc.);
 - for the "Complementary Knowledge" modules, the disciplinary focus must be selected (drop-down selection);
 - the listing of the courses is done according to the module assignments. If you are not sure about the module allocation, consider the information in the medium-term syllabus;
 - list all courses you have taken so far, including those you plan to take in the coming semester.
- **learning agreement(s)**, if you have;
- **learning contracts**, if you have;
- **application approval(s)**, e.g. for the recognition of credit points earned during a mobility semester, if you have.

The **thesis application is to be submitted in accordance with the meeting schedule of the TC MSD**. For details see [here](#).

There are different **deadlines and tasks** to be considered before and when **submitting the application** for your master's thesis - depending on the semester (fall or spring), the scheduled meeting of the TC and the duration of the thesis.

The next pages provide an overview for each duration (06 or 09 months) and semester (fall or spring).

4.1 Application for a thesis with the duration of 6 months, in fall semester

| Period semester | submission of application of master's thesis | latest registration of: 49078 Research Design Master's Thesis | latest registration of: 52317: Presentation of Concepts of Master's Thesis (coll. B) | a) latest date for submission of LC MT b) latest date of start | latest date of handing in the thesis | latest registration of: 53982: Presentation of Results of Master's Thesis (coll. C) | a) semester of graduation b) graduation ceremony ¹ |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 6 months (application MT in fall) | meeting of teaching committee (TC) in September or end of October/beginning of November | former semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) & b) at latest 3 weeks after approval of application MT | 6 months later from the start date i.e., normally a date in March - April | spring semester of submission of MT; presentation is usually done on the first or second date offered for the master colloquia | a) spring semester b) June if MT is submitted until beginning of March; otherwise in December |
| 6 months (application MT in fall) | meeting of teaching committee (TC) in December | same semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia in Decem. | a) submission of LC MT: at latest 3 weeks after approval of application b) latest date of start: 15. Jan. | 6 months later from the start date 15. July at latest | spring semester of submission of MT; the presentation of the results is done during the last master colloquia (usually in June). | a) spring semester b) December |

Please note: The latest submission date for graduation in spring semester is Friday of week 29; and Friday of week 51 for graduation in fall semester!

¹ The graduation ceremonies are organized twice a year, they take place at the end of the semester.

4.2 Application for a thesis with the duration of 6 months, in spring semester

| Period semester | submission of application of master's thesis | latest registration of: 49078 Research Design Master's Thesis | latest registration of: 52317: Presentation of Concepts of Master's Thesis (coll. B) | a) latest date for submission of LC MT b) latest date of start | latest date of handing in the thesis | latest registration of: 53982: Presentation of Results of Master's Thesis (coll. C) | a) semester of graduation b) graduation ceremony ² |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 6 months (application MT in spring) | meeting of teaching committee (TC): February/March or April | former semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) & b) at latest 3 weeks after approval of application MT | 6 months later from the start date September-November | fall semester of submission of MT; presentation is usually done on the first or second date offered for the master colloquia | a) fall semester b) December if MT is submitted until beginning of September otherwise in June |
| 6 months (application MT in spring) | meeting of teaching committee (TC): at the end of spring semester in May/June | same semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) & b) at latest 3 weeks after approval of application MT | 6 months later from the start date November until around mid-December at latest | fall semester of submission of MT; the presentation of the results is done during the last date of the master colloquia (usually in December). | a) fall semester b) June |

Please note: The latest submission date for graduation in spring semester is Friday of week 29; and Friday of week 51 for graduation in fall semester!

² The graduation ceremonies are organized twice a year, they take place at the end of the semester.

4.3 Application for a thesis with the duration of 9 months, in fall semester

| Period semester | submission of application of master's thesis | latest registration of: 49078 Research Design Master's Thesis | latest registration of: 52317: Presentation of Concepts of Master's Thesis (coll. B) | a) latest date for submission of LC MT b) latest date of start | latest date of handing in the thesis | latest registration of: 53982: Presentation of Results of Master's Thesis (coll. C) | a) semester of graduation b) graduation ceremony ³ |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 9 months (application MT in fall) | meeting of teaching committee (TC) in September or end of October/beginning of November | former semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) & b) at latest 3 weeks after approval of application MT | 9 months later from the start date June until around mid-July at latest | spring semester of submission of MT; presentation is to be done during the last date of the master colloquia (usually in June) | a) spring semester b) December |
| 9 months (application MT in fall) | meeting of teaching committee (TC) in December | same semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) submission of LC MT: at latest 3 weeks after approval of application b) latest date of start: 15. Jan. | 9 months later from the start date 15. September at latest | fall semester of submission of MT; presentation usually done on the first or second date offered for the master colloquia | a) fall semester b) December |

Please note: The latest submission date for graduation in spring semester is Friday of week 29; and Friday of week 51 for graduation in fall semester!

³ The graduation ceremonies are organized twice a year, they take place at the end of the semester.

4.4 Application for a thesis with the duration of 9 months, in spring semester

| Period semester | submission of application of master's thesis | latest registration of: 49078 Research Design Master's Thesis | latest registration of: 52317: Presentation of Concepts of Master's Thesis (coll. B) | a) latest date for submission of LC MT b) latest date of start | latest date of handing in the thesis | latest registration of: 53982: Presentation of Results of Master's Thesis (coll. C) | a) semester of graduation b) graduation ceremony ⁴ |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 9 months (application MT in spring) | meeting of teaching committee (TC): February/March | former semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) & b) at latest 3 weeks after approval of application MT | 9 months later from the start date November until December (Friday, week 51) at latest | Fall semester of submission of MT; presentation is usually done on the last date offered for the master colloquia | a) fall semester b) June |
| 9 months (application MT in spring) | meeting of teaching committee (TC): May/June | same semester as application MT | same semester as application MT, the presentation of concept is to be done during the master colloquia following the approval of application MT | a) & b) at latest 3 weeks after approval of application MT | 9 months later from the start date February/March | Usually in spring semester; presentation is usually done on the first date offered for the master colloquia (it is also possible to do it in the former fall semester, on the last date of the master colloquia) | a) spring semester b) June |

Please note: The latest submission date for graduation in spring semester is Friday of week 29; and Friday of week 51 for graduation in fall semester!

⁴ The graduation ceremonies are organized twice a year, they take place at the end of the semester.