

**Modulhandbuch für den Studiengang Environmental and Resource Management
(universitäres Profil),
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Module 11243 Master Thesis

assign to: Totsl Account

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11243	Mandatory

Modul Title	Master Thesis Master-Arbeit
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Beckmann, Michael
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	On special announcement
Credits	30
Learning Outcome	The Master Thesis is an examination in which the student must show that he or she can independently and successfully deal with an assignment within a set deadline and contribute scientifically founded theoretical and practical knowledge to the solving of a problem. The Master-thesis should correspond to the advanced knowledge base of the subject. The Master Thesis consists of written work and its defence.
Contents	The Master Thesis can be practical as well as theoretical. It should relate the advanced standard of knowledge in the scientific field. The Master thesis consists of the written work and its defence.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	Successful completion of the modules (except for students with UTP as home university): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41514 Study Project • 41421 Introduction to Environmental and Resource Management II <p>Additionally for Examination and Study Regulation of 2021 (including Double Degree):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an achievement of an overall minimum amount of 72 credit points. <p>Additionally for Examination and Study Regulation of 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an achievement of an overall minimum amount of 78 credit points.
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Self organised studies - 900 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	It depends on the individual subject. Corresponding material will be named and provided by the supervisor.

Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	The grade of the Master thesis results from the thesis, which accounts for 75 percent, and its defense, which accounts for 25 percent.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	The academic supervisor is responsible for the topic and the content of the thesis.
Module Components	None
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 41421 Introduction to Environmental and Resource Management II

assign to: Mandatory Modules

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41421	Mandatory

Modul Title	Introduction to Environmental and Resource Management II Einführung in den Studiengang Umwelt- und Ressourcenmanagement II
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Beckmann, Michael
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After attendance students will have a better understanding how the ERM master programme works, what distinguishes the specialization fields of ERM and how to find a topic for their master thesis. In addition they will be able to understand the basics of good scientific practice and have learned the foundation for conceptualizing, structuring and writing their master thesis.
Contents	The module will be structured into two major topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to study the master programme of Environmental Resource Management at BTU 2. The basics of working scientifically at an European University. This part <u>may</u> include the following sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Scientific writing (with a focus on master theses) · Working with scientific literature and publishing of scientific work · Presenting at scientific conferences and networking in the scientific community · Grant writing and funding proposals · Ethics and integrity in scientific work; Intellectual property and patents · Interdisciplinary collaboration · Science communication · Career paths in science <p>Due to a change in teaching personnel, changes to structure, timing and topics of the module will be made during the semester.</p>
Recommended Prerequisites	None

Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 1 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 150 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	to be announced
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Final module examination: 90 min
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	None
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240230 Lecture/Exercise Introduction to ERM II
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 41514 Study Project

assign to: Mandatory Modules

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41514	Mandatory

Modul Title	Study Project Studienprojekt
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Beckmann, Michael
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	12
Learning Outcome	Within a study project the students work in details on a selected topic of preferably interdisciplinary nature. The main scope is the development of problem-solving skills by means of information gathering as well as the application of theoretical knowledge acquired in more formal classes. Students will organize their scientific research related to data acquisition, data analysis.
Contents	A study includes a project report with all factual information about the work in the project.
Recommended Prerequisites	Depending on the project topic knowledge in mathematics/statistics and/or social as well as natural sciences is advantageous.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Consultation - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 345 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	To be named by supervisor.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Written project report with all factual information about the work (as hard copy and digital form) and a presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report, 20-30 pages (75%) • Presentation of results (25%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded

Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	None
Module Components	• 240215 Study project Study Project
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240215 Study project Study Project

Module 12261 Ecological Excursion

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12261	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Ecological Excursion Ökologische Exkursion
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Birkhofer, Klaus
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	12
Learning Outcome	The Ecological Excursion module provides hands-on experience of biodiversity threats and conflicts and basic ecological adaptations to dryland conditions.

Part "Ecological Excursion: Seminar"

The seminar introduces students to the main components of terrestrial dryland ecosystems and provides a forum for discussion of topics relevant to the field trip. Students will learn about:

- biodiversity crisis and threats
- human-wildlife conflicts
- German colonial history
- competent use of English

Part "Ecological Excursion: Excursion"

The Ecological Excursions provide a hands-on experience that combines elements of scientific expeditions, teamwork projects and taxonomic identification of organisms. Students will learn about:

- independent and team-oriented ecological project work
- adaptations of animals and plants to local conditions
- poverty alleviation and food security
- geological and hydrological conditions and processes
- ecological concepts such as food webs, species inventories, sampling theory

Contents

Part "Ecological Excursion: Seminar"

- Fauna and Flora (plants, vertebrates, invertebrates)
- contemporary ecological challenges (biodiversity conservation, climate change, invasive species, ecosystem services)

- contemporary social challenges (human wildlife conflicts, poaching, food security, colonial history)

The seminar classes are organised as 8 double blocks of lectures by the lecturer and seminar presentations by the students during the semester. Lectures will be complemented by discussions and individual contributions from students. Self-organised work is required, in particular the preparation of seminar presentations and the acquisition of previously discussed content for the field trip.

Part "Ecological Excursion: Excursion"

- study design and hypothesis testing
- multidisciplinary teamwork
- communication skills

The field trip will last up to 16 days.

Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 1 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 10 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 165 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Relevant literature and equipment needed during the field trip will be provided to the participants.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Part "Ecological Excursion: Seminar" One oral presentation, 15 min followed by discussion (50%) Part "Ecological Excursion: Excursion" An individual log of a pre-assigned field day (25%) and a species list of a pre-assigned taxonomic group after the field day (25%, one list for every two students participating).
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	18
Remarks	The excursion to Namibia is associated with costs for participants (around 2.500 €). In previous years, stipends were available for qualified students to reduce the costs. PLEASE NOTE: The module can only be offered with a minimum number of 8 participants! If fewer than 8 participants register for the module, the module must be cancelled.
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240708 Lecture/Seminar Ecological Excursion: Seminar • 240709 Excursion Ecological Excursion: Excursion
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 12826 Mathematical Data Science

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12826	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Mathematical Data Science Mathematische Grundlagen der Data Science
Department	Faculty 1 - Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Hartmann, Carsten
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	On special announcement
Credits	8
Learning Outcome	After successfully completing the module, students have deepened their knowledge of stochastics acquired in the basic modules. They know the mathematical and statistical methods from data analysis. They have acquired basic skills for in-depth modules in stochastics or optimization. They have gained experience in doing independent research.
Contents	Choice of the following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of random vectors in high dimensions • Concentration inequalities • Linear and nonlinear principal component analysis (PCA) • Random matrices • Sparse recovery (compressed sensing) and LASSO regression • Introduction to statistical learning • Kernel methods and Gaussian processes • Applications in signal and image processing, random networks, ...
Recommended Prerequisites	Knowledge of the content of the modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11103 : Analysis I • 11104 : Analysis II • 11101 : Lineare Algebra und analytische Geometrie I • 11217 : Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie <p>or very good knowledge of the content of the modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11113: Mathematics IT-2 (Linear Algebra) • 11213: Mathematics IT-3 (Analysis) • as well as of the content one of the modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11917 : Mathematik W-3 (Statistik)

	- 11926 : Statistik für Anwender - 11212 : Statistics
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 4 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 150 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.M. Bishop. Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning. Springer, 2006. • D.P. Dubhashi, A. Panconesi. Concentration of Measure for the Analysis of Randomized Algorithms, Cambridge University Press, 2009. • R. van Handel. Probability in High Dimension. Lecture Notes, Princeton University, 2016. • R. Vershynin. High-Dimensional Probability: An Introduction with Applications in Data Science, Cambridge University Press, 2018
Module Examination	Prerequisite + Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<p>Prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of a semester project <p>Final module examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project presentation, 45 min.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study programme Angewandte Mathematik M.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in complex „Stochastics“ or in complex „Optimization“ • Study programme Mathematik B.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in complex „Specialisation“, in limited extend • Study programme Wirtschaftsmathematik B.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in complex „Specialisation“, in limited extend • Study programme Artificial Intelligence M.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in complex „Learning and Reasoning“ • Study programme Informatik B.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in „Applied Mathematics“ or in field of application „Mathematics“ • Study programme Informatik M.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in „Mathematics“ or in field of application „Mathematics“ • Study programme Physics M.Sc.: Compulsory elective module in complex „Minor Subject“
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture: Mathematical Data Science • Accompanying exercise
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>130813 Examination Mathematical Data Science</p> <p>130893 Examination Mathematical Data Science (Wiederholung)</p>

Module 12942 Introduction to Climate Variability and Climate Change Projections

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12942	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Introduction to Climate Variability and Climate Change Projections Einführung in Klimavariabilität und Klimaänderungsprojektionen
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr. rer. nat. Will, Andreas
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The students shall be made familiar with natural climate variability and the expected climate change in selected regions. They shall be enabled to understand and to use the results of Climate System Models. In this way a sound basis for climate impact assessment in different regions will be provided.
Contents	<p>Part Lecture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate state and climate variables 2. Physical basis of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. climate system dynamics • 2. anthropogenic climate change 3. Observational evidence of anthropogenic climate change 4. Design and history of climate system models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Global Climate System Models • 2. Regional Climate System Models • 3. Statistical Climate Change Signal Models 5. Evaluation of climate system models 6. Emission Scenarios and Climate Change Projections 7. Climate Change Signal Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Climate Change Signal in selected regions • 2. Uncertainties of Climate Change Signals • 3. Climate sensitivity • 4. Reliability of climate projections 8. Climate System Model bias correction and Climate impact modelling

	<p>Part Exercise: Exercises supporting the understanding of the lectures and the ability to use Climate System Model results are introduced by the lecturer. These exercises are to be solved by the students in form of self-organized studies. The solutions will be presented and discussed by the students during the exercise.</p>
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic skills in mathematics, classical mechanics and thermodynamics are expected, Advanced skills in vector calculus and tensor analysis, statistics and discrete mathematics, in fluid mechanics and thermodynamics are very helpful in gaining understanding of the lectures and provide a sound basis for solving the exercises.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis, Working Group 1 Contribution to the fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC, Editor: IPCC. Further literature together with lecture and exercise materials are made available in electronic form during the semester.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solution of 3 exercises (50%) • Written examination, 45 Min. (50%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	No offer in winter semester 2024/2025.
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 12949 Geoecology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12949	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Geoecology Geoökologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr.-Ing. Repmann, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	6

Learning Outcome

Rationale

Geoecology is an interdisciplinary science that integrates the geosciences with the life sciences. The purpose of this module is to extend the basic knowledge of geoecology with respect to anthropogenically induced challenges. Selected issues of soil science and applied soil protection, and related ecological problems will be reflected. Furthermore, the fundamentals of environmental toxicology with regard to adverse effects of chemicals on living systems will be taught.

Lecture:

The lecture of ecotoxicology deals with the potentially harmful impact of chemicals, present as pollutants in the environment, to living organisms with particular focus on soil. In this course students will learn about:

- aspects of geoecology
- basic concept of ecotoxicology
- existing natural and synthetic chemicals
- influence of industrial and agricultural development/processes with regard to chemicals in the environment
- fate of chemicals (distribution, uptake, accumulation and possible degradation)
- detection and risk assessment of contamination

Exercise/Practical training:

The exercise/practical training offers a practical approach, which is necessary to understand the fundamentals of geoecological research. Students will learn about:

- study design and planning

- field sampling
- laboratory analyses
- preparing a scientific report

Contents

Part 1: Lecture:

- goals and definitions
- classes/groups of chemicals and their potential negative impacts on the environment
- routes of entry of these chemicals into the environment and relevance
- fate of chemicals
- general principles of ecotoxicology -> toxicity -> dose-response relationships -> reception
- factors that can possibly influence the toxicity of environmental chemicals
- investigation methods

- o measurement and assessment of basic site/soil parameters
- o selected toxicity tests
- o risk assessment
 - special investigation methods and selected case studies
 - phytoremediation
 - two short tests (approx. 30 minutes each)

Part 2: Exercise/Practical training, practical work in the field and laboratory:

- study design/problem formulation
- sampling in the field
- laboratory analysis
- writing a technical report

Recommended Prerequisites

Knowledge in chemistry, biology and soil science

Mandatory Prerequisites

none

Forms of Teaching and Proportion

Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester
Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester
Self organised studies - 120 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature

- Huggett, Richard J. (1995): Geoecology: An evolutionary approach. New York, Routledge.
- Dickinson, G. & Murphy, K. (1997): Ecosystems, A Functional Approach. Routledge Introductions to Environment, ISBN: 0-203-13248-3.
- Ballantyne, B. (Ed.) (1999): General and Applied Toxicology. Macmillan, London.
- Walker, C. H., Sibly, R. M., Hopkin, S. P. & Peakall, D.B. (2012): Principles of Ecotoxicology -4th ed. Boca Raton, CRC Taylor & Francis.
- Fent, K. (2007): Ökotoxikologie, Umweltchemie, Toxikologie, Ökologie. 3. Auflage. Stuttgart, New York, Thieme.
- Newman, M. C. & Unger, M. A. (2003): Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology. 2nd ed., Boca Raton, Lewis Publishers.
- Crosby, D. G. (1998): Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Oxford University Press, New York.

McBride, M. B. (1994): Environmental chemistry of soils. Oxford University Press.

Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture: two tests; each of the two written tests lasts approximately 60 minutes (25% each, together 50% of final grade),• Exercise/Practical training: written laboratory report, 20-25 pages (50% of final grade)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	7
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240437 Lecture Ecotoxicology• 240411 Exercise/Practical training Geoecology
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240437 Lecture Ecotoxicology - 2 Hours per Term 240411 Seminar Blockseminar Geoecology

Module 12959 Geopedology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12959	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Geopedology Geopedologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. phil. Raab, Thomas
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Geopedology deals with an integrative approach of soil science, geomorphology and geology. Students will learn the main factors and processes controlling soil formation and soil properties as well as landform evolution. The significance of both past and modern human impacts for ecosystems will be shown. Attention is paid to natural and anthropogenic processes of landscapes development in the mid-latitudes during the Late Pleistocene and Holocene.
Contents	Fundamentals in Pedology Fundamentals in Geomorphology Soil-landscape relationships Methods in Geopedology
Recommended Prerequisites	Knowledge in Quaternary Science, Geology, Soil Science or Physical Geography
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture: 2 Exams, each 45 min. for 25 points each Seminar: 4 Exams, each 45 min. for 12,5 points each

Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240421 Seminar Geopedology• 240401 Lecture Geopedology
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13046 Microclimates

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13046	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Microclimates Mikroklimat
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Trachte, Katja
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The module offers in-depth insight into spatio-temporal atmospheric phenomena with special reference to urban areas and their periphery. Students acquire a basic knowledge of cross-scale processes and mechanisms related to local (topo-) climates, get the competence to carry out climatological analysis in space and time applying IT-based methodologies such as statistical analyses and machine learning approaches.
Contents	<p>In the lecture professional aspects of microclimates are addressed, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • definition of microclimates • physical systems • differences in atmospheric conditions • influence of elevation and land use types • radiation budget • UHI • local scale wind systems and ventilation • ABL and NBL <p>The exercise consists of two parts: Part 1 Exercises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis of spatio-temporal atmospheric data, e.g. in-situ measurements and spatial-explicit data • IT-based training using GIS and programming languages such as Python • Statistical analysis and machine learning approaches

	Part 2 Field campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one coherent field campaign including measurements of microclimatological conditions
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic knowledge in atmospheric sciences and climatology, basic knowledge in statistics
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 12 hours Self organised studies - 108 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Recommended literature: Thomas Foken: Micrometeorology. Springer, Berlin, 2017. Roger G. Barry: Microclimate and Local Climate. Cambridge University Press, 2016.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	1. Weekly exercises in form of data analyses and visualization (30%) 2. Submission of a research project (70%), 8-10 pages; c. 2000-3000 words
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	Lecture – Microclimates Exercise - Microclimates Field campaign - Microclimates
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240115 Lecture Microclimates - 2 Hours per Term 240118 Exercise/Practical training Microclimates - 2 Hours per Term

Module 13221 Land surface - Atmosphere Interactions

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13221	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Land surface - Atmosphere Interactions Landoberflächen - Atmosphären Interaktion
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Trachte, Katja
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The module offers fundamental knowledge of physical processes and methodologies related to land surface – atmosphere interactions and its relevance in the context of climate change, e.g. carbon and water cycle, factors of changes in surface energy fluxes, soil-vegetation-atmosphere transport, ecophysiological interactions. Students get the competence to assess relevant aspects related to global change as well as to apply IT-based approaches.
Contents	In the lecture professional aspects of land surface – atmosphere interactions are addressed, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · turbulence and the development of PBL structure · carbon cycle · water availability · water use efficiency · ecophysiology · measurement techniques, e.g. eddy-covariance · remote sensing · modeling approaches In the exercise the knowledge gained will be applied using the programming language Python to trainee statistical data analyses (e.g. spatial data mining, machine learning approaches, GLM) and visualization in the field of atmospheric / environmental sciences.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester

	Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	1. Weekly exercises in form of data analyses and visualization (30%) 2. Submission encompass 8-10 pages including approx. 2000-3000 words. A group submission is scheduled. Individual grading can be achieved according to the uploaded program code. (70%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	20
Remarks	none
Module Components	Lecture – Land surface – Atmosphere Interaction Exercise - Land surface – Atmosphere Interaction
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13234 Communication of Science and Technology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13234	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Communication of Science and Technology Wissenschafts- und Technikkommunikation
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13298 Basics for Freshwater Management

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13298	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Basics for Freshwater Management Grundlagen des Gewässermanagements
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Martin-Creuzburg, Dominik
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students understand freshwaters as ecosystems and know the ecological principles underlying ecological management and how to differentiate between naturally and anthropogenically introduced variability in freshwater ecosystems. They know the main groups of freshwater organisms, and understand the functioning and biogeochemical role of lake and stream ecosystems and their role in landscapes. Specifically, students understand how freshwater organisms achieve the freshwater ecosystem services that humans require. Students know the main anthropogenic impacts on freshwater resources. They understand the consequences of these impacts through their interaction with ecological processes. Students will thus be able to evaluate the consequences of major impacts to aquatic organisms and ecosystem functioning and related those to the European Water Framework Directive as the base for evaluation and management of freshwater resources.
Contents	Physical and chemical properties of water. Running water ecosystems: Characteristics, variability and typology, connected functional compartments and main groups of organisms, ecosystem functioning, matter transformation and ecosystem services. Ponds and lakes: Genesis and typology, biogeochemistry of water and sediment, habitats and organisms; lake shores and macrophyte ecology. Main water quality problems related to agriculture, forestry, urbanization and mining; eutrophication, acidification, salinization, siltation, contamination, effects of neobiota; hydromorphological degradation of streams and rivers; loss of ecosystem services in degraded freshwaters; expected impacts of climate change. Principles of sustainable water management; principles of lake diagnosis, elementary modeling of lake

	quality, quality assessment and evaluation as prerequisites for mitigation and restoration; EU Water Framework Directive; overview on strategies to conserve and improve impacted freshwaters.
Recommended Prerequisites	Basics in environmental sciences, ecology or similar.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 3 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Written examination (80 minutes) in the first examination period. The exam will contribute 75 % to the module grade. The grades for exercises, tests and assignments which have to be handed in online via Moodle will contribute 25% to the module grade.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	<p>The module is taught as online course via Moodle. The course follows a blended learning concept in a strict weekly rhythm. It consists of A) self-organized study of the learning material of the week (learning and lecture videos, reading material, exercises) and B) live meetings in the online classroom for clarification of open questions and discussions to reflect and consolidate the understanding of the past week’s learning material.</p> <p>The blended learning in weekly rhythm requires continuous participation. Enrolment in the Moodle course is mandatory for this module. The Moodle enrolment key will be provided in the first lecture which will take place in presence on 18 October.</p> <p>The <u>module is a mandatory prerequisite for the course Freshwater Restoration Ecology (module 42505)</u> which is offered in summer semester.</p>
Module Components	Basics for Freshwater Management (e-learning course)
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240503 Examination Examination Basics for Freshwater Management

Module 13300 Environmental Data Science

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13300	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Environmental Data Science Umweltdatenwissenschaft
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. Ryo, Masahiro
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After the course, students will acquire both hard and soft data science skills essential for solving issues in environmental science, such as data handling, data visualization, data analysis, data interpretation, and data communication. These practical skills will be supported by fundamental statistical and programming knowledge. The students will be fluent in the R programming language beyond the basic level.
Contents	Part 1. Introduction to environmental data science Part 2. Data handling - Coding Basics in R, data import & data transformation Part 3. Data visualization - Various types of data visualization Part 4. Data analysis - Basic statistics - Statistical modelling: classification and regression - Machine learning modelling: Classification and regression Part 5. Data interpretation - Model interpretation - Common pitfalls Part 6. Data communication - Storytelling with data: Basic rules & practical tips
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in R programming language • Basic knowledge of statistics (probability theory, hypothesis testing, correlation, linear model)
Mandatory Prerequisites	None

Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Most of the textbooks are freely available from the links thanks to the fantastic authors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H. Wickham & G. Golemund: R for Data Science (https://r4ds.had.co.nz/index.html)• R. A. Irizarry: Introduction to Data Science (https://rafalab.github.io/dsbook/)• Hands-On Programming with R (https://rstudio-education.github.io/hopr/index.html)• C.O.Wilke: Fundamentals of Data Visualization (https://clauswilke.com/dataviz/)• B. Boehmke & B. Greenwell: Hands-On Machine Learning with R (https://bradleyboehmke.github.io/HOML/)• C. Molnar: Interpretable Machine Learning (https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/)• C. N. Knaflic: Storytelling with Data (https://www.storytellingwithdata.com/)
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercises during course (10 small programming exercises; 6% each; 60% in total)• Oral presentation based on self-organized project: 15 min incl. discussion (40%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	15
Remarks	This module will be offered as a block course. Please bring your laptop.
Module Components	242100 Lecture/Exercise: Environmental Data Science
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13580 Systems and Process Hydrology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13580	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Systems and Process Hydrology System- und Prozesshydrologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Hinz, Christoph
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students are able to analyse hydrological processes and to obtain and interpret hydrological data from hydrological annuals and internet sources. They can use standard procedures for hydrological dimensioning, probability analysis and extreme value statistics (especially flood statistics). They are furthermore able to apply basic methods of deterministic simulation of hydrological processes, modelling and modelling.
Contents	Description of hydrological processes as well as evaluation and presentation of associated data; adaptation of distribution functions to runoff data, derivation of flood design values with different data; design precipitation. Basic system hydrological description approaches; application of system hydrology for river basin modelling. Deepening of the methods in exercises with practical examples.
Recommended Prerequisites	knowledge of hydrology
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Lecture presentations, scripts for the exercises, literature references and questionnaires are made available via the online portal Moodle. Further literature:

- Maniak, 2010: Hydrologie und Wasserwirtschaft. Eine Einführung für Ingenieure, e-book. <https://katalog.ub.b-tu.de/search?bvnr=BV036607172>
- DYCK, S. u.a.: Angewandte Hydrologie, Teil 1, VEB Verlag für Bauwesen, Berlin 1980
- DYCK, S. u.a.: Angewandte Hydrologie, Teil 2, VEB Verlag für Bauwesen, Berlin 1980
- SCHÖNWIESE, C. D.: Praktische Statistik für Meteorologen und Geowissenschaftler, Gebrüder Bornträger Berlin
- Nützman, G., Moser, H.: Elemente einer analytischen Hydrologie, Prozesse - Wechselwirkungen - Modelle, Springer, e-book: <https://katalog.ub.b-tu.de/search?bvnr=BV043210734>

Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Written exam at the end of the lecture period (90 min.)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lecture System- and Process Hydrology</i> • <i>Seminar System- and Process Hydrology</i> • <i>Exam System- and Process Hydrology</i>
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13653 Atmospheric Water

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13653	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Atmospheric Water Atmosphärisches Wasser
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Trachte, Katja
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The module offers fundamental knowledge of physical processes and methodologies related to the atmospheric water cycle and its relevance in the context of climate change, e.g. water vapor fluxes and pathways, cloud microphysical processes, precipitation. Students get the competence to assess relevant aspects related to atmospheric water transport and availability, water use efficiency and cloud – albedo feedbacks as well as to apply IT-based approaches.
Contents	In the lecture professional aspects of atmospheric water processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Atmospheric water fluxes · Water vapor pathways · Cloud microphysics · Cloud-albedo feedbacks · Precipitation processes · Water availability · Water use efficiency · Remote sensing · Modeling approaches In the exercise the knowledge gained will be applied using programming languages such as R and Python to trainee atmospheric remote sensing, data assimilation and modelling approaches in the field of atmospheric / environmental sciences.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours

	Exercise - 2 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Recommended literature: H.R. Pruppacher & J.D. Klett: Microphysics of Clouds and Precipitation. Springer, 2010, Vol 18. R.A. Jr. Houze: Cloud Dynamics, 2014, 2nd Ed., Elsevier/Academic Press, Oxford
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	1. Weekly exercises in form of data analyses and visualization (30%) 2. Submission of a project (70%) Submission encompass 8-10 pages including approx. 2000-3000 words. A group submission is scheduled. Individual grading can be achieved according to the uploaded program code.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	20
Remarks	none
Module Components	Lecture – Atmospheric Water Exercise - Atmospheric Water
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13655 Un/Disciplining Knowledge: Technology, Science, and Society in Transformation

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13655	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Un/Disciplining Knowledge: Technology, Science, and Society in Transformation
	Epistemischer Ungehorsam: Technik, Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft im Wandel
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. phil. habil. Schwarz, Astrid
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	By the end of the module students are able to develop a research question within the academic field of Science and Technology Studies and create and present a research design, as well as identify and make use of appropriate sources of empirical material for your analysis, furthermore to identify, select and compare appropriate concepts and methods relating to an interdisciplinary research field and analyse changes in fields of science and technology with respect to knowledge forms.
Contents	This module presents central theories and approaches developed in Science and Technology Studies. The module focuses on questions about disciplining and undisciplining knowledge, the corresponding epistemic and ontological perspectives and the political economy of science. It explores concepts being concerned about shifting concepts of disciplinarity, such as interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity or postdisciplinarity.
Recommended Prerequisites	Knowledge from the courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technik in Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft • Philosophy of Science in Practice
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester

	Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Literature and learning materials are given in the course description.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• short scientific essay, max. 4000 words (45%)• scientific review, max. 2500 words (40%)• presentation, max. 15 minutes (15%) <p>The oral part of the examination can be done digitally or as a virtual meeting if the conditions for an examination in presence are not given.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	German-speaking teachers are available if required. Further information on this can be found in the course description.
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminar - 4 SWS
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13657 How to Talk about Nature?

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13657	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	How to Talk about Nature? Wie über Natur sprechen?
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. phil. habil. Schwarz, Astrid
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After passing the module, students understand main philosophical theories of “nature”, interrogate the concept of “nature” and expose its numerous ideological and cultural manifestations. They identify the main ethical dimensions of “nature”, and its crosscultural and political dimensions. Additionally they understand the power of narratives and storytelling to shape our environmental present and future by insight into reading, writing, and visual practices about “nature”.
Contents	<p>“How to talk about nature?” is closely linked to the question of what “nature” is, how it is construed and in which way we act with, in or against it. It is a question that is ontological and epistemological at the same time, it is about how we imagine nature “to be” and how we conceive knowledge about nature. The ideas about this entwinement are manifold over time and in space, different cultures have developed different ways of thinking and also practices of how to deal with a culture/nature distinction. Another important conceptual issue is how nature and technology are related, in contemporary debates for instance, “nature” is often identified with “environment” and as such inescapably entangled with its cultural, political, and technological context. Is the use of technology in “nature” then a threat or an opportunity to build a genuinely sustainable world?</p> <p>This module seeks to answer these and other questions, by approaching “nature” with variously grounded historical and contemporary theoretical approaches. For example, the concept of “nature” was differently interpreted in ancient times, compared to modern contemporary cultures. We will probe the different usage, the scope of historical and cross-cultural depth, the semantics, the images/ imaginaries, and finally, the logical coherence of “nature” concepts.</p>

This variety of topics means that the assigned readings will draw from a wide range of sources. With respect to handle current ecological and technocultural problems, a conscious reflection about “nature” seems to be required. Thus, the module should be also seen, in part, as a way to gain insight into contemporary reading, writing, and visual practices about “nature”.

Participation in the accompanying excursion is encouraged.

Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Literature and learning materials are given in the course description.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One short essay, max 1500 words (25%) • Two reviews, each max. 2000 words (each 30%) • 2 oral (group) presentations, about 15 min OR weekly submitted written answers to one short question per week on the topical readings to be determined by the instructor (15%) <p>The oral part of the examination can be done digitally or as a virtual meeting if the conditions for an examination in presence are not given.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	60
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar, lecture - 4 hours per week per semester
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13663 Environmental Soil Science and Plant Nutrition

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13663	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Environmental Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Umweltbezogene Bodenkunde und Pflanzenernährung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Ph. D. Rütting, Louise
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>After completing this course, the student will be able to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fundamental chemical properties and processes in soil • scientific methods employed for the remediation of contaminated soils • natural and anthropogenic factors and processes in soil and plant systems • basic principles of plant nutrient uptake • nutrient assimilation of plants with focus on the nitrogen and phosphate cycle • main sources and sinks of greenhouse gases
Contents	<p>Part 1: Soil Science/Soil Chemistry Introduction to the principles of soil chemistry, including properties of soil minerals and their interactions with essential plant nutrients. We will focus on soil solution dynamics, sorption processes, and redox reactions. In addition, students will gain insights into soil water dynamics and the importance of soil organic matter.</p> <p>Part 2: Plant Nutrition The student learns about the importance of mineral nutrition in plants, including essentiality, availability, and applications, as well as their management and control strategies. We have a focus on plant nutrient uptake, the rhizosphere and nutrient starvation. The student will gain insight into the different processes of bioremediation and phytoremediation dealing with contamination problems in a scientific and ecological way. In a seminar we will discuss numerous remediation approaches.</p>

	An excursion followed by a laboratory practical will combine the plant nutrition and soil sections.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	The class is organized as lectures complemented by discussions and individual contributions. All slides and schedules are available in Moodle. Recommended literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blume et al. (2016): Scheffer/Schachtschabel Soil Science. Springer, Berlin. • Naeem, M.; Ansari, A. A.; Gill, S.S. [Eds.] (2017): Essential Plant Nutrients. Uptake, Use Efficiency, and Management. Springer, Berlin. • Malik, J. A. (2022): Advances in Bioremediation and Phytoremediation for Sustainable Soil Management. Principles, Monitoring and Remediation. Springer International Publishing, Cham. • Flores, J. C. (2021): The Future of Phytoremediation. Nova Science Publishers Inc., Hauppauge.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written mid-term assessment on lecture Part 1, 60 min. (30 %) • written final assessment on lecture Part 2, 60 min. (30 %) • written protocol on excursion and laboratory exercise (40 %)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	25
Remarks	The excursion and the laboratory practical will take place in March.
Module Components	<i>Lecture/Seminar Environmental Soil Science and Plant Nutrition</i> <i>Excursion Environmental Soil Science and Plant Nutrition</i>
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13737 Practical Course Aquatic Ecology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13737	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Practical Course Aquatic Ecology Praktikum Gewässerökologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Martin-Creuzburg, Dominik
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The students know basic methods for the investigation of standing and running waters and can apply them independently. They can effectively use different data and information in order to answer research questions or develop hypotheses. The students can compare and assess the possibilities and limitations of methods and data in aquatic ecology.
Contents	Recording and evaluation of abiotic and biotic water quality parameters within the framework of a case study on a watercourse and a standing water body. Field measurements with different probes, limnological sampling techniques and laboratory analyses, process measurements, experimental approaches, microscopy of aquatic organisms, data analyses and preparation of reports.
Recommended Prerequisites	13298 Basics for Freshwater Management or/and 42505 Freshwater Restoration Ecology. Commitment and willingness for active participation, self-organized work, teamwork and self-study.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Practical training - 80 hours Self organised studies - 100 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	The necessary materials for the practical part will be provided.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Oral presentations and written reports of the results for each part, Running Waters and Standing Waters.

Part Running Waters:

- 15 min presentation on one of the methods to be applied (10%)
- Course participation (10%)
- Presentation of results and written report (ca. 3 - 5 pages without figures and/or tables, 11 pt font, line spacing no more than 1.2) (30%)

Part Standing Waters:

- 15 min presentation on one of the methods to be applied (10%)
- Course participation (10%)
- Presentation of results and written report (ca. 3 - 5 pages without figures and/or tables, 11 pt font, line spacing no more than 1.2) (30%)

Evaluation of Module Examination

Performance Verification – graded

Limited Number of Participants

12

Remarks

The course will take place as a block course during the lecture-free period of the 2026 summer semester from August 17 to September 4, 2026. The number of participants is limited to 12 students. The Standing water part will take place from August 17 to 21, 2026, at the Research Station of the Department of Aquatic Ecology in Bad Saarow. This requires all students to stay overnight in a youth hostel in Bad Saarow. The accommodation costs of ~€150 will be paid by the students themselves. In order to process the booking and deposit for the accommodation and to guarantee binding participation in the module, a deposit of €100 is required. The payment terms will be communicated to students by the Department of Aquatic Ecology after they have registered for the module with the Examination Office.

The Department of Aquatic Ecology will decide on final admission to the module. This depends on the student's qualifications and receipt of the deposit for accommodation. Only after receiving a positive decision from the Department of Aquatic Ecology will the student be given access to the course page on Moodle.

Module Components

240506 Practical course aquatic ecology

Components to be offered in the Current Semester

240506 Practical training
Practical Course Aquatic Ecology - 4 Hours per Term

Module 13837 Agro-Ecosystems Analysis and Modelling

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13837	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Agro-Ecosystems Analysis and Modelling Analyse und Modellierung von Agrarökosystemen
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. Webber, Heidi
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe and analyze agricultural systems using system analysis terms and concepts; • develop a simple dynamic model of a process affecting crop development or growth using the R programming language; • conduct model calibration, evaluation and sensitivity analysis; • design a model based assessment of the performance and sustainability of a cropping system; and • critically reflect on scientific studies reporting simulation results.
Contents	<p>With the range of challenges facing crop production systems, systems analysis and simulation modelling are frequently applied analytical tools to assess improved crop management and improve understanding of how crop systems functioning. Systems approaches represent a scientific concept in which the real world is divided into systems. These systems are captured into models Applied at a range of scales (canopy, (sub-) field, agroecosystem, regional or global), they can be used as scientific tools to test hypothesis of crop behavior, informing and aiding in experimental interpretation. The course consists of three main learning areas: systems dynamics and model development; model performance & model evaluation; model applications.</p>
Recommended Prerequisites	Good quantitative skills, basic knowledge of statistics, basic knowledge of scripting in R
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester

	Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	TBD
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the project #1, model development<i>: </i>description and schematic of the conceptual model, R-script, discussion (40%) 8 pages an appendix showing R-codes (draft description attached); working in groups of 2 or 3 students Report of the project #2, model application: description and schematic of the topic selected, R-sript, discussion (40%) 7 pages an appendix showing R-codes (draft description attached); working in groups of 2 or 3 students Preparation and leading of one group seminar: 30 min discussion on an assigned article presenting a model simulation study (20%) <i>working in groups of 3 or 4 students</i>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	30
Remarks	The module will take place in Summer Semester 2025!
Module Components	<i>Lectures, seminars and computer based exercises</i>
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240412 Lecture/Seminar Agro-ecosystems analysis and modelling - 4 Hours per Term

Module 13955 Geomorphology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13955	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Geomorphology
	Geomorphologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. phil. Raab, Thomas
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	On special announcement
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>At the end of the module, the students will be able</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to understand and remember the fundamentals of geomorphology • to explain the factors and processes of landform development • to describe the morphology of landforms and explain its formation • to understand and apply methods for quantitative landform description and analysis • to apply and evaluate different types of digital elevation data • to process and analyze digital elevation data in GIS software • to create maps of landform structures and relief features
Contents	<p>Part 1 Lecture – Geomorphology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals and concepts of geomorphology • Geomorphic agents and processes • Landforms and landform • Anthropogenic geomorphology • Characteristic landforms of the mid latitudes <p>Part 2 Seminar – Digital Terrain Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of Geomorphometry and basic geomorphometric parameters • Digital elevation models (DEMs) – types and data sources • Software for elevation data processing and analysis • Visualization methods • Advanced geomorphometric indices • Exemplary practical applications (hydrology, archaeology, soil erosion modelling,...) <p>Part 3 Seminar/Exercise - Processing and analysis of digital landform data</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical exercises for exemplary study areas of an ongoing research project • import and processing of DEMs in GIS database • computation of basic geomorphometric parameters (slope, curvature, exposition,...) • digital landform classification • computation of advanced morphometric indices (TWI, SPI, ...) • visualization of relief structures • digitization of relief structures, analysis of spatial distribution patterns • creation of maps
Recommended Prerequisites	Basics of physical geography
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 1 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson, R.S., Anderson, S.P. (2010): <i>Geomorphology. The Mechanics and Chemistry of Landscapes</i>. Cambridge University Press. 637 p. • Goudie, A., Viles, H. (2016): <i>Geomorphology in the Anthropocene</i>. Cambridge University Press. 324 p. • Gutiérrez Elorza, M. (2005): <i>Climatic geomorphology</i>. Elsevier, 760 p. • Hengl, T. (ed., 2009): <i>Geomorphometry. Concepts, Software, Applications</i>. Elsevier, 765 p. • Slaymaker, O., (ed., 2011): <i>Geomorphology and global environmental change</i>. Cambridge University Press, 434 p. • Wilson, J.P. (2000): <i>Terrain Analysis. Principles and Applications</i>. Wiley, 479 p. • Teaching material and further recommended literature will be provided in the specific courses
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written assessment on Lecture Geomorphology, approx. 8 questions, 2 pages (20%) • 4 seminar exercises to be solved independently or in groups, 4 protocols (1 page each) and 4 presentations (10 min each) (40%) • final integrative presentation (20 min) and discussion of exercise results (15 min) (40%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture <i>Geomorphology</i> (1SWS) • Exercise <i>Processing and analysis of digital landform data</i> (2SWS) • Seminar <i>Digital Terrain Analysis</i> (1SWS)

**Components to be offered in the
Current Semester**

No assignment

Module 14132 Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14132	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment Multidimensionale Ansätze für Technikfolgenabschätzung
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. pol. habil. Lee, Roh Pin
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Students know about a range of technology assessment approaches, methodologies and tools to facilitate the evaluation of decarbonization & sustainability transformation options along socio-technological-economical-ecological-political (<i>STEEP</i>) dimensions.</p> <p>On completion of the module, students are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a deep understanding of the multidimensional aspects and systemic interactions in the transformation of energy- and carbon-intensive industries; • Gain familiarity with a range of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in conducting technology assessment; • Design and conduct studies to analyze the opportunities and challenges which will be associated with the transformation of energy- and carbon-intensive industries along multiple dimensions; • Identify, assess and evaluate appropriate sources of information and critically reflect on the methodologies commonly implemented for technology assessment and their usefulness/weaknesses.
Contents	<p>Course coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance and development of technology assessment; • Common methodological approaches and their usefulness/weakness; • Data and approaches for assessment (e.g., primary vs. secondary; qualitative vs. quantitative); • Methodologies for socio-political evaluations, techno-economic evaluations and ecological evaluations; • Application on a case study to assess multidimensional opportunities and challenges associated with the transformation of a specific sector

	and derive implications along the <i>STEEP</i> dimensions based on assessment results.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 1 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Study project - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee, R.P., Meyer, B., Huang, Q.L, Voss, R. 2020. Sustainable waste management for zero waste cities in China: potential, challenges and opportunities. <i>Clean Energy</i>, 4(3): 169 – 201. • Lee, R.P. 2019. Alternative carbon feedstock for the chemical industry? – Assessing the challenges posed by the human dimension in the carbon transition, <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 219: 786-796. • Lee, R. P., Tschoepe, M., Voss, R. 2021. Perception of chemical recycling and its role in the transition towards a circular carbon economy: A case study in Germany. <i>Waste Management</i>, 125: 280-292. • Voss, R., Lee, R.P., Seidl, L., Keller, F., Fröhling, M. 2021. Global warming potential and economic performance of gasification-based chemical recycling and incineration pathways for residual municipal solid waste treatment in Germany. <i>Waste Management</i>, 134: 206 – 219. • Keller, F., Lee, R.P., Meyer, B. 2020. Life cycle assessment of global warming potential, resource depletion and acidification potential of fossil, renewable and secondary feedstock for olefin production in Germany. <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 250: 119484. • Lee, R.P., Scheibe, A. 2020. The politics of a carbon transition: An analysis of political indicators for a transformation in the German chemical industry, <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 244: 118629. <p>Further materials are provided via Moodle (including lecture slides and additional materials including videos, readings etc.)</p>
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual component (E-assessment), 60-90 min - 50% • Group Project - Part 1: Create a scientific poster (Analysis of e.g., a scientific article, industry report, case study, ...) - 25% • Group Project - Part 2: Presentation, 15min - 25%
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures & Exercises • Projects

**Components to be offered in the
Current Semester**

510602 Lecture/Seminar
Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment - 4 Hours per
Term

Module 14299 Advances in Biogeochemistry and Pedology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14299	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Advances in Biogeochemistry and Pedology Aktuelle Forschungen in Biogeochemie und Bodenkunde
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. phil. Raab, Thomas Prof. Ph. D. Rütting, Louise
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	On special announcement
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students will learn scientific method application, hypothesis formulation, critical reflection of results and academic discussion in fields of Soil-Plant-Systems and Geopedology.
Contents	Recent developments in the field of soil-ecosystem-landscape related research. Invited external speakers, as well as BTU PostDocs, PhD and Master students, present advances in scientific investigations in natural and human-made ecosystems. The focus is on the evolution, properties, and functions of the pedosphere and interacting processes with the biosphere. Research topics cover soil organic matter, biogeochemistry, plant nutrient uptake, stable isotope tracing, phosphorus and nitrogen cycling, soils in space and time, soil morphology and classification, and the impact of past and modern land use on soil landscapes.
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic knowledge in Biogeochemistry and Soil Science
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Consultation - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	will be announced at the beginning of the event
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Students must write a series of short tests at the end of each seminar presentation (25 % of the module grade), they must ask weekly

questions on each seminar topic (25 % of the module grade) and they must give a short poster presentation (5 minutes) at the end of the seminar (50 % of the module grade).

Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	24
Remarks	No offer in Summer 2026 and Winter 2026/27
Module Components	240499 Biogeochemistry and Pedology Research Seminar, 2 SWS 240498 Biogeochemistry and Pedology Research Consultation, 2 SWS
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 14355 Hydrogeology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14355	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Hydrogeology
	Hydrogeologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. PD Dr. habil. Neukum, Christoph
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students will acquire fundamental knowledge about hydrogeology involving physical principles and major ion chemistry. The course considers the elements of the hydrological cycle, hydrogeological properties of geological media, principle of groundwater flow, water chemistry and quality, basics of solute transport in groundwater, groundwater management, field methods and model applications.
Contents	Part 1. Introduction to hydrogeology Part 2. Water and the hydrological cycle Part 3. Geology and groundwater Part 4. Groundwater flow Part 5. Groundwater chemistry Part 6. Solute transport Part 7. Groundwater management The lectures are accomplished by practical exercises.
Recommended Prerequisites	• Basics in environmental science, Geology, Hydrology
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	• Franklin W. Schwartz, Patrick A. Domenico: Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology, ISBN: 978-0-471-59762-9 • C.W. Fetter: Applied Hydrogeology, Print-ISBN: 978-1-292-02290-1, E-ISBN: 978-1-292-03608-3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bernward Hölting , Wilhelm Georg Coldewey: Hydrogeologie, Einführung in die Allgemeine und Angewandte Hydrogeologie
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam at the end of the lecture period (90 min)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture “Introduction to Hydrogeology”• Exercise “Applied Hydrogeology”
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 14387 Applied Limnology, Management and Modelling of Lakes and Reservoirs

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14387	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Applied Limnology, Management and Modelling of Lakes and Reservoirs Angewandte Limnologie, Management und Modellierung von Seen und Stauseen
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Rinke, Karsten
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	2 semesters
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ecosystem services and anthropogenic uses of lakes and reservoirs · Translating scientific knowledge into tailored water management concepts for standing waters · Assessment methods and systems analysis of lakes and reservoirs · Stressors of lakes and reservoirs, dominant drivers, and potential solution approaches
Contents	<p>This module puts basic knowledge in natural sciences in general and aquatic ecology and biogeochemistry in particular into context with state of the art management concepts for lakes and reservoirs. This includes also an analysis of major ecosystem services and anthropogenic uses of standing waters as well as dominant stressors and drivers of deterioration.</p> <p>We will employ quantitative methods including modelling and explicitly address the unit of water body and catchment. The following main topics are in the focus of the module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Human uses and ecosystem services of lakes and reservoirs · Morphology and physical structure · Ecosystem dynamics and productivity · Nutrient cycles and biogeochemical processes · Eutrophication · Climate Change · Other stressors: Acidification, dryout, invasive species....

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Assessment and monitoring of lakes and reservoirs· Water quality prediction and management
Recommended Prerequisites	Basics for Freshwater Management (13298) or comparable knowledge in limnology, Expertise in R is very helpful
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 20 hours Self organised studies - 100 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Literature and exercise materials are provided via Moodle.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four selected exercises of our weekly seminars are used for calculating a grade (80%)• Seminar presentation (10 minutes) (20%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	Wintersemester: Lecture (2 SWS) + exercise (2SWS) Sommersemester: Excursion (20 Std insgesamt)
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Exercise• Excursion
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 41111 Parasites

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41111	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Parasites Parasiten
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr. rer. nat. Bucher, Roman
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Rationale The module aims at providing knowledge in biology, histology and ecology. Emphasis is set on topics relevant for German students as well as for students from foreign countries. Socio-economic problems raised by e.g., malaria or sleeping sickness will also be taken into consideration.</p>
Contents	<p>The field of parasites will be taught with emphasis on human-relevant diseases.</p> <p>General Aspects of Parasitism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions and origins of parasitism • Host-parasite relationship • Biogeographical aspects <p>Unicellular Parasites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intestinal and luminal Protozoa - e.g. amebiasis (amebic dysentery), giardiasis (lambliasis) • Blood protozoa – e.g. trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis, malaria, toxoplasmosis <p>Multicellular Parasites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endoparasitic forms - e.g. roundworms, flatworms, tapeworms • Ectoparasitic forms - e.g. bugs, fleas, lice, ticks <p>In the practical exercises, protozoan forms will be analysed microscopically. Basic diagnostic methods will be provided. Some of the larger multicellular parasites, e.g. roundworms, will be investigated using histological methods.</p>

Recommended Prerequisites	Basic skills in microscopy.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 4 hours Practical training - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 116 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures and practical exercises can be offered in interaction as classroom teaching or online via digital formats. The decision is up to the module supervisor. He will make a prompt decision based on the current situation. • Literature: Good textbooks, meeting our requirements for knowledge in parasitology and general biology, are available in our library. • Recommended further textbook: Bush, A. O.; Fernández, J. C.; Esch, G. W.; Seed, J. R.: Parasitism: The Diversity and Ecology of Animal Parasites. Cambridge University Press, 2001 (or newer edition).
Module Examination	Prerequisite + Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<p>Prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven regular attendance in the practical exercises (> 80%) <p>Final module examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written examination, 120 minutes. <p>The module supervisor decides whether the examination is to be carried out in presence or in digital form (eTest).</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	30
Remarks	No offered in wintersemester 25/26
Module Components	<p>Winter Semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240740 Lecture Parasites • 240747 Excursion Parasitological Excursion • 240744 Practical training Parasites • 240722 Examination Parasites
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 41217 General and Applied Ecology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41217	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	General and Applied Ecology
	Allgemeine und Angewandte Ökologie
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr. Djoudi, El Aziz
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>The Module General and Applied Ecology provides an overview of the basic and applied aspects of ecology. The lectures provide a comprehensive overview of modern concepts of ecology including ecophysiology, population and community ecology. Ecological research further requires a fundamental understanding of sampling techniques and designs. Students will learn about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic concepts of ecology • analyses of simple and more complex ecological data • the diversity of ecosystems and organisms • contemporary challenges in ecology • basic concepts of study design • sampling techniques
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is ecology? • Organisms in the environment • Ecophysiology • Population ecology • Community ecology • Understanding biodiversity • Analysing ecological data • Describing spatial distributions • Macroecology • Study design & hypothesis testing • Sampling organisms
Recommended Prerequisites	Bachelor Module 41102 Ecology, 12954 Biostatistics, 41106 Biology
Mandatory Prerequisites	none

Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<p>The class is organized as lectures complemented by discussions and individual contributions. All slides and schedules are available in Moodle. Self-organized work, in particular independent acquisition of relevant ecological information, is required.</p> <p>Textbooks Begon, M., Townsend, C.R. & Harper, J.L. 2006. Ecology: from individuals to ecosystems. Blackwell Publ. Townsend, C.R., Begon, M. & Harper, J.L. 2008. Essentials of ecology. Blackwell Publ. Southwood, T. R. 1994. Ecological methods. Chapman & Hall MacGarigal, K., Cushman, S. & Stafford, S. 2000 Multivariate statistics for wildlife and ecology research. Springer Zuur, A.F., Ieno, E.N. & Smith, G.M. 2007 Analysing ecological data. Springer Scheiner, S.M. 2001 Design and analysis of ecological experiments. Oxford Univ. Press Quinn, G.P. & Keough, M.J. 2002 Experimental design and data analysis for biologists. Cambridge Univ. Press</p> <p>EBooks Jorgensen - Encyclopedia of Ecology Levin - Encyclopedia of Biodiversity Levin – The Princeton Guide to Ecology Pla - Quantifying Functional Biodiversity Adams – Species Richness</p>
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Written exam at the end of the lecture period (120 min.)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	Complementary module WHS
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240745 Lecture/Seminar Fundamentals of Ecology • 240746 Lecture/Seminar Ecological Methods and Models
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240748 Examination Exam General and Applied Ecology

Module 41406 Environmental Modelling

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41406	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Environmental Modelling Umweltmodellierung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Hinz, Christoph
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Part 1 Introduction Modelling of the Environment: The lecture aims at providing basic understanding of dynamical modeling of the environment. Basic concepts of systems analysis will be introduced. In particular the students will get familiar with basic concepts of modeling of Atmo-, Hydro-, Bio- and Pedosphere, learn about the relevant processes, main interactions, model sensitivities and uncertainties.</p> <p>Part 2 Environmental modeling exercises: In the numerical exercise the students will learn writing simplified models and apply more complex and state of the art numerical models of selected processes or subsystems of the environment. They will learn, how to analyse and to interpret the results. They will get familiar with multiprocessor computers and with the computational needs of environmental modelling.</p>
Contents	<p>Part 1 Introduction to Modelling of the Environment: An introduction to modeling of the environment will be given. Concepts of modeling of the Atmo-, Hydro-, Bio- and Pedosphere will be presented. In particular the identification of relevant processes within and interactions between the spheres and their modeling will be highlighted. The opportunities of making predictions will be demonstrated by application to environmental problems like hazards, climate change and pollution. The model sensitivities and uncertainties will be discussed.</p> <p>Part 2 Environmental modeling exercises: Each student gets the opportunity to write an own numerical model of selected processes in the environment. More complex state of the art numerical models describing the behavior of a whole subsystem of</p>

the environment shall be applied to answer some detailed questions. The numerical model results shall be presented and discussed with the course participants.

Recommended Prerequisites	Mathematics I and II, Basic knowledge in Physics, Biology and Chemistry, familiarity with a programming language, in particular with 'R' and with Linux computers
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Tutorial for R and shell-skript language. Documentation of the model COSMO-CLM Tutorial of the model COSMO-CLM Documentation of the hydrological model HYDRUS. Tutorial of the model HYDRUS. Will be offered at the beginning of the semester
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 15 minutes Presentation (discussion should be at least 5 minutes) of the results of model programming in form of a presentation or report, 9 pages including figures, tables, references, title page and list of content (35%) 2. 15 minutes Presentation (discussion should be at least 5 minutes) of the results of model application in form of a presentation or report, 9 pages including figures, tables, references, title page and list of content (35%) 3. Written exam, duration 60 min. or open book online exam if required (30%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	24
Remarks	The number of participants in the exercise (240114 and 240116) is limited. See the exercise description for details. Entrance test of basics in modelling and programming (with R). Needs to be passed before starting with model programming and model application exercise.
Module Components	<p>In summer semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240113 Lecture Introduction to Environmental Modelling • 240114 Exercise Environmental modeling exercises • 240116 Exercise Environmental modeling exercises
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>240113 Lecture Introduction to Environmental Modelling - 2 Hours per Term</p> <p>240116 Exercise Environmental modeling exercises - 2 Hours per Term</p> <p>240117 Exercise Environmental modeling exercises - 2 Hours per Term</p>

240148 Examination
Introduction to Environmental Modelling

Module 42505 Freshwater Restoration Ecology

assign to: Environmental Sciences

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	42505	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Freshwater Restoration Ecology
	Ökologie der Gewässerrenaturierung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Martin-Creuzburg, Dominik
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students know the basic principles and main methods of freshwater restoration and are able to assess the potential, but also the limitations, of restoration measures to mitigate or reverse human impacts. Students will be familiar with current methods and guidelines for evaluating surface water quality and restoration, as well as eco-engineering approaches to water management. Students will know cases of best-practice restoration and management.
Contents	Anthropogenic impact and current state of lakes, reservoirs, streams and rivers, quality assessment. Ecosystem services as target of management and restoration, impact of climate change on water bodies, strategies and planning of freshwater restoration, stream system rehabilitation and its limits, measures for in-stream habitat and floodplain enhancement, rehabilitation measures in the catchment, costs and benefits of restoration projects. General concepts and guidelines of lake and reservoir management, restoration principles, eco-engineering measures and other aspects of modern management of natural and artificial standing waters. Case studies of restoration and best management practice will be presented and discussed.
Recommended Prerequisites	Participation at module: • 13298 Basics for Freshwater Management
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 20 hours

	Self organised studies - 100 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Materials supplied via Moodle: Lecture notes, learning videos, literature for additional reading, key scientific articles and book chapters.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Written examination (80 minutes) at the end of the semester covering the main topics of the lectures and the seminar talks. Students will need to perform a seminar on an individual topic (20 min presentation and 20 min discussion). The exam result will contribute 65%, the presentation and post-presentation discussion 25%, active seminar participation 10%. Handing in protocols of the two excursions will gain extra points (2,5% of the total score for each protocol).
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	In summer semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240513 Lecture Freshwater restoration ecology • 240538 Excursion Practical field course river Spree • 240517 Examination Freshwater restoration ecology
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240538 Excursion Practical field course river Spree - 0 Hours per Term 240513 Lecture/Seminar Freshwater restoration ecology (Modul 42505) - 4 Hours per Term 240517 Examination Freshwater restoration ecology

Module 11284 Advanced Studies of International Environmental Law

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11284	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Advanced Studies of International Environmental Law Internationales Umweltrecht für Fortgeschrittene
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. jur. Albrecht, Eike
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>After completing the module, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand international environmental law and its role in the management of global environmental problems, • Identify and critically analyse issues pertaining to international environmental disputes, • Apply international environmental law in specific concrete cases, • Comprehend and evaluate the significance of international environmental law in protecting the environment and fostering international relations. <p>After completing the seminar, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the way in which international agreements are achieved, • Understand the role various international actors play in decision making, • Have an understanding of the relevant actors who contribute to the outcome of international agreements, • Be able to make clear and convincing statements (orally and in written form), • Understand international decision-making procedures after playing an active role in a (simulated) negotiation process, • Have improved their skills in effectively arguing their case in relation to the topics discussed in class.
Contents	<p>Lecture: Advanced Studies of International Environmental Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to international law and international environmental law • Creation and development of international environmental law

- Implementation and enforcement strategies of international environmental agreements
- International environmental agreements with respect to the following topics:
 - Biodiversity (Biodiversity Convention/CITES/WHC).
 - Marine environment (Convention on the Law of the Sea)
 - Climate change (Climate Change Convention/Kyoto Protocol/Paris Agreement)
 - Ozone depletion (Convention for Protecting Ozone Layer/Montreal Protocol)
 - Toxic/hazardous substances (Basel Convention on Hazardous Waste)
 - Citizens rights to information, public participation and access to Justice

Seminar: International Negotiations and Environmental Decision-Making

- Challenges of international negotiations with a focus on climate change
- Actors of global environmental governance and international environmental decision-making
- State participation in global environmental governance
- The role of non-state actors in environmental decision-making and negotiations
- Simulation (role play) of an international conference (2 groups with maximum 35 students)

At the beginning of the semester, the students will be prepared to participate in a simulation of a multilateral negotiation process. (Climate Conference Simulation Groups). Each student in the simulation group will take the role of a relevant international player such as a country, an NGO, the private sector, or a subsidiary body. Participants will be required to prepare (in written and oral form) an assigned country/organisation engaged in the international environmental negotiation process to actively participate in the final role-play.

Recommended Prerequisites

Knowledge of the content of module:

- 41201 *International Environmental Law*

Mandatory Prerequisites

none

Forms of Teaching and Proportion

Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester
Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester
Self organised studies - 120 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature

- Birnie/Boyle/Redgwell, *International Law and the Environment*, 4th edition, Oxford University Press, 2021
- Knopp/Epstein/Hoffmann, *International and European Environmental Law with Reference to German Environmental Law – A Guide for International Study Programs*, 2nd edition, Berlin 2019

- Albrecht, Egute, Wanki, Ezeamama (Eds.), International environmental law (IEL) – Agreements and introduction. 6th expanded and updated edition, 2022.
- IPCC, 2022: Summary for Policymakers. In: Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [P.R. Shukla, J. Skea, R. Slade, A. Al Khourdajie, R. van Diemen, D. McCollum, M. Pathak, S. Some, P. Vyas, R. Fradera, M. Belkacemi, A. Hasija, G. Lisboa, S. Luz, J. Malley, (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK and New York, NY, USA. doi: 10.1017/9781009157926.001.
- IPCC, 2018: Summary for Policymakers. In: Global Warming of 1.5°C. An IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty [Masson-Delmotte, V., P. Zhai, H.-O. Pörtner, D. Roberts, J. Skea, P.R. Shukla, A. Pirani, W. Moufouma-Okia, C. Péan, R. Pidcock, S. Connors, J.B.R. Matthews, Y. Chen, X. Zhou, M.I. Gomis, E. Lonnoy, T. Maycock, M. Tignor, and T. Waterfield (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK and New York, NY, USA, pp. 3-24 <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009157940.001>.

Additional literature will be announced in class and made available on the Moodle page of the course.

Module Examination

Continuous Assessment (MCA)

Assessment Mode for Module Examination

- **Written Exam, 120 minutes** (maximum 40 points)

And

Climate Conference Simulation Group:

- Paper for preparation of the climate conference, 2 pages (maximum 15 points)
- Simulation of a climate conference, 10 SWS (maximum 25 points)

or

Weekly seminars Group:

- 10 pages essay submission on topics related to environmental negotiations and decision-making (maximum 40 points)

To pass (grade 4,0) the module, students need to earn a minimum of 40 points.

Evaluation of Module Examination

Performance Verification – graded

Limited Number of Participants

none

Remarks

none

Module Components

- Lecture: Advanced Studies in International Environmental Law
- Seminar: International Negotiations and Environmental Decision-Making (including COTTCOP blocked seminars)

Components to be offered in the
Current Semester

- Examination: Advanced Studies in International Environmental Law

520211 Lecture

Advanced Studies of International Environmental Law - 2 Hours per Term

520219 Seminar

International Negotiations and Environmental Decision-Making - 2 Hours per Term

520216 Examination

Advanced Studies of International Environmental Law - 2 Hours per Term

Module 11693 Ecological-Economic Modelling for Biodiversity Conservation

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11693	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Ecological-Economic Modelling for Biodiversity Conservation Ökologisch-ökonomische Modellierung für den Schutz der biologischen Vielfalt
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr. rer. pol. Drechsler, Martin
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	On special announcement
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Student shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquire knowledge about the ecological modelling of populations • acquire knowledge about the economic modelling of conservation instruments • acquire knowledge about the ecological-economic modelling of land use and conservation instruments • be able to write simple simulation programs • be able to analyse an ecological-economic model to assess a conservation instrument
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological modelling of populations • Economic modelling of conservation instruments • Ecological-economic modelling of land use and conservation instruments • Programming with the (free) software Netlogo • Development and analysis of an ecological-economic model
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good math grades at school and/or successful completion of modules in quantitative analysis such as statistics • Interest to learn some computer programming • It is recommended to take the modules 41427 Economics of Land Use and Biodiversity Conservation.
Mandatory Prerequisites	None

Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Practical training - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	To be announced in class.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework exercises (28%)• Paper about analysis of ecological-economic model developed in course, 2000 - 2500 words (78%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	Complementary Module ERM Master
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240911 Lecture/Practical Training Ecological-Economic Modelling for Biodiversity Conservation
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240911 Lecture/Practical training Ecological-Economic Modelling for Biodiversity Conservation - 4 Hours per Term

Module 12032 Statistics for Economic Analysis of Ecosystem Service Provision and Biodiversity Conservation

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12032	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Statistics for Economic Analysis of Ecosystem Service Provision and Biodiversity Conservation Statistik für die ökonomische Analyse des Biodiversitätsschutzes und der Bereitstellung von Ökosystem-Dienstleistungen
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr. rer. pol. Drechsler, Martin
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Understanding the main statistical concepts and methods used in the economic analysis of ecosystem service provision and biodiversity conservation
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basics of statistics (probability theory, exploratory data analysis, testing of hypotheses, statistical modelling) - Economic applications: econometric analysis of land-use dynamics, contingent valuation of environmental goods - Ecological applications: habitat suitability modelling, population viability analysis
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic knowledge of mathematics and the use of MS-Excel / Open Office Calc
Mandatory Prerequisites	None
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 150 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Seltman, H.J., 2018. Experimental Design and Analysis (URL: http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~hseltman/309/Book/Book.pdf)
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Exercises (home work) during course, each 1-2 h (each 5,5 %) • Written examination, 80 minutes (67 %)

Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	None
Module Components	Lecture Statistics for Economic Analysis of Ecosystem Service Provision and Biodiversity Conservation
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 12983 Climate Change and Migration

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12983	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Climate Change and Migration Klimawandel und Migration
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Associate Prof. (Univ. Damaskus) Dr. agr. Ibrahim, Bachar
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After completion of this module, students will have a solid understanding of Climate Change and its impacts, especially on vulnerable countries. Students will further have the knowledge about various concepts and logical arguments linking climate change and migration.
Contents	<p>Part "Climate Change"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations of change in the climate system • Critically assess the role of human activities in modern climate change • Assess future climate change scenarios and their potential impact on the Earth • climate change agenda and how this agenda impact on policy • Identify the Impacts and related Adaptation masures <p>Part "Migration"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential link between climate change, migration, • The Task of defining 'climate refugee' • climate change contribution to the refugee problems • Gaps in the international legal framework • Individual and Collective Action on Mitigation <p>Lectures will be given live online and afterwards uploaded as a PDF on the moodle For the exercise, students have to solve a given problem. Students have to select a topic on moodle and register in the given table (maximum of 4 students per group).</p>
Recommended Prerequisites	none

Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, forced migration and social vulnerability, T. Afifi, J. Jäger - 2010 - Springer • Climate change, human security and violent conflict: challenges for societal stability, J. Scheffran, M. Brzoska, H.G. Brauch, P.M. Link... - 2012 • People on the move in a changing climate: The regional impact of environmental change on migration, E. Piguët, F. Laczko - 2013 • Global migration governance, A. Betts - 2011 • Disentangling migration and climate change, T. Faist, J. Schade - 2013 - Springer • Climate change and migration: security and borders in a warming world, G. White – 2011- Oxford University Press
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exam, 30 min. (50%) • Two presentations on the a scientific topic (each 25%) <p>A pass mark is only achieved by obtaining at least 50% of the grade for each part of the module. The examination as well as the seminar part have to be passed (at least 50% in each) to pass the module.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	An annual excursion pertaining to the module may be organised. <i>Complementary Module in Master Environmental and Resource Management.</i>
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture • Seminar • Examination
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>520223 Lecture Climate Change and Migration - 2 Hours per Term</p> <p>520224 Seminar Climate Change and Migration - 2 Hours per Term</p>

Module 13234 Communication of Science and Technology

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13234	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Communication of Science and Technology Wissenschafts- und Technikkommunikation
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13796 Just Energy Transition

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13796	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Just Energy Transition Energiewende gerecht gestalten
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13957 Behavioural Economics

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13957	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Behavioural Economics Verhaltensökonomie
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. oec. habil. Schnellenbach, Jan
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After completing this module, students will be able to apply behavioural economic models to analyse individual decisions. They can integrate psychological research approaches into economic models. They can independently develop and master advanced research approaches in the field of behavioural economics and have a solid understanding of the basics of empirical, including experimental, research methods in the field of behavioural economics. Furthermore, they will be able to critically analyse and evaluate economic policy proposals with a behavioral economics perspective.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homo Economicus: The economic concept of human behaviour • The economic theory of moral action • Behavioural anomalies: an overview • Bounded rationality • Dealing with risk and uncertainty • Prospect theory • Heuristics: Curse or blessing? • Fairness and social norms • Economic happiness research • Behavioural political economy • Behavioural public economics
Recommended Prerequisites	Good knowledge of microeconomics.
Mandatory Prerequisites	No successful participation in the corresponding discontinued module 11814 Behavioral Economics.
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester

	Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Foundational literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angner, E. (2012). A Course in Behavioral Economics, Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan.• Additional literature will be announced during the lecture. In the exercise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wilkinson, N. and Klaes, M. (2012), An Introduction to Behavioral Economics. 2nd edition, Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term paper with a maximum of 15.000 characters incl. spaces (roughly 6 pages), 50 points• Final exam, 40 minutes, 50 points.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	This module is a successor module to the module „Behavioral Economics (11814)". Students who have already passed the module cannot take the module "Behavioral Economics (13957)" again.
Module Components	Behavioral Economics (Lecture) Behavioral Economics (Exercise)
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13958 Economics of Innovation

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13958	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Economics of Innovation Innovationsökonomik
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. oec. habil. Schnellenbach, Jan
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Each winter semester even year
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students will understand how innovation can be explained from a microeconomic perspective. They will know the economic, institutional, and psychological prerequisites for entrepreneurial innovation. Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to critically assess under which circumstances innovative entrepreneurial actions are positively evaluated and potentially eligible for economic policy support.
Contents	Innovation in the history of economic theory; Types of innovation; Competition and innovation; Organizational aspects of innovation; Political and institutional prerequisites for innovation; Diffusion of innovations; Innovation and economic growth; Innovations and societal welfare.
Recommended Prerequisites	Good knowledge of microeconomics.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	G.M. Swann, The Economics of Innovation: An Introduction, Elgar, 2013 as well as additional articles and book chapters announced during the lecture
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)

Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term paper with a maximum of 15,000 characters including spaces (equivalent to approximately 6 pages); (50%)• Exam, 40 minutes, which can also be conducted digitally (50%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	No offer in the winter semester 2025/26.
Module Components	Innovation Economics Lecture - 2 hours per week Innovation Economics Exercise - 2 hours per week
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13959 Law and Economics

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13959	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Law and Economics
	Recht und Wirtschaft
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. oec. habil. Schnellenbach, Jan
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Each winter semester odd year
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Students will gain an overview of the field of economic analysis of law, which involves analyzing legal rules from the perspective of economic theory. It focuses on the interaction of legal norms with the actions of private households and companies, as well as the impact of constitutional law on government actions. Students should learn to analyze legal norms in terms of their efficiency and economic effects, including microeconomic efficiency, as well as growth and distribution effects. They should also be able to assess why specific legal norms have developed historically as we know them today.
Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundamentals of the theory of private property rights <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Historical development of private property b) Theories of the emergence of private property rights c) Economic analysis of common-pool resources d) Property rights in intangible assets 2. Economic analysis of contract law <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complete and incomplete contracts b) Moral hazard and adverse selection c) Efficient responses to contract breaches 3. Economic analysis of tort law <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Coase theorem b) Economic analysis of liability rules 4. Economic analysis of criminal law <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Differentiating between tort law and criminal law b) Deterrence effects of criminal law c) Optimal deterrence effects 5. Constitutional economics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fundamentals of the economic theory of public law

b) Empirical analysis of the economic effects of constitutional rules

Recommended Prerequisites	Basic knowledge of microeconomics
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	H. Schäfer and C. Ott, Lehrbuch der ökonomischen Analyse des Zivilrechts, 5th edition, Heidelberg: Springer, 2012 Additional articles and book chapters announced during the lecture
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term paper with a maximum of 15,000 characters including spaces (equivalent to approximately 6 pages); (50% of the total grade)• Exam, 40 minutes (50% of the total grade)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	None
Module Components	Law & Economics Lecture - 2 hours per week Law & Economics Exercise - 2 hours per week
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 14132 Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14132	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment Multidimensionale Ansätze für Technikfolgenabschätzung
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. pol. habil. Lee, Roh Pin
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Students know about a range of technology assessment approaches, methodologies and tools to facilitate the evaluation of decarbonization & sustainability transformation options along socio-technological-economical-ecological-political (<i>STEEP</i>) dimensions.</p> <p>On completion of the module, students are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a deep understanding of the multidimensional aspects and systemic interactions in the transformation of energy- and carbon-intensive industries; • Gain familiarity with a range of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in conducting technology assessment; • Design and conduct studies to analyze the opportunities and challenges which will be associated with the transformation of energy- and carbon-intensive industries along multiple dimensions; • Identify, assess and evaluate appropriate sources of information and critically reflect on the methodologies commonly implemented for technology assessment and their usefulness/weaknesses.
Contents	<p>Course coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance and development of technology assessment; • Common methodological approaches and their usefulness/weakness; • Data and approaches for assessment (e.g., primary vs. secondary; qualitative vs. quantitative); • Methodologies for socio-political evaluations, techno-economic evaluations and ecological evaluations; • Application on a case study to assess multidimensional opportunities and challenges associated with the transformation of a specific sector

	and derive implications along the <i>STEEP</i> dimensions based on assessment results.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 1 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Study project - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee, R.P., Meyer, B., Huang, Q.L, Voss, R. 2020. Sustainable waste management for zero waste cities in China: potential, challenges and opportunities. <i>Clean Energy</i>, 4(3): 169 – 201. • Lee, R.P. 2019. Alternative carbon feedstock for the chemical industry? – Assessing the challenges posed by the human dimension in the carbon transition, <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 219: 786-796. • Lee, R. P., Tschoepe, M., Voss, R. 2021. Perception of chemical recycling and its role in the transition towards a circular carbon economy: A case study in Germany. <i>Waste Management</i>, 125: 280-292. • Voss, R., Lee, R.P., Seidl, L., Keller, F., Fröhling, M. 2021. Global warming potential and economic performance of gasification-based chemical recycling and incineration pathways for residual municipal solid waste treatment in Germany. <i>Waste Management</i>, 134: 206 – 219. • Keller, F., Lee, R.P., Meyer, B. 2020. Life cycle assessment of global warming potential, resource depletion and acidification potential of fossil, renewable and secondary feedstock for olefin production in Germany. <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 250: 119484. • Lee, R.P., Scheibe, A. 2020. The politics of a carbon transition: An analysis of political indicators for a transformation in the German chemical industry, <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 244: 118629. <p>Further materials are provided via Moodle (including lecture slides and additional materials including videos, readings etc.)</p>
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual component (E-assessment), 60-90 min - 50% • Group Project - Part 1: Create a scientific poster (Analysis of e.g., a scientific article, industry report, case study, ...) - 25% • Group Project - Part 2: Presentation, 15min - 25%
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures & Exercises • Projects

**Components to be offered in the
Current Semester**

510602 Lecture/Seminar
Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment - 4 Hours per
Term

Module 14288 Psychology of Entrepreneurship and Change

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14288	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Psychology of Entrepreneurship and Change
	Psychologie des Unternehmertums und Wandels
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. Urbig, Diemo
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>After completing this module, students will understand how basic psychological theories of decision making under uncertainty, complex interdependence, and intertemporal dynamics help explain the behavior of individuals who drive change, such as entrepreneurs, innovators and social activists. They will have developed a basic understanding of key psychological and behavioral economic theories related to decision-making under risk and ambiguity. Identify and explain critical thinking and decision-making patterns in the work context. Students will be able to apply theories to real-world situations.</p>
Contents	<p>In this module, we venture into the specifics of a wide range of decision-making theories. We travel through a diverse collection of seminal theories, including many that have formed the basis of Nobel Prize-winning research. We emphasize the interdisciplinary application of insights to ensure that students from a variety of disciplines can absorb and apply the knowledge gained in this module to their own professional decision-making scenarios.</p> <p>The literature is presented in the lecture and students can afterwards read the literature in depth.</p> <p>The topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisficing and dual process theories • Risk aversion and ambiguity aversion • Prospect theory and loss aversion • Mental accounting and choice bracketing • Risk reduction strategies: Hedging, learning, and real options • Time preferences • Status-quo, escalation of commitment, and the not-invented-here effect

- Personal initiative, sensation seeking, and entrepreneurship
- Rational herding and individually irrational learning
- Nash equilibrium and individually irrational cooperation

The concepts and theories are presented in lectures.
Students practice their theory application skills by presenting and discussing critical issues and applications of these theories in seminar.

Recommended Prerequisites

none

Mandatory Prerequisites

No successful participation in modules "13811 Behavioral Resource Management" and "13514 Individuals in Transformation Processes".

Forms of Teaching and Proportion

Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester
Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester
Self organised studies - 120 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature

- Antons, D., & Piller, F. T. (2015). Opening the black box of "Not Invented Here": Attitudes, decision biases, and behavioral consequences. *Academy of Management Perspectives*, 29(2), 193-217.
- Bernardo, A. E., & Welch, I. (2001). On the evolution of overconfidence and entrepreneurs. *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, 10(3), 301-330.
- Bönte, W., Urbig, D. (2019) *Connecting People and Knowledge: Knowledge Spillovers, Cognitive Biases, and Entrepreneurship* (Chapter 34). In: E. E. Lehmann, M. Keilbach (eds.), *From Industrial Organization to Entrepreneurship*. Springer, pp. 385-397.
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- Staw, B. M. (1981). The escalation of commitment to a course of action. *Academy of Management Review*, 6(4), 577-587.
- Thaler, R. (1985). Mental accounting and consumer choice. *Marketing Science*, 4(3), 199-214.
- Trigeorgis, L., & Reuer, J. J. (2017). Real options theory in strategic management. *Strategic Management Journal*, 38(1), 42-63:
- Tversky, A., & Kahneman, D. (1973). Availability: A heuristic for judging frequency and probability. *Cognitive Psychology*, 5(2), 207-232.
- Tversky, A., & Kahneman, D. (1991). Loss aversion in riskless choice: A reference-dependent model. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 106(4), 1039-1061.

Module Examination

Final Module Examination (MAP)

Assessment Mode for Module Examination

- Written exam, 90 min, a third of the exam is specific to Bachelor-level and Master-level programs, with Master-level programs focusing on the reading of the original articles and Bachelor-level programs focusing on the lecture and tutorials only
- Bonus points of up to 10% for a graded theory-application paper (essay, 1200 to 1500 words)

Evaluation of Module Examination

Performance Verification – graded

Limited Number of Participants

none

Remarks

none

Module Components

Lecture/exercise/examination

Components to be offered in the Current Semester

530903 Examination
Psychology of Entrepreneurship and Change (Wiederholungsprüfung)

Module 41404 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41404	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment
	Strategische Umweltprüfung und Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. (NMU, UA) Schmidt, Michael
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) After completing the module, the students will be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to compare the origins and development of EIA in the USA, Europe and worldwide; • to critically review the EIA process, explaining its various steps; • to select appropriate impact identification and prediction methods for the use within the EIA process. <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) After completing the module, the students will be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to understand the key principles, procedure and application of SEA; • to discuss SEA as a policy instrument and a way to improve strategic actions; • to explore benefits and barriers to a successful SEA; • to highlight the links and differences between SEA and Project EIA; • to understand the importance of strategic objectives and their alternatives at SEA level.
Contents	<p>The contents of lectures will be discussed in more detail and applied to different case studies during seminars. While the lecture provides theoretical background, the seminars utilise a more practice-oriented approach. Students will apply various methods explained during the lectures with the help of relevant case studies.</p> <p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The history and development of EIA in the USA and the European Union

- The legal context of EIA (NEPA and the European Union EIA Directive)
- The EIA process – screening, scoping, environmental baseline, impact assessment, environmental impact statement (EIS) and its review, public participation, decision making and monitoring
- Methods used for identification of impacts and assessing their significance (checklists, matrices, networks, map overlays etc.)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- Basic concept and understanding of SEA, its benefits and importance for transition towards sustainability
- The objectives and implementation of the EC's SEA Directive 2001/42/EC
- The differences and similarities between EIA and SEA
- The SEA procedure and its integration into the process of planning

Recommended Prerequisites

None

Mandatory Prerequisites

none

Forms of Teaching and Proportion

Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester
Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester
Self organised studies - 120 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature

Lecture notes and presentations shown during seminars will be available for downloading from the BTU Moodle learning portal. For students interested in more in-depth study of lecture topics, optional advanced readings will be regularly uploaded to the BTU elearning portal Moodle.

Recommended Journals:

- Environmental Impact Assessment Review published by Elsevier
- Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal published by the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA)

Both journals are electronically available to all BTU students at the following web pages:

- <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/01959255>
- <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/tiap20>

N.B.: to get full access for articles, these web pages have to be accessed from within BTU network or with the help of a VPN-Client.

Environmental Impact Assessment – recommended readings:

- Canter LW (1996) Environmental Impact Assessment. Second Edition. McGraw-Hill Inc. Series in Water Resources & Environmental Engineering.
- Glasson J, Therivel R, Chadwick A (2005) Introduction to environmental impact assessment: 3rd Edition. Routledge, London
- Morris P, Therivel R (eds.) (2001) Methods of Environmental Impact Assessment (2nd edition). Spon Press, London
- Petts J (ed.) (1999) Handbook of Environmental Impact Assessment. Volume 1. Environmental Impact Assessment: Process, Methods and Potential. Volume 2. Environmental Impact Assessment in Practice: Impact and Limitations. Blackwell Science Ltd., Oxford.

- Schmidt M et al. (Eds.) (2008) Standards and Thresholds for Impact Assessment. Environmental Protection in the European Union, Volume 3. Springer, Heidelberg.
- Wathern P (Ed.) (1998) Environmental Impact Assessment: Theory and Practice. Routledge, London.
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Strategic Environmental Assessment - recommended readings:

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Module Examination

Continuous Assessment (MCA)

Assessment Mode for Module Examination

- Oral performance verification (duration 10 minutes, maximum 15 points)
- Presentation (duration 10 minutes, maximum 15 points)

To pass the module students need to gain a minimum of 12 points (the sum of points for the above mentioned module components).

Evaluation of Module Examination

Performance Verification – graded

Limited Number of Participants

none

Remarks

Registering for Examination of the module SEA/EIA is mandatory! No registration means no final grade in the end.

Module Components

- 2403121 LE Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment
- 2403122 SE Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

**Components to be offered in the
Current Semester**

No assignment

Module 41405 Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Evaluation

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41405	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Evaluation
	Kosten-Nutzen-Analyse in der umweltökonomischen Bewertung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Wätzold, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	To be able to apply economic thinking to solve environmental and resource management problems with a focus on cost-benefit analysis (CBA) and on cost-effective management and policy solutions.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic principles (for non-economists) • Why does market failure exist in the case of environmental goods? • Methodology of CBA • Theory of CBA • Cost Assessment • Theory and methods of benefit valuation • Risk and uncertainty in CBA
Recommended Prerequisites	None
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardman, A.E. (2011), Cost-benefit analysis: concepts and practice (The Pearson series in economics) • announced in class
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written examination, 70 minutes (50%) • presentation, 15 min. and hand-out (50%)

Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240905 LE Cost Benefit Analysis in Environmental Evaluation• 240901 Examination Cost Benefit Analysis in Environmental Evaluation• 240902 Examination Cost Benefit Analysis in Environmental Evaluation (Wiederholung)
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240901 Examination Cost Benefit Analysis in Environmental Evaluation

Module 41422 Measuring Sustainability

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41422	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Measuring Sustainability Nachhaltigkeit messen
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Beckmann, Michael
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Lecture and Seminar on Measuring Sustainability In the lecture fundamental knowledge regarding tools and approaches to measuring sustainability will be gained.</p> <p>Learning outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarisation with the concept of sustainable development. • Familiarisation with consequences of global challenges as threats to achieving sustainable development goals. • Understanding indicator systems for sustainable development. • Understanding voluntary sustainability standards (VSS). • Understanding various methods and tools for sustainability assessment.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic development and current understanding of sustainable development; • International legal framework and policies for sustainable development; • Goals and targets for sustainable development; • Indicator systems for sustainable development; • Voluntary sustainability standards (VSS) as an instrument of sustainable development; • Tools and methods for assessing sustainability; • Sustainability in supply and value chains.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none

Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Research paper/essay - 30 hours Self organised studies - 90 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Literature will be recommended at the beginning of the course. All presentations will be made available to students.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Series of MCQs during the lecture period (total duration 60minutes, 10points)• A final written examination (duration 90 minutes, 20 points) • To pass the module students need to gain a minimum of 12 points (the sum of points for the above mentioned module components).
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	70
Remarks	Registering for examination of the module “Measuring Sustainability” is mandatory! No registration means no final grade in the end.
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture Measuring Sustainability• Seminar Measuring Sustainability
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 41427 Economics of Land Use and Biodiversity Conservation

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	41427	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Economics of Land Use and Biodiversity Conservation Ökonomische Analyse der Landnutzung und des Schutzes der biologischen Vielfalt
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Wätzold, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquire knowledge about the economic analysis of sustainable land use and biodiversity conservation • get acquainted with an economic analysis of related policy instruments • be able to discuss related issues on a scientific level • be able to read scientific papers and discuss them critically
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • optimal spatial allocation of land use • policy instruments for sustainable land use (PES, conservation banking) • institutions and governance structures, common pool resources • REDD (reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation)
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic economic knowledge.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Excursion - 8 hours Self organised studies - 112 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	To be announced in class.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)

Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• written examination, 70 minutes (50%)• oral presentation 15 min and hand-out (50%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	Complementary module ERM Master 2006. *to Excursion - 8 hours (if possible) depending on the COVID-19 situation, the course may be offered online or in presence.
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240907 Lecture/Seminar Economics of land and biodiversity conservation management incl. excursion• 240912 Examination Economics of land and biodiversity conservation management• 240958 Examination Economics of land and biodiversity conservation management
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240912 Examination Economics of land and biodiversity conservation management

Module 42417 Methods of Water Resources Management

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	42417	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Methods of Water Resources Management Methoden der Wasserbewirtschaftung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Hinz, Christoph
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	At the end of the module the student are able to apply methods to assess and to balance the components of the water cycle and to derive properties of surface and subsurface catchments with respect to runoff generation and water yield. They can simulate hydrological responses of the water balance components to different inputs.
Contents	Elements of the water balance as a function of space and time; determination of available surface and groundwater resources; management practices for surface and groundwater resources; application of statistic, stochastic and deterministic methods in the fields of watershed modeling, system hydrology, reservoir management, flood prediction and integrative resources management, isotopic hydrology
Recommended Prerequisites	None
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handouts and reading list • Manual and tutorial of the modeling programme
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment report, max. 3 pages text without figures and tables - 40% • Exam, 80 minutes - 60%

Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	The module will not be offered in the summer semester of 2026.
Module Components	Summer semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240630 Lecture Methods of Water Resources Management - Lecture part• 240631 Seminar/Exercise Methods of Water Resources Management - Practical part
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 43406 Municipal Solid Waste Management

assign to: Environmental Management

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	43406	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Municipal Solid Waste Management Siedlungsabfallwirtschaft
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. habil. Abendroth, Christian
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After a short introduction of general aspects of waste properties, waste collection and regulations focusing on a sustainable waste management concept, students will be made familiar with several aspects of processing for fulfilling the legislative requirements for recycling, treatment or an appropriate deposition on a landfill. Students should learn to develop appropriate technological solutions for municipalities or industrial branches in their home countries.
Contents	<p>Theoretical part: From the cradle to the grave: Generation, waste properties and challenges, collection, transportation, transfer, treatment, final disposal. Overview of the today's main managerial and technical solutions. Efficiency of waste management systems. Derivation of guidelines for appropriate waste management, examples: Waste avoidance, useful waste management, waste to energy, landfill-oriented processing of waste, waste to raw material. Overview of mechanical, thermal and biological processing.</p> <p>Practical training/seminar: The main focus of the practical part is sorting of residual waste. The students will gain practical experience in waste management, anaerobic digestion and composting. The seminar includes the presentation of results produced during the practical part.</p>
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic course in waste management is recommended.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 3 hours per week per semester

	Practical training - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Literature lists will be handed out during the lectures.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written examination, 75 min. (2/3)• in preparation for practical training (teamwork-5 students per group): 20 min presentation with minimum 15 presentation slides (1/3)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	30
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 238197 Lecture Municipal Solid Waste Management• 238136 Examination Municipal Solid Waste Management• 238115 Seminar/practical training - Waste Management
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 11225 Numerical Simulation: Free Surface and Groundwater Modelling

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11225	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Numerical Simulation: Free Surface and Groundwater Modelling Numerische Simulation: Gewässer- und Grundwassermodellierung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. habil. Molkenthin, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Understanding of numerical simulation methods for free-surface and groundwater flow and related processes.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrological and hydrodynamic modelling of free surface flow in rivers, lakes and coastal waters and related numerical schemes (FD, FV, FE) • Numerical and computational aspects for FD, FE and FV schemes • Crucial effects of physics and its representation in simulation software • Calibration and validation of models • Simulation result analysis • Exercises in 1D/2D model comparison and 2D river modelling including flooding • Academic and real case studies from river modelling • Description of groundwater flow processes • Numerical modelling of groundwater flow in 1D, 2D and 3D and related numerical schemes (FD, FE, FV) • Finite element schemes for groundwater flow pollution transport, boundary conditions in 3D • Exercise: 3D groundwater modelling project • Project presentation and journal paper writing
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful participation in module Hydrology & Hydraulics (11510 or 41414) with good result (ERM Module 11510 mark ≤ 2.3) • Advanced understanding of numerical methods, hydrological and hydrodynamic processes, computational hydraulics

- Advanced data management and analysis skills (e.g. spatial data, time series) using GIS and data analysis software / modelling environments (R, Python, Matlab, SQL, ...).

Mandatory Prerequisites	No successful participation in associated phase-out module <i>41505 Coupling Free-Surface and Groundwater Modelling</i> .
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Practical training - 4 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 60 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two assignments (each 15%) • poster presentation and discussion (10%) • journal paper and discussion (10%) • final written (120 min) or oral (30-45 min) examination (50%) <p>The form in which the examinations will be carried out will be announced at the beginning of the course.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240636 Lecture/Exercise 2D Hydrodynamic numerical modelling • 240637 Lecture/Exercise Groundwater modelling
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 11228 Modelling Process in Hydroengineering Projects

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11228	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Modelling Process in Hydroengineering Projects Computergestützter Modellierungsprozess in Ingenieurprojekten des Wasserwesens
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. habil. Molkenthin, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Understanding of modelling and information management methods in hydroengineering projects using simulation and data analysis tools.
Contents	<p>Modelling Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modelling using hydroinformatics systems in hydroengineering projects • Physical understanding, data preparation • Model set-up, scenario definition, sensitivity analysis, result analysis • Application examples for real case studies (in combination with Module 11225) <p>Methods and approaches for assessing groundwater resources regarding quality and quantity with a focus on the regional scale (large river drainage basins). Main topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterisation of groundwater quality; statistical methods to assess natural and anthropogenically influenced conditions; groundwater protection; examples from current research • Balancing the water budget; components of the water balance, esp. groundwater recharge • Environmentally important mass fluxes in soil and groundwater (esp. nitrogen, phosphorus) • Modelling of water balance components and of mass fluxes; concepts, necessary data, validation, software; examples from current research
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful participation in module Hydrology & Hydraulics (11510 or 41414) with good result

	(ERM Module 11510 mark ≤ 2.3)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced understanding of computer based water related modelling techniques (data and processes), numerical methods (FDM, FEM, FVM), GIS and time series analysis. • Experiences in use of numerical simulation tools (esp. for 1D and 2D hydraulic modelling) • Hydroengineering knowlegde and skills
Mandatory Prerequisites	<p>No successful participation in associated phase-out modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>41506 Modelling Business Processes, Workflow and Information Management</i> OR • <i>41507 Geometric Modelling and Presentation Methods.</i>
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	<p>Lecture - 3 hours per week per semester Seminar - 4 hours per week per semester Practical training - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 60 hours</p>
Teaching Materials and Literature	<p>The current teaching materials including literature references are made available to students via the respective current websites (e.g. EuroAquae server, Moodle, Google site, HydroEurope server) for the current courses.</p>
Module Examination	<p>Continuous Assessment (MCA)</p>
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments (30%) • Project reports (30%) • Seminar presentations and discussions (40%) <p>The details and weighting of the different assessment elements are determined in the first lectures.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	<p>Performance Verification – graded</p>
Limited Number of Participants	<p>none</p>
Remarks	<p>none</p>
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240640 Seminar Flood management • 240641 Seminar Groundwater management • 240639 Lecture/Practical training Modelling in Hydroengineering • 248234 Lecture/Seminar Hydrogeology of large catchments
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>No assignment</p>

Module 11229 Information Management in Hydroinformatics Systems

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11229	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Information Management in Hydroinformatics Systems Informationsmanagement in Systemen der Hydroinformatik
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. habil. Molkenthin, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	Skills and abilities for Hydroinformatics system design and development; Understanding of information management, data analysis and Web-technology in hydroinformatics systems
Contents	information modelling techniques, components of numerical models, numerical model design for hydrodynamic simulation, interfaces to software modules, implementation and application examples, information analysis and mining, Web-Technologies for hydroinformatics systems, application of Web-Technologies in hydroinformatics systems, application of R /Python/... in hydroinformatics
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful participation in module Hydrology & Hydraulics (11510 or 41414) with good result (ERM Module 11510 mark ≤ 2.3) • Advanced programming and software development skills • Understanding of data bases, numerical methods, data analysis and visualisation, GIS • Experiences in Web-technology, XML-Schemes and software interfacing for water related applications
Mandatory Prerequisites	No successful participation in associated phase-out module <i>41508 Monitoring, Data Acquisition and Documentation</i> .
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Practical training - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 90 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercises/assignments (50%)• Written (120 min) or oral (30-45 min) examination (50%) <p>The details and weighting of the different assessment elements are determined in the first lectures.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240638 Lecture Hydroinformatics Systems design and development• 240643 Exercise Information handling (field, laboratory, simulation)• 240645 Practical training Web-based hydroinformatics systems
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 11510 Hydrology & Hydraulics

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	11510	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Hydrology & Hydraulics
	Hydrologie & Hydraulik
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. habil. Molkenthin, Frank
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Understanding the typical modelling processes in hydrology & hydraulics such as GIS based catchment analysis, rainfall/runoff analysis, open channel hydraulics and hydrodynamic analysis of rivers. Practical experiences in application of related software tools. Basic ability to evaluate and present modelling results in respect to theoretical background, model assumptions and limits as well as uncertainties in data.</p>
Contents	<p>The module has four main parts. First part deals with the DEM based topographic analysis of a catchment as pre-processing for a hydrological analysis including catchment delinieation, rainfall interpolation, land-use and soil data analysis using GIS for a given case study. Second part deals with the hydrological rainfall/runoff analysis using different analysis methods. The lectures present the theoretical background of the analysis methods and their application in projects. Students will perform a EXCEL/Hec-HMS/Shetran based assignment for a given case study. Third part of the module deals with open channel hydraulics. The lecture presents the theoretical background including engineering assumptions and simplifications. Application examples with manual calculations in comparison to computer-based simulations are introduced and used for training. Fourth part of the module covers computer-based hydrodynamic simulation of river networks for flood management. The lectures present the theoretical background of the hydrodynamic simulation methods (basic differential equations, numerical methods, physical parameters, handling of structures such as weirs, calibration, validation, simulation</p>

scenarios ...) and their application in projects. Students will perform a software-based assignment for a given case study. All assignments deal with the same case study data set and demonstrate the integrated application of different software tools within a project. Finally, the lectures will give an outlook for 2D flood modelling and related flood risk management.

Recommended Prerequisites	Advanced knowledge in mathematics/numerics, physics, fluid mechanics, GIS, ICT and water resource management on master level, experiences in computer based modelling, data management and data analysis
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 3 hours per week per semester Practical training - 3 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 90 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Teaching material and a list of recommended literature will be published on the Web page / in Moodle, links will be provided to the participants during the lectures.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	1) Four assignments during the semester (each 10% -> four assignments 40%) 2) Written exam (60%) The written exam will be offered two times during the semester (e.g. last week of lecture period and mid of September). Participants can participate in both written exams, in this case the mean value of the two results will be considered as written result for the final mark. To pass the module, participants needs at least 50% summing up the results from the assignments (max. 40%) and from the written exam(s) (max. 60%).
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	This module is for ERM Master study programme.
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240608 Lecture Hydrology & Hydraulics • 240610 Practical training Hydrology & Hydraulics • 240621 Examination Hydrology & Hydraulics (1st written exam) • 240654 Examination Hydrology & Hydraulics (2nd written exam)
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>240608 Lecture Hydrology & Hydraulics - 3 Hours per Term</p> <p>240610 Practical training Hydrology & Hydraulics - 3 Hours per Term</p> <p>240621 Examination Hydrology & Hydraulics</p> <p>240654 Examination Hydrology & Hydraulics</p>

Module 12165 Renewable Energy Technologies for Power Supply

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12165	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Renewable Energy Technologies for Power Supply Energieerzeugung auf Basis erneuerbarer Energien
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Röntzsch, Lars
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The participants of the module acquire advanced knowledge in the design, operation, and application of renewable energy systems, including solar energy (solar thermal and photovoltaics), wind energy, hydroelectric power, geothermal energy (both near-surface and deep), biomass, and energy storage technologies, with a focus on hydrogen technology. They can analyze and reflect on the interactions between these subfields, considering their technical and ecological implications, and are capable of making scientifically grounded judgments within the discipline. The participants of the module develop the ability to formulate their own research questions and address them using appropriate scientific methods. They can effectively engage in domain-specific and interdisciplinary discussions, presenting complex topics clearly and persuasively to diverse audiences. Additionally, they demonstrate the ability to independently acquire new knowledge and apply it to solve and critically evaluate application- or research-oriented challenges.
Contents	Design, operation and use of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar energy (photovoltaics, solar thermal) • Wind energy • Geothermal energy (deep and near-surface) • Biomass • Hydroelectric power • Energy storage inclusive hydrogen technology
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed bachelor's degree in a relevant field such as engineering, environmental technology, energy and process engineering, or related disciplines.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profound knowledge and understanding of technology, physics, chemistry, and mathematics.
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 4 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	The course documents are provided in the learning management system Moodle.
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Written Exam (120 minutes)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	60
Remarks	none
Module Components	Lectures, exam
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	320483 Examination Renewable Energy Technologies for Power Supply

Module 12989 Process System Technology II

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	12989	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Process System Technology II Prozesssystemtechnik II
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13234 Communication of Science and Technology

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13234	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Communication of Science and Technology Wissenschafts- und Technikkommunikation
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13249 Introduction to Gas Dynamics

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13249	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Introduction to Gas Dynamics Einführung in die Gasdynamik
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13251 Introduction to Computational Thinking and Programming for CFD

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13251	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Introduction to Computational Thinking and Programming for CFD Einführung in das rechnergestützte Denken und Programmieren für CFD
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13515 Advanced Methods in Process, Energy and Systems Engineering

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13515	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Advanced Methods in Process, Energy and Systems Engineering Erweiterte Methoden zur Prozessmodellierung und Optimierung in der Energie- und Verfahrenstechnik
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Arellano-Garcia, Harvey
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	The module requires a basic background in calculus and linear algebra, thus allowing easy understanding of mathematical reasoning. In addition, numerous examples in process, energy, environmental and systems engineering will demonstrate key concepts and algorithms. The practical exercises will involve theoretical derivations and small-size numerical problems in modelling systems like matlab, python, octave, GAMS thus putting knowledge into practice.
Contents	This module will teach approaches to modelling and optimization frameworks to address the complex process and energy problems, which arise in design and operation of process and energy systems in an integrated way. Moreover, the presented theoretical and methodological concepts are joined conceptionally with optimal designed experiments to adjust the fundamental mathematical models and to validate the developed process concepts. The taught methods are of generic character, and thus, producing optimal design and operational plans for process and energy systems ranging from microscale to mega-scale stages over operative time horizons from milliseconds to years. The approaches to be discussed will mainly be around superstructure-based modelling, mixed-integer linear and nonlinear programming, multiobjective optimization, optimization under uncertainty, and life-cycle assessment. The presented case studies will be around advanced process systems for renewable energy conversion, separation and reaction systems as well as biotechnological production systems.

Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic background in process engineering • calculus and linear algebra
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	<p>Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours</p>
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Script zur Vorlesung • Advanced Optimization for Process Systems Engineering. Ignacio E. Grossmann, Cambridge University Press • Optimization for Chemical and Biochemical Engineering: Theory, Algorithms, Modeling and Applications. Vassilios S. Vassiliadis, Walter Kähm, Ehecatl Antonio del Rio Chanona, Cambridge University Press • Systematic Methods of Chemical Process Design. Lorenz T. Biegler, Ignacio E. Grossmann, Arthur W. Westerberg, Prentice Hall • Nonlinear Programming: Concepts, Algorithms, and Applications to Chemical Processes. Lorenz T. Biegler, SIAM, 2010
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Examination 90 min
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The module takes place as a block course • The appointment will be announced in the current semester
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VL Advance Methods in Process, Energy and systems Engineering • Ü Advance Methods in Process, Energy and systems Engineering • P Advance Methods in Process, Energy and systems Engineering
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>360351 Lecture/Exercise Advanced Methods in Process, Energy and systems Engineering - 4 Hours per Term 360389 Examination Advanced Methods in Process, Energy and systems Engineering</p>

Module 13517 CFD Seminar

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13517	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	CFD Seminar CFD-Seminar
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Schmidt, Heiko
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After successful participation the students are able to evaluate distinguished fluid mechanical problems from a numerical point of view.
Contents	The numerically evaluated topics are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laminar, turbulent, compressible and incompressible flows in technical flows, geophysics, meteorology and reactive flows.
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics of numeric and fluid mechanics
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 150 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen B. Pope, Turbulent Flows, 2000 • Joel H. Ferziger, Numerische Strömungsmechanik, 2007
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation; 20 min (1/3 of grade for the quality of the preparation and 1/3 oral presentation) and • written report; 10 pages (1/3 of grade).
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none

Module Components

- SEM CFD Seminar

**Components to be offered in the
Current Semester**

350411 Seminar
CFD Seminar - 2 Hours per Term

Module 13657 How to Talk about Nature?

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13657	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	How to Talk about Nature? Wie über Natur sprechen?
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. phil. habil. Schwarz, Astrid
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After passing the module, students understand main philosophical theories of “nature”, interrogate the concept of “nature” and expose its numerous ideological and cultural manifestations. They identify the main ethical dimensions of “nature”, and its crosscultural and political dimensions. Additionally they understand the power of narratives and storytelling to shape our environmental present and future by insight into reading, writing, and visual practices about “nature”.
Contents	<p>“How to talk about nature?” is closely linked to the question of what “nature” is, how it is construed and in which way we act with, in or against it. It is a question that is ontological and epistemological at the same time, it is about how we imagine nature “to be” and how we conceive knowledge about nature. The ideas about this entwinement are manifold over time and in space, different cultures have developed different ways of thinking and also practices of how to deal with a culture/nature distinction. Another important conceptual issue is how nature and technology are related, in contemporary debates for instance, “nature” is often identified with “environment” and as such inescapably entangled with its cultural, political, and technological context. Is the use of technology in “nature” then a threat or an opportunity to build a genuinely sustainable world?</p> <p>This module seeks to answer these and other questions, by approaching “nature” with variously grounded historical and contemporary theoretical approaches. For example, the concept of “nature” was differently interpreted in ancient times, compared to modern contemporary cultures. We will probe the different usage, the scope of historical and cross-cultural depth, the semantics, the images/ imaginaries, and finally, the logical coherence of “nature” concepts.</p>

This variety of topics means that the assigned readings will draw from a wide range of sources. With respect to handle current ecological and technocultural problems, a conscious reflection about “nature” seems to be required. Thus, the module should be also seen, in part, as a way to gain insight into contemporary reading, writing, and visual practices about “nature”.

Participation in the accompanying excursion is encouraged.

Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	Literature and learning materials are given in the course description.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One short essay, max 1500 words (25%) • Two reviews, each max. 2000 words (each 30%) • 2 oral (group) presentations, about 15 min OR weekly submitted written answers to one short question per week on the topical readings to be determined by the instructor (15%) <p>The oral part of the examination can be done digitally or as a virtual meeting if the conditions for an examination in presence are not given.</p>
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	60
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar, lecture - 4 hours per week per semester
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13664 Soil Reclamation and Landscape Restoration

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13664	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Soil Reclamation and Landscape Restoration Bodensanierung und Landschaftsrenaturierung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Dr. rer. nat. Badorreck, Annika
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>After completing this course the student will be able to understand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the social need for management and protection of soils and ecosystems - prevention strategies of soil degradation and its crucial role in global food security - basic definitions and principles of sustainable and climate-smart agriculture, forestry and land management <p>fundamental features and measures of soil reclamation and landscape restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deduction of restored soils functions, ecosystem functions and ecosystem services.
Contents	<p>Scientific content: This course examines principles and strategies for soil reclamation and landscape restoration in tropical and subtropical regions of the Global South. It introduces climate-smart agriculture, forestry and livestock management. Emphasizing sustainable soil and land management, it explains how these practices can mitigate and adapt to climate change. The course also covers Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices contributing to global goals, particularly SDG target 15.3 on achieving land degradation neutrality. It discusses urban forestry, its ecosystem benefits, and the challenges involved. Additionally, the course addresses soil salinization, proposing strategies for managing its effects on agriculture.</p> <p>Teaching concept: eLearning packages containing thematic lessons were provided to the students in order to engaging students through active self-paced learning. Four online certification tests within these packages account for in total 40% of the modul grade. Seminar: A scientific paper covering a topic of the modul is assigned to students.</p>

The content of the paper will then be presented as an oral presentation in the seminar at the end of the module by a group of students or as individual followed by a discussion (60% of modul grade).

Recommended Prerequisites	Knowledge of geology, soil science and renaturation
Mandatory Prerequisites	Module 13663 Environmental Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	The class is organized as seminar complemented by discussions and individual contributions. Online packages containing lesson materials were provided via moodle. All seminar topics and material is provided prior the seminar via moodle. Self-organized work, in particular independent acquisition of relevant information, is required.
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar: One oral presentation, 15 min including discussion (60%) • Excercise as "Flipped-classroom/eLearning": Four online certification tests (4 x 10%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	20
Remarks	none
Module Components	<i>Exercise (as eLearning) Soil Reclamation and Landscape Restoration</i> <i>Seminar Soil Reclamation and Landscape Restoration</i>
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	240269 Seminar/Exercise Soil Reclamation and Landscape Restoration - 4 Hours per Term

Module 13705 Sociology of Sustainable Development

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13705	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Sociology of Sustainable Development Soziologie der nachhaltigen Entwicklung
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	No assignment
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	none
Contents	none
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	No assignment
Teaching Materials and Literature	none
Module Examination	Unspecified - Specification from winter semester 2016/17 required!
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	none
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13706 Justice and Diversity in Environmental Change

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13706	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Justice and Diversity in Environmental Change
	Gerechtigkeit und Diversität im Kontext von Umweltveränderungen
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. phil. Jaeger-Erben, Melanie
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring a profound understanding of different concepts on social justice and diversity in the context of environmental change, climate change and sustainable development. • Discussing and critically reflecting upon current issues related to environmental justice, such as resource conflicts, land-use change or environmental movements. • Methodological skills in reading and discussing academic texts, preparing Pecha Kucha presentations, and recording scientific podcasts.
Contents	<p>Environmental problems have the capacity to affect all of us. However, certain communities are disproportionately exposed to environmental hazards, such as air pollution. Also, some regions of the world (will) suffer much more from the implications of climate change. Environmental problems thus do not affect us all equally, or in the same way. Nor do we have equal power to decide solutions to these problems, or to take the necessary action to solve them. This unequal positioning, which often impose the greatest burdens upon marginalised, disadvantaged and less powerful populations, forms the central premise of environmental justice research and activism. The goal of this module is to gain a comprehensive understanding of social justice, environmental justice and diversity in environmentalism. The course introduces concepts such as environmental racism, climate justice, ecofeminism, and indigenous perspectives on environmental change. The theoretical perspectives introduced are applied to various environmental movements and resource conflicts all over the world.</p>
Recommended Prerequisites	none

Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Exercise - 2 hours per week per semester Seminar - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bell, K. (Ed.) (2021). Diversity and Inclusion in Environmentalism, Routledge.• Holifield, R., Chakraborty, J., Walker, G. (Eds.) (2018). The Routledge Handbook of Environmental Justice, Routledge.• Lele, S. et al. (Eds.) (2019). Rethinking environmentalism: Linking justice, sustainability, and diversity (Vol. 23). MIT Press.• Williams, J. (2021). Climate change is racist. Race, privilege and struggle for climate justice. Icon Books. <p>Further literature will be announced during class.</p>
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading assignments, 1.500-2.000 words (20%)• Reflections on sessions, 1.500-2.000 words (20%)• Pecha Kucha presentation, 6:40 Min (30%)• written test (multiple choice) (30%)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	50
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise Theoretical approaches to Justice and Diversity in Environmental Change• Seminar Justice and Diversity research and methods in the context of Environmental Change
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13831 Process Simulation in Chemical and Process Engineering

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13831	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Process Simulation in Chemical and Process Engineering Prozesssimulation in der Chemie- und Verfahrenstechnik
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Arellano-Garcia, Harvey
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After completing the module, students will be able to analyse physical and chemical phenomena involved in different processes, develop mathematical models and use different process simulation approaches using ASPEN PLUS.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals: Continuity equations, energy conservation, momentum conservation and state equations; Transport properties; Equilibrium and chemical kinetics; Thermodynamic correlations for estimating physical properties. • Use and scope of mathematical modelling; principles of model formulation; principles of steady-state and dynamic simulation; simulation of models; sequential modular approach; Equation-based approach; analysis of simulation data. • Introduction and use of process simulation software for flowchart simulation • Modelling and simulation of specific systems: e.g., heat conduction in a rod; laminar flow of Newtonian fluid in a pipe; heat exchanger; gravity tank, Power Engineering
Recommended Prerequisites	Physics, Mathematics, Thermodynamics
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Practical training - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handouts and reading list• Manual and tutorial of the modelling programs
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written examination (90 min)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	none
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 13832 Optimisation in Process and Energy Systems Engineering

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	13832	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Optimisation in Process and Energy Systems Engineering Optimierung in der Verfahrens- und Energiesystemtechnik
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Arellano-Garcia, Harvey
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After participating in this module, the students master the basic knowledge, in terms of mathematical optimization methods and tools. Relevant examples from Energy and Process Engineering are used to enhance the understanding of the various tools and methods taught. The focus is on the formulation of the problems and the approaches for their mathematical solution. The methods covered are applied in accompanying calculation exercises.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Definition, problem formulation, applications • Linear programming • Non-linear programming • Mixed integer non-linear programming • Dynamic optimization • Stochastic optimization
Recommended Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical Engineering • Thermodynamics • Process Systems Engineering
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 135 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. F. Edgar, D. M. Himmelblau, Optimization of Chemical Processes, McGraw-Hill, New York, 2001

- L. T. Biegler, I. E. Grossmann, A. W. Westerberg, Systematic Methods of Chemical Process Design, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1997
- C. A. Floudas, Nonlinear and Mixed-Integer Optimization, Oxford University Press, 1995
- J. Nocedal, S. J. Wright, Numerical Optimization, Springer, 2006
- R. Baldick, Applied Optimization, Formulation and Algorithms for Engineering Systems, Cambridge University Press, 2006

Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written examination (90 min)
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	VL + Ü + Prü Optimization in Process and Energy Systems Engineerin
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	No assignment

Module 14132 Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	14132	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment Multidimensionale Ansätze für Technikfolgenabschätzung
Department	Faculty 5 - Business, Law and Social Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. pol. habil. Lee, Roh Pin
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<p>Students know about a range of technology assessment approaches, methodologies and tools to facilitate the evaluation of decarbonization & sustainability transformation options along socio-technological-economical-ecological-political (<i>STEEP</i>) dimensions.</p> <p>On completion of the module, students are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a deep understanding of the multidimensional aspects and systemic interactions in the transformation of energy- and carbon-intensive industries; • Gain familiarity with a range of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in conducting technology assessment; • Design and conduct studies to analyze the opportunities and challenges which will be associated with the transformation of energy- and carbon-intensive industries along multiple dimensions; • Identify, assess and evaluate appropriate sources of information and critically reflect on the methodologies commonly implemented for technology assessment and their usefulness/weaknesses.
Contents	<p>Course coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance and development of technology assessment; • Common methodological approaches and their usefulness/weakness; • Data and approaches for assessment (e.g., primary vs. secondary; qualitative vs. quantitative); • Methodologies for socio-political evaluations, techno-economic evaluations and ecological evaluations; • Application on a case study to assess multidimensional opportunities and challenges associated with the transformation of a specific sector

	and derive implications along the <i>STEEP</i> dimensions based on assessment results.
Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 1 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Study project - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee, R.P., Meyer, B., Huang, Q.L, Voss, R. 2020. Sustainable waste management for zero waste cities in China: potential, challenges and opportunities. <i>Clean Energy</i>, 4(3): 169 – 201. • Lee, R.P. 2019. Alternative carbon feedstock for the chemical industry? – Assessing the challenges posed by the human dimension in the carbon transition, <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 219: 786-796. • Lee, R. P., Tschoepe, M., Voss, R. 2021. Perception of chemical recycling and its role in the transition towards a circular carbon economy: A case study in Germany. <i>Waste Management</i>, 125: 280-292. • Voss, R., Lee, R.P., Seidl, L., Keller, F., Fröhling, M. 2021. Global warming potential and economic performance of gasification-based chemical recycling and incineration pathways for residual municipal solid waste treatment in Germany. <i>Waste Management</i>, 134: 206 – 219. • Keller, F., Lee, R.P., Meyer, B. 2020. Life cycle assessment of global warming potential, resource depletion and acidification potential of fossil, renewable and secondary feedstock for olefin production in Germany. <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 250: 119484. • Lee, R.P., Scheibe, A. 2020. The politics of a carbon transition: An analysis of political indicators for a transformation in the German chemical industry, <i>Journal of Cleaner Production</i>, 244: 118629. <p>Further materials are provided via Moodle (including lecture slides and additional materials including videos, readings etc.)</p>
Module Examination	Continuous Assessment (MCA)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual component (E-assessment), 60-90 min - 50% • Group Project - Part 1: Create a scientific poster (Analysis of e.g., a scientific article, industry report, case study, ...) - 25% • Group Project - Part 2: Presentation, 15min - 25%
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures & Exercises • Projects

**Components to be offered in the
Current Semester**

510602 Lecture/Seminar
Multidimensional Approaches for Technology Assessment - 4 Hours per
Term

Module 42421 Natural Resource Investigation

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	42421	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Natural Resource Investigation Rohstofferkundung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Herd, Rainer
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	2 semesters
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know geological processes and to understand the role of these processes for the formation of natural resources • Become acquainted to the processes leading to the genesis of different raw materials • Study methods and techniques for investigation of natural resources • Use these investigation methods in the field and in the lab • Be able to present working results in an oral presentation and to defend them in an open discussion • Get an insight in the work of a professional exploration company during an excursion
Contents	<p>Lecture Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources The lectures provides an overview about the geological processes which are responsible for the formation of different natural resources including energy resources, metals, industrial minerals and ground water. Methods for the prospection and exploration of these resources are presented using geological, geophysical, geochemical and remote sensing techniques. Advantages and disadvantages of the methods are discussed.</p> <p>Practical training Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources The focus of this course is the practical training of the prospection and exploration methods in the field and in the lab. Geological, geophysical and remote sensing techniques are used in order to detect e.g. raw material deposits.</p> <p>Lecture/exercise Introduction to Coal Petrology Lecture and practical training at the microscope.</p>

The lecture provides an overview about the genesis of coal seams and about the microscopic constituents of coal. The maceral concept is introduced. It is shown that coal is also a source of environmental information. The student will do a reconstruction of the paleoenvironment by using microscopic maceral analyses.

Excursion Prospex

Field trip to an active exploration site. Topics: Geological setting, exploration technology, efficiency and costs.

Recommended Prerequisites

- General high school knowledge in physics
- Basics in geology

Mandatory Prerequisites

none

Forms of Teaching and Proportion

Lecture - 3 hours per week per semester
 Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester
 Excursion - 8 hours
 Practical training - 3 hours per week per semester
 Self organised studies - 67 hours

Teaching Materials and Literature

Material provided by the Chair

Module Examination

Continuous Assessment (MCA)

Assessment Mode for Module Examination

- Written examination, 80 min. (50%)
- Written essay, 8-10 pages (30%)
- Short report about results of the microscopic analyses (20%)

Excursion participation is mandatory.

Evaluation of Module Examination

Performance Verification – graded

Limited Number of Participants

none

Remarks

none

Module Components

Winter semester:

- 240809 Lecture Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources
- 240808 Excursion Raw Material Exploration
- 240804 Lecture/Exercise Introduction to coal petrology
- 240869 Examination Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources

Summer semester:

- 420830 PR Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources
- 842090 Examination Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources

Components to be offered in the Current Semester

240830 Practical training
 Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources (Part of Modul 42421) - 3 Hours per Term
240890 Examination
 Prospection and Exploration of Natural Resources (Modul 42421)

Module 44107 Safety- and Risk-Analysis for Process Plants

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	44107	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Safety- and Risk-Analysis for Process Plants Sicherheits- und Risikoanalyse für Prozessanlagen
Department	Faculty 3 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Arellano-Garcia, Harvey
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every summer semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	After completing the module, students will be able to apply basic methods for performing and evaluating safety-related aspects for industrial plants. They learn methodical basics for the evaluation of probabilities of occurrence and the derivation of the resulting consequences. Using the methods taught for qualitative and quantitative risk assessment, students are able to independently develop sustainable concepts and solutions. They also have basic knowledge of safety-related plant optimization and can communicate this to plant operators, authorities, etc.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard identification methods (e.g. Checklists, FMEA, HAZOP) • Frequency evaluation methods (event tree, fault tree) • Consequence evaluation methods (e.g. one- and two phase flow (critical, sub-critical), dispersion of neutral and dense gas, fire, explosion and toxic hazards) • Qualitative and quantitative risk assessment methods • Safety related plant optimization <p>Exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realization of safety and risk studies (method, case study)
Recommended Prerequisites	None
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Exercise - 1 hours per week per semester Practical training - 1 hours per week per semester

	Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture notes • Lees,F.P.: Loss prevention in the process industries, Butterworth 1996, Oxford • Guidelines for chemical process quantitative risk analysis AICHE, 1989, New York • Guidelines for hazard evaluation procedures AICHE , 1992, New York • W.F.Kenney: Process risk management systems, VCH 1993, New York • D. A. Crowl;J. F. Louvar: Chemical process safety, Prentice Hall, Inc., 2002, New Jersey
Module Examination	Prerequisite + Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	<p>Prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of the exercises within the practical training <p>Final module examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written examination, 90 min.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	None
Module Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 238227 Lecture Safety and risk analysis • 238231 Examination Safety- and risk-analysis
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	<p>360327 Lecture/Exercise Safety and risk analysis - 4 Hours per Term</p> <p>360373 Examination Safety- and risk-analysis</p>

Module 44419 Wastewater and Sludge Treatment

assign to: Environmental Engineering

Study programme Environmental and Resource Management

Degree	Module Number	Module Form
Master of Science	44419	Compulsory elective

Modul Title	Wastewater and Sludge Treatment
	Abwasser- und Schlammbehandlung
Department	Faculty 2 - Environment and Natural Sciences
Responsible Staff Member	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil Martienssen, Marion
Language of Teaching / Examination	English
Duration	1 semester
Frequency of Offer	Every winter semester
Credits	6
Learning Outcome	At the end of the module the student are able to understand the basic processes of process engineering in waste water sludge treatment.
Contents	<p>Anthropogenic pollutants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollutants - kinds, environmental an health effects, pollutants transport/natural degradation <p>Sewage treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of sewage treatment <p>Methods in sewage treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sedimentation, flotation, sieving and filtration, chemical treatment (neutralization, flocculation and precipitation, oxidation and reduction processes, electrochemical processes), biological processes (aerobic and anaerobic biodegradation, biological nitrogen and phosphorus elimination) <p>Technologies in sewage treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coarse cleaning by screens and rakes, micro-sieving, sedimentation processes: Grid chamber, preliminary sedimentation and secondary settling, flotation processes: Oil and fat trapping, light density material collector, flocculation filtration, biological sewage treatment: The activated sludge process, fixed bed reactors, treatment plant design, combined technologies in industrial water treatment, • Sewage sludge treatment, thickener, sludge conditioning, sludge dewatering, sludge recycling, land application, composting, innovative technologies for sludge reuse

Recommended Prerequisites	none
Mandatory Prerequisites	none
Forms of Teaching and Proportion	Lecture - 2 hours per week per semester Tutorial - 2 hours per week per semester Self organised studies - 120 hours
Teaching Materials and Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater Treatment. Biological and Chemical Process: Biological and Chemical Processes (Environmental Engineering), Mogens Henze (Autor), Poul Harremoes (Autor), Jes LaCour Jansen (Autor), Springer Verlag 2002 • Biological Wastewater Treatment, Second Edition, Revised and Expanded, C. P. Leslie, JR. Grady, Glen T. Daigger, und Henry C., Marcel Dekker Ltd , 1999
Module Examination	Final Module Examination (MAP)
Assessment Mode for Module Examination	Written examination, 120 min.
Evaluation of Module Examination	Performance Verification – graded
Limited Number of Participants	none
Remarks	none
Module Components	<p>Winter semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230506 Lecture Waste water and sludge treatment • 230500 Examination Waste water and sludge treatment • 230544 Examination Waste water and sludge treatment <p>Summer semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230544 Examination Waste water and sludge treatment
Components to be offered in the Current Semester	230544 Examination Waste water and sludge treatment

Erläuterungen

Das Modulhandbuch bildet als Teil der Prüfungsordnung die Rechtsgrundlage für ein ordnungsgemäßes Studium. Darüber hinaus soll es jedoch auch Orientierung bei der Gestaltung des Studiums geben.

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The module catalogue is part of the examination regulation and as such establishes the legal basis for studies according to the rules. Furthermore, it should also give orientation for the organisation of the studies.

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