

Former IPs

To give you an idea of possible topics, see the list of selected IPs in the past years:

- Global Climate Strategies: An International Roadmap for Mitigation, Adaptation, Geoengineering
- Human Rights in Supply Chains - The Case of Fruits/Vegetables and Aluminium
- The Last Miles of Food in Graz
- Zero Waste - Practical Analysis of an Exemplary Community
- Bio-fuels and their Environmental and Social Consequences
- Circular Economy - System Change towards a Sustainable Future
- Climate Change and Lifestyle: Consideration of the Role of Human Behaviour in Achieving the Paris Goal
- Added Value and Appreciation of Beekeeping
- E-Mobility in Practice

Of course you can find all IPs including descriptions in UniGrazOnline with the course search.



search for:
Bachelor level: UNT1
Master level: UNT3



There is also the possibility to see reports on former IPs. You may find them at:

<https://umweltsystemwissenschaften.uni-graz.at/de/wegweiser-durchs-studium/unterlagen-fuer-studierende/ip-erfahrungsberichte/>

Support & Contact

We support you in the entire organisation process of an IP. In the middle of each winter semester, a general information event provides you with more detailed information about this unique type of course.

Subsequently, we will be happy to support you in the organization in IP meetings throughout the winter semester.

USW / ESS

Umweltsystemwissenschaften
Environmental System Sciences

Interdisciplinary Practical Training (IP)

The submission deadline
for IPs (WS/SS) is end of February/
start of March!



If you have any questions, please contact
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General Information

What is an Interdisciplinary Practical Training?

The Interdisciplinary Practical Training (IP) is an obligatory course in any of the USW/ESS Study Programmes and is characterized by the work on environmental problems in interdisciplinary teams of maximum 20 participants with fellow students of the various USW/ESS specializations. Thus, you work on topics with a unique interdisciplinary approach.

As a special feature, IPs are supposed to be organized by USW/ESS students - i.e. you and up to three colleagues - and thus offers you the opportunity to work on a topic of your own choice.



How is the course structured?

Basically, an IP runs similar to an interactive course. After clarification of the basics and the planned procedure, the topics are usually worked out in sub-groups, with the groups being supported by lecturers. IPs can therefore be designed individually.

In the Bachelor's programme (6 ECTS), the focus is on basics of organizing a project and limited application of methods.

In the Master's programme (10 ECTS), emphasis is put on applied research and methodological diversity.

Advantages

Now you are probably wondering why you should bother to organize an IP by yourself. Here are some incentives:

- Free choice of topics - interest in the topic
- Guaranteed attendance in 'your' course
- Improvement of organizational and team skills
- Content of the course according to your own ideas (in consultation with the teachers)
- Teachers of your choice (both professors and external experts possible)
- The chance of cooperation with companies and NGOs
- The chance of active screening for internships
- Networking, new contacts
- Ideas for Bachelor's or Master's thesis
- Gain practical experiences
- An activity to mention in your curriculum vitae
- Co-design of the study programme
- Manageable effort
- Project management experience



Procedure & Organization

Here is a possible procedure for the organization:

1. Visit IP information event
2. Vague idea of the topic
3. Visit IP meetings for advice
4. Finding fellow students who would like to co-organize
5. Fixing the IP topic including delimitation
6. Enquiries to professors and external experts as guides (= lecturers) in the subject area
7. Meeting with lecturers to discuss the idea in-depth
8. Elaboration of the IP application
9. Submission of the IP application
10. Implementation of the IP



Important to know

You do not need to be an expert on your topic of interest beforehand. It is the lecturer's job to provide the input for the topic. Once the application for the IP has been approved, you attend 'your' IP with no obligations to take administrative tasks any longer - unless you want to.

All important information about IPs can also be found in the IP - Guideline at

https://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/Studien/umweltsystemwissenschaften/IP-Leitfaden_2018.pdf