

Welcome/Course Guide

Joint International Master in Sustainable Development 2026 - 2027



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Welcome to the Joint International Master in Sustainable Development!

This Joint Master's Programme brings together the expertise of seven partner universities worldwide: University of Graz, Leipzig University, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Hiroshima University, Utrecht University, Basel University, and TERI School of Advanced Studies.

The Joint International Master in Sustainable Development is a prime example of a programme where sustainability issues are approached from an inter-disciplinary perspective. The focus is set on applying competencies to the question of sustainable development and the needs and possibilities of societal transformation. It combines the specialisations in teaching and research excellence of the participating universities, thereby offering you a comprehensive qualification recognized by the countries of the consortium partners and the possibility of going on to PhD studies as well as increasing the employability in the private, public, and semi-public sector.

On behalf of faculty and staff we wish you an inspiring, pleasant and successful new academic year!

The Joint Programme Coordination team



1 Programme information

This chapter introduces you to the concept of sustainable development, which is of course the core subject of the Joint Master's Programme. It explains what a joint programme is and gives an insight about the programme content.

1.1 Elements of the Joint Programme

A Joint Programme is offered jointly by several higher education institutions. You can choose one of the degree-awarding universities as your entrance university where you will be enrolled and a mobility university for your specialisation according to your academic background. You must complete at least one semester at your mobility university. This allows you to highly specialise in different modules and specialisation tracks that are of interest to you.

Students of the Master's programme attend the module "Basics in Sustainable Development" (30 ECTS) in the first semester and the "Integration Module" (30 ECTS) in the third semester at their entrance university (the university where you enrol). The courses in these modules aim to put disciplinary insights and approaches into the right context while learning to work in teams on assigned projects.

Each specialisation track of the programme (second semester, 30 ECTS) includes a specific number of courses that provide you with theoretical depth and a solid foundation in research methodology, techniques and skills. Elective courses further deepen this knowledge.

The independent final research Master's thesis comprises 30 ECTS credits. A research internship can be part of this final thesis (after consultation with the academic coordinator and/or supervisor).

1.2 Competence Profile and Career perspectives

The Joint International Master in Sustainable Development trains highly qualified specialists whose multidisciplinary skills enable them to prevent, diagnose and solve environmental challenges.

A student with a Master of Science degree in Sustainable Development:

- understands the dynamics, complexity and interaction between natural, social and economic processes and systems with regard to sustainable development,
- is able to analyse issues in the field of sustainable development, taking into consideration different disciplinary perspectives,



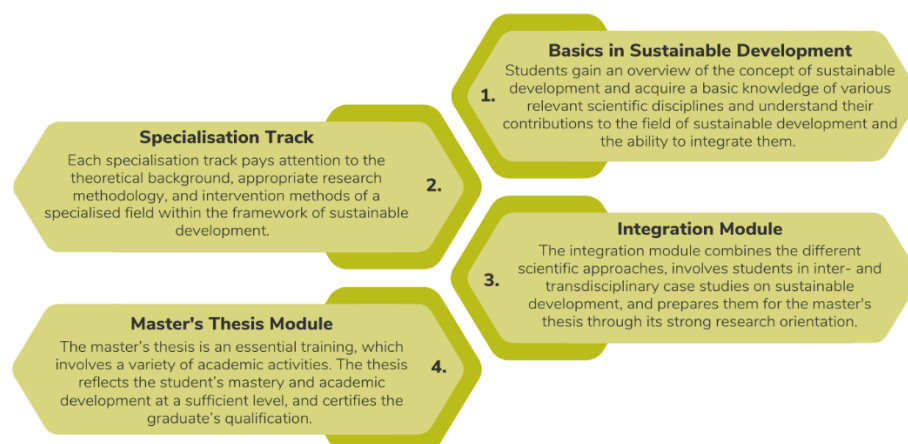
- has comprehensive competences in a scientific perspective,
- knows and is able to apply adequate working methods and instruments of scientific research and application,
- is able to apply their knowledge and scientific skills in inter- and trans-disciplinary teams to complex issues, has the appropriate social skills, such as writing, discussing, conflict management, teamwork, project management and is thus able to make a significant contribution to the transition to a sustainable society,
- is able to conduct independent scientific research and publish the results of a scientific investigation in the form of a scientific article or a similar publication.

Students benefit from the integrative and multi-disciplinary approach, which strengthens open-mindedness and allows developing fast response skills to complex challenges to be faced in professional careers. The international approach of this programme enhances intercultural understanding and brings internationally experienced young professionals to the international labour market.

The societal orientation of the Master's programme makes it a good starting point for positions not directly related to scientific research. Graduates might find employment in the private sector, the public sector (EU, national, regional, and local government), consultancies, and NGOs. The Master's programme also prepares students for doctoral studies that, ultimately, lead to careers in scientific research.

If you are interested in exchanging ideas and news with your fellow students and alumni of the Joint International Master in Sustainable Development, joining [Sustainainers LinkedIn Group](#) might be of interest to you.

1.3 Programme Structure





1.4 Consortium and Partner Universities

The Joint International Master in Sustainable Development combines the teaching specialisations and research foci of seven high profile partner institutions. The universities work together to guarantee a high-quality international curriculum with regional aspects.

Entrance (degree awarding and mobility) universities:

- [University of Graz](#)
- [Ca' Foscari University of Venice](#)
- [Leipzig University](#)

Mobility universities (for mandatory mobility):

- [Utrecht University](#)
- [University of Basel](#)
- [Hiroshima University](#)

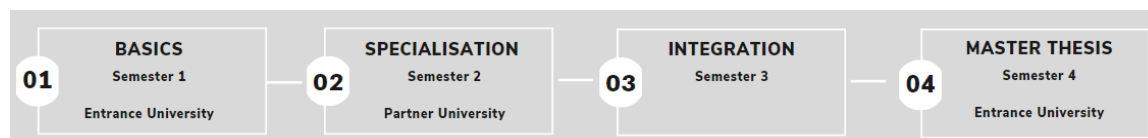
Additional mobility universities:

- [TERI School of Advanced Studies](#)

1.5 Entrance University and Mobility Semester

The 'entrance university' is defined as the university where you are enrolled as a regular student, at which you start the programme and complete at least the first semester and last semester (60 ECTS). You are required to complete at least 30 credits¹ at one of the partner universities (except TERI).

You have to spend the specialisation track in the second semester at a partner university. The mobility semester can be spent at any of the degree awarding partners as well as at the mobility partner universities Basel University, Utrecht University and Hiroshima University. You may also spend an additional study period² at TERI School of Advanced Studies or use any other mobility programmes available at your entrance university.



¹ "European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System" points are based on the total time investment a course or module requires in principle, including both classroom contact hours and individual study. You can find out more about the ECTS system at http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/ects_en.htm

² Note: additional fees may be charged. You have to go through regular procedures.



1.6 Degree awarding

Upon successful completion of the Joint International Master in Sustainable Development, students are awarded a “Master’s Degree in Sustainable Development - M.Sc.”

- Austria: Master of Science (M.Sc.)
- Germany: Master of Science (M.Sc.)
- Italy: Laurea magistrale (LM)

A double degree will be awarded by the University of Graz and Ca’ Foscari University Venice, by Leipzig University and Ca’ Foscari University Venice and by the University of Graz and Leipzig University after the fulfilment of the respective legal prerequisites.

Graduates who completed the mandatory mobility in Utrecht, Basel or Hiroshima will receive the Master’s degree issued by the entrance university.

In addition, graduates of the Joint International Master in Sustainable Development will receive a diploma supplement and a jointly issued bridging document, containing all information about the programme and its international structure, provided by the respective entrance university.

The entrance university is responsible for handling the graduation process by confirming the successful completion of the programme in accordance with the programme requirements. The entrance university issues the local degree certificate and informs the degree-awarding mobility partner about the completion of the Joint Programme.

2 Modules and Tracks

This chapter will provide you with detailed information on the programme, qualifications, and tracks as well as an overview of the general structure of the joint master’s programme.

2.1 Basics in Sustainable Development

All students of the Joint International Master in Sustainable Development must take the introductory module ‘Basics in Sustainable Development’ (first semester) at their assigned entrance university. By attending the basic module, you gain a comprehensive overview of the concept of sustainable development, ranging from local to global processes, including the history of the concept and various ways it can be operationalised. You also acquire a basic knowledge and skills in policy analysis and policy evaluation, as well as of various relevant scientific disciplines and understand their contributions to the field of sustainable development and the ability to integrate them.



2.2 Specialisation tracks

Each specialisation track (second semester, mandatory mobility) pays attention to the theoretical background, appropriate research methodology, and intervention methods of a specialised field within the framework of sustainable development. You specialise in natural or social sciences (or a mix of both) depending on your academic background. You deepen that basis by attending further optional courses from the curriculum.

2.3 Integration module

The integration module (third semester) combines the different scientific approaches, involves you in inter- and transdisciplinary case studies on sustainable development, and prepares you for the Master's thesis in the fourth semester through its strong research orientation.

2.4 Master thesis

The Master's thesis module (fourth semester) comprises 30 ECTS credits. The thesis reflects your mastery and academic development at a sufficient level and is an essential training, which involves a variety of academic activities: formulating a research objective and question after reviewing the literature; sorting, interpreting, and synthesising information; collecting/analysing measurements/observations; and presenting oral/written reports of findings, if required by the respective regulations of the entrance university. A research traineeship may be part of the final thesis project. The first supervisor has to be from the entrance university.

Check out the programme website ([download section](#)) for further information about the role of the second reader.

3 Practical information

This chapter provides some practical information about the programme. You will get to know the virtual components as well as some insights into the organisation of the mandatory mobility which is part of the programme. An overview of the academic calendar at the different universities is given as well as information regarding language conditions and optional language courses.



3.1 Virtual exchange

The programme offers two virtual exchange components:

A **Virtual Orientation** for all students of the Joint International Master in Sustainable Development. It allows students to get to know each other independently of their entrance university. It also offers the opportunity to obtain information directly from the coordinators of the individual partner universities for the mandatory mobility semester.

The consortium also offers the **webinar series “Approaches to Sustainable Development”**, which might be integrated into courses at the respective entrance university.

In this webinar mini-series, speakers from the partner universities will discuss different approaches to sustainable development. The webinars are organised specifically for the students of the 2026 generation.

As a participant, you will:

- get a brief insight into the different perspectives on sustainable development
- presented in the programme
- have the opportunity to discuss sustainability topics with experts from different
- backgrounds,
- get to know students from the partner universities of the same generation, and
- work with them in small group exercises.

Information about dates and times will be sent out by email.

3.2 Mobility procedures

Your entrance university takes care of the organisation of the **mandatory mobility semester** in the course of the first semester. Where possible, the Erasmus+ programme will be used to facilitate the stay abroad.

Your entrance university will nominate you to your mobility university and will provide your contact details.

Your mobility university will then contact you and you will receive more information about the application procedure and the course selection. You will also receive assistance in case you need to apply for a visa.

Joint Master students are normally considered mobility students covered by the EU Directive 2016/801 which allows a stay for research or study purposes for up to 360 days at another Schengen country without the need to apply for a separate visa.



Important: please get in contact with your mobility university to check whether this policy applies to you and whether it is necessary to register additionally in the host country. Information will be provided directly by the respective university to students concerned.

Tuition fees will be waived at the mobility university, however administrative fees may apply. Please check the programme website for further details!

Please stick to deadlines and read carefully through the information provided!

In the case of questions, please contact the administrative coordination of your entrance university.

3.3 Grading

Bilateral conversion tables as stipulated in the cooperation agreement of the consortium are used for grade conversion between the partner universities.

The grade conversion table can be found as a download on the website ([download section](#)).

3.4 Academic Calendar

The start of the semester can vary within the Joint Master's Programme depending on your chosen entrance and mobility universities. Here is an overview of the academic calendar for 2026/27:

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
	Semester 1a	Semester 1b	Semester 2a	Semester 2b
Utrecht	Sept 7 – Nov 13	Nov 16 – Feb 5	Feb 8 - Apr 23	Apr 26 - Jul 18
Graz	Oct 1 – Jan 30 Check here		March 1 – Jun 30 Check here	
Leipzig	Classes: Oct 12 – Feb 6* Check here (* Jan 28 for 1 st semester)		Apr 5 - Jul 17 Check here	
Venice	Classes: Sep 28 - Jan 16 Exams: Jan 18 - Feb 20		Classes: Feb 22 - Jun 5 Exams: Jun 7 – Jul 10	
Basel	Check here		Check here	
Hiroshima	Oct 1 – Feb 9		Apr 1 – Aug 4	

3.5 Contacts & information

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4 Available Specialisation Tracks

The programme consists of different tracks, allowing you to specialise depending on your undergraduate education. This academic year, the consortium offers the following tracks (the list and descriptions can also be found on the [website](#)):

University of Graz:

- Corporate Sustainability Management
- Innovation and Transition Management
- Climate Change

Leipzig University:

- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Environmental and Resource Management

Ca' Foscari University of Venice:

- Global Change and Sustainability

Hiroshima University:

- Sustainable Development Science and Technology
- Global Development Policy



Utrecht University:

- Energy and Materials
- Environmental Change and Ecosystems
- Earth System Governance
- Politics, Ecology & Society

University of Basel:

- Sustainability: A social science perspective



Appendix I: Tracks and Courses 2026 - 27

University of Graz

Please check the programme of courses online in the [UNIGRAOnline Course Guide](#):

Semester 1: Basics in Sustainable Development

Compulsory	A.1 The Sustainability Challenge (3, SE ECTS) A.2 Sustainable Development: Integrating Perspectives (AG 10 ECTS) A.3 Social Competencies for Working in Inter- & Transdisciplinary Teams (SE 2 ECTS) A.4 Methods for Inter- and Transdisciplinary Problem Solving (KS 2 ECTS) A.5 Earth's Climate System and Climate Change (VO 3 ECTS)
Select 10 ECTS from*:	Environmental and Technology assessment (4 ECTS) Waste and Recycling (4 ECTS) Decision Making for Sustainable Development (4 ECTS) Sustainable Business Models (4 ECTS) Data in Systems Sciences (3 ECTS) Seminar for Data in Systems Sciences (4 ECTS) Globalization and development (6 ECTS) Seminar in Research Methodology (3 ECTS) Renewable Resources – Chemistry and Technology (2 ECTS) The Sustainability Challenge – reading and reflection (2 ECTS) Climate Change Economics (3 ECTS) Further Selected Topics*

*please check the [UNIGRAOnline Course Guide](#) (possible overlaps for optional courses)

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Corporate Sustainability Management

Compulsory	B.10.1 Strategic Sustainability Management (4 ECTS) B.10.2 Sustainability Controlling and Management (4 ECTS) B.10.3 Quantitative methods of Social Research (4 ECTS) B.10.4 Research Project Sustainability and Innovation Management (6 ECTS)
Select 12 ECTS from:	B.10.5 Selected Topics of Sustainability Management: Value Chain Management (4 ECTS) Change Management and Learning for Sustainability (4 ECTS) Waste and Recycling (4 ECTS) Sustainable Product Management (4 ECTS) Decision Making for Sustainable Development (4 ECTS) Low-carbon mobility behavior and policy options (4 ECTS) Environmental and Technology assessment (4 ECTS)



Semester 2 Specialisation track: Innovation and Transition Management

Compulsory	B.11.1 Transition Management (4 ECTS) B.11.2 Sustainable Innovation (4 ECTS) B.11.3 Quantitative methods of Social Research (4 ECTS) B.11.4 Research Project Sustainability and Innovation Management (6 ECTS)
Select 12 ECTS from:	B.11.5 Selected Topics of Innovation and Transition Management: Environmental and Technology assessment (4 ECTS) Decision Making for Sustainable Development (4 ECTS) Product and Service Development (4 ECTS) Human Factors in Transitions (4 ECTS) Systems Sciences in Innovation and Transition Research (4 ECTS) Change Management and Learning for Sustainability (4 ECTS) Value Chain Management (4 ECTS) Waste and Recycling (4 ECTS) Low-carbon mobility behavior and policy options (4 ECTS)

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Climate Change

Select 12 ECTS from:	B.12.1 Climate Physics: Climate and Environmental Change – Current Research Issues (2 ECTS) Atmospheric Dynamics (3 ECTS) Atmospheric Measurement Methods: Remote Sensing (3 ECTS) Selected Topics in Atmospheric and Climate Physics (Recent Results of the IPCC: Climate Change 2021) (3 ECTS) Climate Modelling (3 ECTS)
Select 12 ECTS from:	B.12.2 Physical Geography: Mountain research from a global perspective (4 ECTS) Monitoring in climatology and hydrology (4 ECTS) Master seminar (Geomorphology) (4 ECTS) Geomorphology and Earth System Sciences: Field course in geomorphology (4 ECTS)
Select 6 ECTS from:	B.12.3 Selected Topics in Climate and Environmental Change: Modelling in climatology and hydrology (4 ECTS) Monitoring of geomorphological processes (4 ECTS) Practical Course in Hydrology: Field course in climatology and hydrology (4 ECTS) Special Topics in ESS/CCET Climate Change – Climate and Energy Management (3 ECTS)



Semester 3: Integration Module and Further Specialisation

Compulsory	C.1.1 Inter- and transdisciplinary case study on Sustainable Development (10 ECTS) C.1.2 Social Competences for Managing Sustainable Development (3 ECTS) C. 1.3 Master seminar (2 ECTS)
Optional (select 14 ECTS)	Free Electives

Semester 4: Master Thesis

Compulsory	Master Thesis (30 ECTS) Master Exam (1 ECTS)
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Leipzig University

More information [here](#).

Semester 1: Basics in Sustainable Development

Compulsory	Basics in Economic Sciences (10 ECTS) • Sustainable Economics (lecture and tutorial) • Transformation Economics (seminar)
Compulsory	Basics in Social Sciences (10 ECTS) • International Studies (lecture) • Development Economics (seminar)
Compulsory	Basics in Sustainable Development (10 ECTS) • Theories of Sustainability (lecture) • Assessment of Climate Protection Strategies (lecture) • Selected topics of Corporate Sustainability Management (seminar)

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Environmental and Resource Economics

Compulsory (at least 20 out of 30 ECTS)	Sustainable Energy Economics (10 ECTS) Environmental and Biodiversity Economics (10 ECTS) Climate Economics (10 ECTS)
Optional	1 Elective from Track 2 or Elective to be discussed with the Academic Advisor

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Environmental and Resources Management

Compulsory (at least 20 out of 30 ECTS)	Water Resource Management (10 ECTS) Landscape Management in European Context (5 ECTS) Land Management in Urban Context (5 ECTS) Energy Engineering and Management (10 ECTS)
Optional	1 Elective from Track 1 (10 ECTS)



Semester 3: Integration Module

Compulsory	Inter- and transdisciplinary case study (15 ECTS) Project Management and Communication Skills (5 ECTS)
Optional (select 10 ECTS)	Life Cycle Analysis and Sustainability Assessment in Bioeconomy (5 ECTS) Sustainability Assessment of the Energiewende (5 ECTS) Current topic of Water Resource Management (5 ECTS) Economics of Natural Resource Use and Conservation (10 ECTS) Modelling in Resources Management (10 ECTS) Socio-Economic Aspects of Urban Development (10 ECTS) Entrepreneurship Management (10 ECTS)

Semester 4: Master Thesis

Compulsory	Master Thesis (30 ECTS)
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Ca' Foscari University Venice

Students starting the programme in Venice check out the full programme here:

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/13658/study-plan>

Semester 1: Basics in Sustainable Development

Compulsory	Health and Safety for Teaching and Research (0 ECTS)
	Health and Safety for Teaching and Research – update (0 ECTS)
	Oceanography and Climatology (12 ECTS)
	Biodiversity and Global Change (6 ECTS)
	Environmental Data Analysis (12 ECTS)

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Global Change and Sustainability

Compulsory	Geographic Information Systems (6 ECTS)
	Renewable energy sources (6 ECTS)
	Environmental and climate economics (6 ECTS)
	The climate of the past (6 ECTS)
	Environmental impacts of climate change (6 ECTS)

Semester 3: Integration Module

Compulsory	Ecosystem functioning and climate change (6 ECTS)
	Environmental modelling (6 ECTS)
	Natural Resources Management (6 ECTS)
	Italian Language course (<u>for those who do not know the Italian language</u>) or other training activities: internships/other experiences that provide useful knowledge for entering the world of work (<u>for those who know the Italian language</u>) (3 ECTS)
Optional (select 12 ECTS)	2 Elective courses to be selected among the courses offered
	1 Elective course (6 ECTS) + 6 ECTS internship (150h)
	12 ECTS internship (300h)

Semester 4: Master Thesis

Compulsory	Interdisciplinary case study (6 ECTS)
Compulsory	Master Thesis & Exam (21 ECTS)



Department	Master's Degree Programme	Course title	Sem.	Where	Webpage
Economics	Global Development and Entrepreneurship	European Intellectual Property Law	1 st	TREVISO	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/506389
Economics	Global Development and Entrepreneurship	Geopolitics and Geoeconomics	2 nd	TREVISO	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/506393
Economics	Global Development and Entrepreneurship	Economics and Governance of Migration	2 nd	TREVISO	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/506394
Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies	Comparative International Relations	Global Change and Sustainability	2 nd	VENEZIA, Linguistic Campus	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/517835
DAIS	Conservation Science and Technology for Cultural Heritage	Statistics and Experimental Design	2 nd	MESTRE, Scientific Campus	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/513710
DAIS	Computer Science	Bioinformatics	1 st	MESTRE, Scientific Campus	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/451276
DSMN	Science and technology of bio and nanomaterials	Short course in Molecular Biology	1 st	MESTRE, Scientific Campus	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/509740
DSMN	Science and technology of bio and nanomaterials	Microbiology	1 st	MESTRE, Scientific Campus	https://www.unive.it/data/insegnamento/441439
MANAGEMENT	Management	Food Business Management and Marketing	2 nd	Venezia, San Giobbe	
School for International Education (SIE)	Semester course	Please check website for the	1 st / 2 nd	Venezia, S. Sebastiano	https://www



Department	Master's Degree Programme	Course title	Sem.	Where	Webpage
		updated list of available courses			.unive.it/pag/35228/



Utrecht University

Teaching periods at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University, classes take place during two semesters per year, each of which can be divided into two blocks, or periods, of 9 or 10 weeks.

If you join Utrecht University in your 2nd semester as a mobility student, you will study with us in periods 3 and 4 of your 1st year.

Semester I:

Period 1: Starts Monday of week 37 (7 September 2026)

Period 2: Starts Monday of week 47 (16 November 2026)

In period 2, 2026-2027 there are two weeks without lectures: weeks 52 and week 53.

Semester II:

Period 3: Starts Monday of week 6 (8 February 2027)

Period 4: Starts Monday of week 17 (26 April 2027)

Time slots at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University a so-called timeslotmodel is used to schedule courses to fit into fixed parts of the week. Using this model prevents overlap in a schedule. In this way, it is easy to see if two courses can be taken in the same period.

The Utrecht University timeslotmodel consists of five slots (A, B, C, D, E).

Timeslot A = Monday morning and/or Wednesday afternoon

Timeslot B = Tuesday morning and/or Thursday afternoon

Timeslot C = Monday afternoon and/or Tuesday afternoon and/or Thursday morning

Timeslot D = Wednesday morning and/or Friday all day

Timeslot E = Monday evening, Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening, Thursday evening

Morning = 09.00-12.45 hours, afternoon = 13.15-19.00 hours, evening = 19.15-22.00 hours.

Periods and timeslots have been put into the course schedules below.

Note: each year this may be subject to change. No rights can be derived from this schedule.



Specialisation tracks at Utrecht University

Bold = mandatory general course

Normal = mandatory track course

EM = Energy & Materials

ECE = Environmental Change & Ecosystems

ESG = Earth System Governance

PES = Politics, Ecology & Society

Period 1	at your entrance university	at your entrance university
Period 2	at your entrance university	at your entrance university
Period 3	(C) Research Design SD, GEO4-2314	EM: (B) Energy Supply Technologies, GEO4-2312 ECE: (B) Environmental Systems Analysis, GEO4-2303 ESG: (B) Research Strategies for Policy and Governance Analysis, GEO4-2304 PES: (A) Research Methods for Politics, Ecology and Society, GEO4-2345
Period 4	(D) Consultancy Project SUSD, GEO4-2008	EM: (C) Policies for Energy and Materials Transitions, GEO4-2311 ECE: (B+C) Quantifying Ecosystem Resilience to Global Environmental Change, GEO4-2341 ESG: (C) Theories of Change in Action, GEO4-2348 PES: (C) Social Innovation and Alternatives to Development, GEO4-2346



Hiroshima University

1 credit at HU is equivalent to 2 ECTS

2 credits course consists of 15 classes (90min each, including exercise)

In case students want to choose courses other than the one below, they need approval of their academic advisor.

To obtain a student visa, students must take at least 7 classes (10 hours) in a week (90 minutes per class).

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Global Development Policy

Compulsory (select 30 ECTS)	Applied Econometrics I (2 credits)
	Applied Econometrics II (2 credits)
	Economic Statistical Analysis (2 credits)
	Human Resource Development (2 credits)
	Corporate Strategy (2 credits)
	International Cooperation (2 credits)
	Developing Designing Ability (2 credits)
	Practical Seminar on International Cooperation Project (2 credits)
	Research Method (2 credits)
	Development Policy and Practice (2 credits)

Semester 2 Specialisation track: Science and Technology for Sustainable Development

Compulsory (select 30 ECTS)	Environmental Management (2 credits)
	Transportation Engineering (2 credits)
	Transportation Planning (2 credits)
	Sustainable Architecture A (2 credits)
	Sustainable Architecture B (2 credits)
	Energy Science and Technology (2 credits)
	Numerical Environmental Impact Assessment II (2 credits)
	Botany Resources for the Future (2 credits)
	Management and Conservation of Ecosystems (2 credits)
	Developing Designing Ability (2 credits)
	Practical Seminar on International Cooperation Project (2 credits)
	Environmental Health Science (2 credits)
	Smart Urban Development (2 credits)
	Agent-based Transport Simulation (2 credits)



University of Basel

In order to earn 30 CP, you must register for several seminars/courses/lectures (total of 15 CP) and you must write 3 large essays ("seminar papers"; each rated 5 CP = total 15 CP).

To get the ordinary CP for having attended a seminar/course/lecture, you must register for these classes. You must do the final assessment according to the information in the course directory and the lecturer's instructions.

To earn the CP with the large essays (= seminar papers), you must write three large essays (each 5 CP) on topics, based on three **enrolled seminars**. The topics always must be chosen in accordance with the lecturer of the related seminar (=supervisor). Seminar papers are only possible related to seminars you have enrolled for, and which are marked with an * in the course list. The length of a seminar paper is approx. 20 pages or 9,000-11,000 words.

Please note that you must discuss your choice for the 30 CP with the academic coordinator (coordination-msd@unibas.ch) at the beginning of the semester at the latest.

Social science courses offered by the Master's Degree in Sustainable Development spring semester 2027

- Paradigms and Leverage Points for Sustainable Development (lecture, 3 CP)
 - Training for Sustainability Research (project, 6 CP)
 - Qualitative Research in Sustainability Science (course, 3 CP)
 - Colloquium: Sustainability Science Research (social dimension, 1 CP)
 - *Governance, Sustainable Development and Democracy (seminar, 3 CP)
 - *Experimental Research Methods in Social Science (seminar, 3 CP)
 - *Interdisciplinary Approach to Sustainability: Alternative Food Networks and Sustainable Agri-Food Systems (seminar, 3 CP)
 - *Sustainability Governance in International Value Chains (seminar, 3 CP)
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Other social science courses from other disciplines are also eligible for you, e.g.:

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