Description of Tracks

Title of Track	**Sustainability: A social science perspective**
University offering the track	University of Basel, Switzerland
Learning Objectives	Students ♦ know social and societal driving forces for (un)sustainable development; ♦ are familiar with key concepts for analyzing e.g. governance of change, individual consumption, actors and institutions; ♦ know about justice related aspects relevant in the field of sustainable development.
Options to choose	Students decide at the beginning of the semester whether they go for a) 5 courses (3 ECTS each) and 3 seminar papers (5 ECTS each) Or b) 7 courses (3 ECTS each) and 2 seminar papers (5 ECTS each)
Courses	1. Sustainable Development: A new societal paradigm (3 ECTS) 2. Governance, Sustainable Development and Democracy (3 ECTS) 3. Changing Individual Energy Behaviour (3 ECTS) 4. Capabilities and Sustainability (3 ECTS) 5. Quality of Life and Sustainability (3 ECTS) 6. Current Topics in Social Science based Sustainability Research (3 ECTS) 7. Experimental research methods in social sciences (3 ECTS) 8. Seminar Paper (5 ECTS)
Teaching Methods	Most courses offered are seminars, requiring students' active participation (presentations, case studies, discussions).
Modes of Assessment	Attending a seminar with 3 ECTS: oral presentation and written essay (15'000 characters). A seminar paper addresses a topic within the field of Sustainable Development by looking at the state of research/debate (20-25 pages)
Presumed prior knowledge	Having a fair package (e.g. 20 ECTS or more) in theories and methods of social sciences (sociology, political sciences, anthropology, etc.) is strongly recommended.
Offered in (winter/summer semester)	Each spring semester The courses offered may vary from one spring semester to another. Additional courses may be attended upon request and availability.