

Master's Minor in Sustainable Development (MSc Mi SD)

Course Overview

(Course offer according to the new study plan, valid from 01.08.24)

Autumn term 2024 and spring term 2025

Status: 15.07.2024

Attention:

For students **who are studying the Master Minor Nachhaltige Entwicklung (MSc Mi NE) according to the old study plan**, please contact the Director of Studies NE to discuss outstanding credits and completion options according to the old study plan:

studienleitungne.cde@unibe.ch

General information

This summary outlines the course structure for the Master's Minor in Sustainable Development (MSc Mi SD). Please note that this overview is provisional. For further details and updates refer to the KSL. For course-specific inquiries, please contact the relevant organizational unit directly.

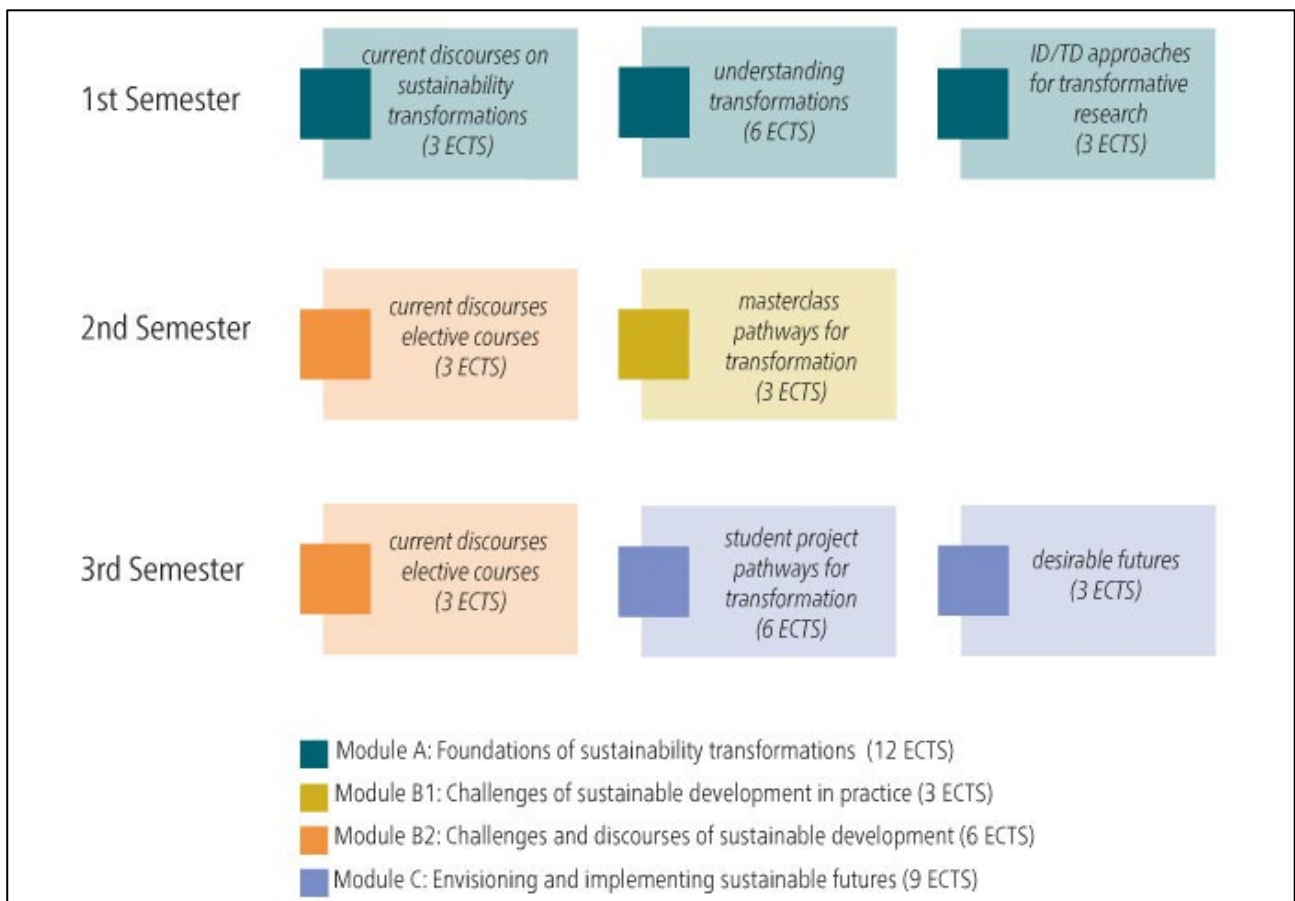
Scheme of programme

The Master's Minor in Sustainable Development is worth 30 ECTS credits. This total is comprised of 24 compulsory and 6 elective ECTS credits. The programme corresponds to the workload of four semesters (two years) of full-time study.

The study programme consists of three modules.

- Module A: Foundations of sustainability transformations
- Module B: Challenges of sustainable development in practice
- Module C: Envisioning and implementing sustainable futures

The following illustration provides an overview of the structure of the study programme.



Cooperation with the University of Fribourg i. Üe.

The departments of Sustainable Development at the University of Bern and Environmental Sciences at the University of Fribourg have established a BeFri subject convention. This convention enables MSc Mi SD students to participate in selected courses at the University of Fribourg for credit purpose. Currently, this opportunity is available for courses within the individual study programme in module B2.

You must be enrolled as a BeNeFri student at the University of Fribourg in order to attend courses and take assessments at the University of Fribourg. Enrolment takes place online through the Admissions Office of the University of Bern (ZIB). Further information on the registration procedure, deadlines and travel expense reimbursement can be found here:

https://www.unibe.ch/studies/mobility/outgoing/in_switzerland/benefri/index_eng.html

Course selection, guidelines and recommendations for individual study planning

As the modules of the Master Minor Sustainable Development progressively build upon each other in terms of content and methodology, the following points should be taken into account when planning your studies:

- Courses of module A are exclusively offered in the autumn term.
- Module A must be completed before commencing Module C.
- Module B1 is available only in the spring term.
- Module B2 can be taken at any time during your studies.
- Possibility to credit external courses (e.g. University of Fribourg, BeFri)
- Module C is available only in the autumn term.
- You can commence your studies in either the autumn or spring term.

Registration and deregistration procedure

Registration and deregistration for **CDE courses** are conducted via KSL.

The following rules apply:

- REGISTRATION FOR THE COURSE IS CONSIDERED AS REGISTRATION FOR THE EXAM (except for the first lecture of Module A (MA1): see below)
- For courses in the autumn term, registration is open until Friday of calendar week 38 and deregistration is possible until Friday of calendar week 47.
- For courses in the spring term, registration is available until Friday of calendar week 8 and deregistration is possible until Friday of calendar week 18.
- If you wish to deregister without providing a reason up to 2 weeks before the exam or (if exams takes place during the term) up to 2 weeks before the last course, please inform the Study administration: lehresekretariatne.cde@unibe.ch.
The Study administration will deregister you from the course.

For information regarding registration and deregistration procedures for other courses at the University of Bern **not administered by CDE**, please contact the responsible organizational unit in advance.

For courses at the University of Fribourg, registration can be completed via my.unifr.ch. You can find the deadlines here: <https://www.unifr.ch/scimed/en/studies/register>

Modalities of the exams

For courses organized by CDE, there is generally only one date for the performance assessment. In the event of a repeat examination, an additional date will be scheduled.

For courses not conducted by CDE, please follow the exam modalities specified by the responsible organizational unit.

Autumn term 2024

Module A: Foundations of sustainability transformations

Course	Time and place	Registration	Repetition
414274 Polycrisis in the anthropocene: Barriers and leverage points for global sustainability (MA1) Lecture: 3 ECTS credits (CDE: S. Bieri, C. Bader, T. Breu, J. Zähringer)	Course: Tue, 16:15-18:00, weekly, Room: see KSL	Registration until Fri, 20.09.2024 (See rule, p. 4) Deregistration until Fri, 22.11.2024 (See rule, p. 4)	Every autumn term
	Exam: Tue, 14.01.2025 16:00-18:00, Room: Auditorium Maximum, Hauptgebäude H4	Registration until Fri, 22.11.2024 (exception to rule, p. 4) Deregistration until Tue, 03.12.2024 (exception to rule, p. 4)	
The capacity limit for the course is 80 registrations. If there are more than 80 registrations, places will be allocated according to the following prioritisation rules: Master's in Sustainability Transformations & Master's Minor in Sustainable Development (SD) before early Master's (SD), early Master's (SD) before non-subject-related electives.			
414226 Introduction to sustainability transformations: analytical tools and concepts to explain systemic change (MA2) Lecture: 6 ECTS credits (CDE: M. Duygan, C. Bader, S. Bieri)	Course: Mon, 14:15-17:00, weekly, Room: see KSL	Registration until Fri, 20.09.2024 (See rule, p. 4) Deregistration until Fri, 22.11.2024 (See rule, p. 4)	Every autumn term
	Exam: Exam type will be announced at the beginning of the course	Registration for the course is considered as registration for the exam	
The capacity limit for the course is 60 registrations. If there are more than 60 registrations, places will be allocated according to the following prioritisation rules: Master's in Sustainability Transformations & Master's Minor in Sustainable Development (SD) before early Master's (SD), early Master's (SD) before non-subject-related electives.			
488622_HS2024-1 Laufnummer 1, nicht 0 Transdisciplinarity and transformative research designs and methods for sustainable development (MA3) Lecture: 3 ECTS credits (CDE: C. Oberlack)	Course: Fri, 10:00-12:00, weekly, Room: see KSL	Registration until Fri, 20.09.2024 (See rule, p. 4) Deregistration until Fri, 22.11.2024 (See rule, p. 4)	Every autumn term
	Exam: Fri, XX.XX.2024 10:00-12:00, noch nicht sicher Room: see KSL	Registration for the course is considered as registration for the exam	
The capacity limit for the course is 60 registrations. If there are more than 60 registrations, places will be allocated according to the following prioritisation rules: Master's in Sustainability Transformations & Master's Minor in Sustainable Development (SD) before early Master's (SD), early Master's (SD) before non-subject-related electives.			

Module B2: Challenges and discourses of sustainable development

Course	Time and place	Registration	Repetition
St. Nr.: 489936 Afrika, Africa, Afrique Lecture series: 3 ECTS credits Interdisziplinär Universitätsleitung: various lecturers)	Course: Wen. 18:15-19:45, weekly, Room: see KSL	See KSL	
	Exam: See KSL	See KSL	
St. Nr.: 491378 The Theory of Monetary Policy Lecture: 3 ECTS-Punkte (lecture at the Universität Fribourg: S. Rossi-Pedruzzi)	Durchführung: Fr. 08:15-11:00	As a BENEFRi-registered student, you can register for this course and examination from 13 September to 11 October (12:00) via my.unifr.ch . If you have not yet received access data for my.unifr.ch by 11 October, please send an email with all relevant details to exams-delegate-ses@unifr.ch with Cc to sergio.rossi@unifr.ch by 11 October (12:00) so that you can be registered for the course and exam.	
	Details: See Course catalogue of the University of Fribourg		
Admission requirement: Enrolled as a BeNeFri student at the University of Fribourg in this semester (see details on page 2).			

It is expected that additional courses may be offered in module B2, which will be added at a later time.

Spring term 2025

Module B1: Challenges of sustainable development in practice

Course	Time and place	Registration	Repetition
489440 Masterclass: Pathways for Transformation (MB1) Lecture: 3 ECTS credits (CDE: S. Bieri, A. Vlachos)	Course: Tue, 16:15-18:00, weekly, Room: see KSL Exam: Exam type will be announced at the beginning of the course	Registration until Fri, 21.02.2025 (See rule, p. 4)	Every spring term
		Deregistration until Fri, 02.05.2025 (See rule, p. 4)	
St.Nr.:		Registration for the course is considered as registration for the exam	

The capacity limit for the course is 70 registrations. If there are more than 70 registrations, places will be allocated according to the following prioritisation rules: Master's in Sustainability Transformations & Master's Minor in Sustainable Development (SD) before early Master's (SD), early Master's (SD) before non-subject-related electives.

Module B2: Challenges and discourses of sustainable development

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It is expected that additional courses may be offered in module B2, which will be added at a later time.

Course schedule MSc Mi SD: autumn term 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08-09					MB2: The Theory of Monetary Policy (Universität Fribourg)
09-10					
10-11					
11-12					MA3: Transdisciplinarity and transformative research designs and methods for sustainable development
12-13					
13-14					
14-15	MA2: Introduction to sustainability transformations: analytical tools and concepts to explain systemic change				
15-16					
16-17		MA1: Polycrisis in the anthropocene: Barriers and leverage points for global sustainability			
17-18					
18-19			MB2: Afrika, Africa, Afrique		
18-19:45					

Course schedule MSc Mi SD: spring term 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday
08-09					
09-10					
10-11					
11-12					
12-13					
13-14					
14-15					
15-16					
16-17		MB1: Masterclass: Pathways for Transformation			
17-18					