

Frequently asked questions of the Bachelor's degree programmes about the certificates of achievement

Questions about the modules/module groups

1. What is a module?

Example 1st year of study in Environmental Engineering

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A module can consist of one or more courses.

2. What is a module group? (Concerns degree programmes BT, CH, LM and UI)

Several modules are combined into a module group. For module groups, the module group assessment is calculated on the basis of the assessments achieved in the modules.

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Modules "Climatology and Informatics (PM)" and "Culture and Language 1 (PM)" together make up the module group Society and Communication 1.

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	Kultur und Sprachen 1 (PM)	Stephan Küng	n.BA.UI.KuSp1.16HS	4	1	Englisch 1 (PK)	50	40	Darren Mace	Darren Mace, John Bennett, Caroline Hyde-Simon, Keith James Rossborough, Jason Parry, Fenja Talirz, Jakob Kaufmann	n.BA.UI.Eng1Ad.16HS.V n.BA.UI.Eng1Upln.16HS.V n.BA.UI.Eng1In.16HS.V		120 (100%) assessment	e-
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3. How is the module grade calculated?

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Course English 1: Grade 5.00 40 %

Course Culture, Society and Language 1: Grade 4.25 60 %

Module grades are calculated from the average (or specified weighting) of the course grades of a module. Module grades are rounded to two decimal places. The module grade is 4.55

4. How is the module group grade calculated? (Concerns degree programmes BT, CH, LM and UI)

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Module Climatology and Informatics 1: grade 4.25 weighted by credits (4.25 x 4 = 17.00)

Module Culture and Language 1: grade 4.55 weighted by credits (4.55 x 4 = 18.20)

The module group has a total of 8 credits - therefore divide the sum by 8 = 4.4.

The module group grade is rounded to two decimal places.

The module group average is 4.40



5. Where can I find the information (ECTS, weighting) on the modules/module groups that are relevant for the calculation of grade point averages?

On the website www.zhaw.ch/de/lsvm/
(Register: Studium; Studi Web; Aa - Zz)

6. When is a module passed?

When

- the module grade 4.00 or the module group grade to which the module belongs,
- 4.00 is achieved and
- in the case of modules which do not belong to a module group, no course grade is below 2.50 and
- all grades have been passed.

7. When is a module group passed?

A module group is passed with a grade of 4.00.

8. How students learn whether a module group or module has been passed?

Students have to calculate the module group and module grades themselves, based on the course grades that can be viewed via EventoWeb.

Questions about the certificate / appeal case

9. When are certificates sent out?

Only two certificates are sent out. After the 1st year of study and then again only after the 3rd year of study, with the awarding of the diploma. Students can create a data transcript via EventoWeb (except during examination periods).

10. How to proceed if you do not agree with a grade and want to file an appeal?

An appeal can only be submitted on the basis of a certificate with instructions on how to appeal after the first as well as the last year of study and after downloading the current data transcript after the grading conference. The appeal instructions on the certificate or the data transcript provide information on the procedure.



Questions about the repetition of a module

11. What are the possibilities to repeat a failed module?

Students must choose one of the following options:

- a) The timed examinations of the module are repeated on the occasion of the next regular examination date (repetition examinations), the old evaluations of the performance records during the semester (passed predicates and all experience grades - including unsatisfactory ones) are taken over for the grade calculation.

If a course consists exclusively of experience grades during the semester, this means that in the case of a repetition of the module, the final course grade is carried over.

- b) All courses and their performance records (all examinations and grades) are repeated at the next regular module - repeat examinations (i.e. you attend the course again in a year with the class that currently has the material in class and also take the examinations).

The same form of repetition applies to all courses of the same module. A module may only be repeated/repeated when all modules of the module group have been completed.

12. Due to illness, one or more exams could not be written. What must be done and how must these be made up?

A medical certificate must be submitted to the Student Administration Office within a week for the examination that has not been taken. The missing certificates must be made up for at the next possible examination date (make-up examinations) and only then count as the first attempt.

13. May a passed module be repeated voluntarily in order to obtain a better grade?

No.

14. How often can you repeat a failed module??

Modules can only be repeated once.

15. What has to be repeated if a module group is not passed?

Only the failed modules have to be repeated/repeated, not the whole module group.

Example 4th semester Biotechnology course

Naturwissen- schaften 4	4	Biologie 4	4	4	PM	Molekularbiologie 1	60	50	N	PK
						Pharmakologie und Toxi- kologie 2	60	50	N	PK
	5	Chemie 4	5	4	PM	Analytische Chemie 2	60	33.3	N	PK
						Biochemie 2	60	33.4	N	PK
						Proteinreinigung	30	33.3	N	PK

Naturwissenschaften 4 (Natural Science 4)	3.87	
Biologie 4 (Biology 4)	4.0	4.13
Chemie 4 (Chemistry 4)	0.0	3.67

The module group Natural Sciences 4 is considered failed with 3.87. The module Chemistry 4 with 3.67 must be repeated. The module Biology 4 with 4.13 is passed and will be taken over.

16. In a module group a module is not passed, but the module group is passed with 4.00, what is to be repeated?

Nothing, the unsatisfactory module is considered passed despite the unsatisfactory grade, because the module group as a whole is passed.

Questions about the registration procedure for repetition, retake and make-up examinations

17. How to register for repetition and repeat examinations of a failed module/module group or a make-up examination due to illness?

The Admissions Office sends the registration form for the repetition examinations/repeat examinations/subsequent examinations by email after the Noten Conference in accordance with the [„Wichtige Daten Studium“](#). The terms "repetition, repeat and make-up examinations" are explained on the registration form. Please note that the registration deadline must be observed! If no registration form is submitted, registration for the module repetition is automatic and binding.

The registration form and the dates will be published on the homepage.



- 18. Several modules have to be repeated due to insufficient performance records. Is it possible to withdraw from courses in the current semester because there is too much subject matter to cope with?**

Deregistrations from modules/courses of the current semester are only accepted if additional repetitions or module repeats take place in the current semester. The registration form for the repetition examinations/repeat examinations/subsequent examinations also provides information on the deregistration procedure.

Questions about the module registration procedure

- 19. May courses within a module be divided between different semesters??**

No. According to the [Rahmenprüfungsordnung](#), a module must be completed in one semester. The head of the degree programme decides on exceptions.