

Translation of the study regulations for the Master's degree in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences

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The Executive Board,

based on § 2 of the "General Academic Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences" ("Rahmenprüfungsordnung für die Bachelor- und Masterstudiengänge an der Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften") of January 29, 2008³.

has decided as follows:

A. General provisions

§ 1. In addition to the "General Academic Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes at the ZHAW of January 29, 2008 (RPO)"³, these study regulations and their appendix regulate the Master's degree programme in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems (PREFS) of the School of Life Sciences and Facility Management.

§ 2. Details on the degree programme, in particular on modules, module groups, module types or the number of ECTS credits per module are set out in the appendix.

§ 3. ¹The Master's programme is offered as part-time study.

²The course comprises assessments amounting to 90 ECTS credits.

Object

Appendix

Type of study

Recognition of
ECTS credits

§ 4. ¹ ECTS credits acquired at the ZHAW or elsewhere are recognised for a period of five years from the semester in which they were awarded.

² The programme director adjudicates on exceptions.

Admission criteria

B. Admission

§ 5. ¹ Those who have acquired a Bachelor's degree with 180 ECTS credits or an equivalent university degree are eligible for admission to the Master's programme.

² Prospective students must also complete an assessment interview.

³ In the assessment interview, the prospective students discuss the objectives and requirements of the course. Details regarding the interview are set out in the appendix.

§ 6 ¹ Applicants with the following qualifications according to § 5 must successfully complete an aptitude assessment:

Aptitude
assessment

- a. Bachelor's degree or equivalent university degree in a subject listed in the appendix with a final mark of less than 4.75,
- b. Bachelor's degree or equivalent university degree outside of the subject areas listed in the appendix,
- c. Foreign Bachelor's degree or equivalent foreign university degree.

² Details on the aptitude assessment content, assessment and procedure are set out in the appendix.

³ Applicants who are required to take an aptitude assessment will be offered a place on the course valid for the next two years if the admission decision is positive. Once this period has expired, the entire approval process must be repeated.

§ 7. ¹ For prospective students who do not fully meet the admission criteria, the programme director can impose additional requirements in the form of agreed proof of competence or supplementary work equivalent to a maximum of 20 ECTS credits. This work must be completed before the end of the first year of the Master's degree.

Requirements
and work
experience

² In the case of non-specialist qualifications according to § 6 para. 1 lit. b and c, work experience in the agro-food sector of no more than twelve months may be required. The programme director decides on the scope of such experience.

C. Modules

Running of modules

§ 8. There is no entitlement to a place on a particular elective or optional module.

D. Examinations and other assessments

- § 9. ¹ Assessments in the form of a written work can be resubmitted if
- a. the work was assessed with a mark between 3.50 and 3.99 or with the grade “failed (resubmission possible)” and
 - b. the module description provides for the possibility of resubmission.
- ² A successful rework is given a grade of 4.00 or the rating "passed".
- § 10. Re-examinations can be offered for individual assessments if the module description so provides.
- § 11. ¹ Oral examinations take place with the involvement of experts.
- ² The experts have an advisory function and ensure that the examination is carried out correctly.
- ³ The assessment is made in mutual agreement with the examining lecturer.
- ⁴ If no agreement is reached, the examining lecturer has the final say.
- § 12. ¹ The Master's course is completed with a Master's thesis based on the completed Agro Food Project. The programme director decides on justified exceptions.
- ² The Master's thesis is an independent piece of work and must be completed individually.
- ³ The Master's thesis can be started in the second semester.
- ⁴ The Master's thesis is assessed by two experts.
- ⁵ Final work for assessment in the Master's thesis can be resubmitted if the overall assessment is between 3.50 and 3.99. A mark of 4.00 is awarded for a successful rework. If the Master's thesis was graded with a mark of 3.49 or lower, or if the improved Master's thesis is again assessed as unsatisfactory, it must be written again.

Modules offered in the PREFS course

a. Resubmission

b. Repeat examination

c. Experts

d. Master's thesis

- e. Repetition of module assessments from the module. § 13. ¹Those who fail a module must repeat the failed assessments from the module.
- ²The marks achieved in the assessments passed are used to calculate the final grade of the module.
- Modules carried out by other degree programmes § 14. In the case of modules that are part of other degree programmes, the regulations of these programmes concerning resubmissions, re-examinations, experts and repetition of failed modules apply.

E. Course completion and Master's degree

- Requirements for passing § 15. The Master's degree programme is successfully completed if:
- the modules to be taken according to the appendix have been passed,
 - the Master's thesis has been passed and
 - 90 ECTS credits have been earned.
- Final grade § 16. ¹The final grade is calculated from the marks of the modules in the module categories "Agro Food Project" and "Master Thesis".
- ²The final grade is made up as follows:
- 50% AgroFood Project,
 - 50% Master's thesis
- Surplus ECTS credits from elective modules § 17. ¹If more elective modules are taken than necessary, the surplus elective modules count as optional modules.
- ²The programme director stipulates
- whether it is possible to take surplus elective modules,
 - how the students determine which elective modules are superfluous when choosing the modules.
- ³The surplus elective modules are not taken into account for the calculation of the final mark.
- Final Report § 18 ¹The students receive a report that shows their achievements and their development during their studies.
- ²The report is approved by the programme director.

§19. The Master's degree graduates are awarded the title "Master of Science ZFH in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems". Awarding of title

¹ [OS 76.275](#); Reason see [OJ 2021-06-25](#).

² Effective September 1, 2021.

^{3LS} [414.252.3](#).

**Appendix
to the study regulations for the Master's programme
in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems at the
Zurich University of Applied Sciences**

The appendix to the study regulations for the Master's degree in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences is included in neither the official statute book (OS) nor the Zurich loose-leaf collection (LS). It can be obtained at the

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