



Appendix to the Study Regulations for the Master's of Applied Science Programme in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems (PREFS)

at the School of Life Sciences and Facility Management, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

Based on §2 of the General Academic Regulations für Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) of 29 January 2008 and to supplement the Study Regulations für the Master's Programme in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems of 4 March 2021, the following Appendix to the Study Regulations for the Master of Science in Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems of the School of Life Sciences and Facility Management was first enacted by the executive board on 01.10.2021.

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1. Admission requirements

The admissions procedure includes an orientation interview and, if necessary, an entrance exam.

1.1 Orientation interview

The orientation interview is obligatory for all applicants. The aim of the interview is to familiarise applicants with the degree programme's contents and its teaching approach. The interview takes place prior to the entrance exam.

1.1.1 Aim of the orientation interview

The aim of the interview is to determine whether the degree programme and its scope match the applicants' expectations. Following the interview, the applicants assess whether they wish to continue with the admission procedure.

1.1.2 Procedure

Each applicant is invited to an individual orientation interview with the head of the degree programme or another specialist of the study programme. Following the interview, all applicants receive written feedback along with a recommendation. The feedback is provided in an advisory manner.

1.2 Entrance exam

1.2.1 Subject-related qualifications

According to § 6 of the study regulations, degrees in the following subject areas are considered to be subject-related:

- Agricultural sciences
- Economics
- Biotechnology
- Hospitality Management
- Facility Management
- Food sciences
- Nutritional Sciences
- Environmental sciences

1.2.2 Scope of the entrance exam

The entrance examination determines whether applicants are accepted into or rejected from the programme, and which additional professional requirements they are required to fulfil. The assessment is divided into two parts: an oral exam and a case study presentation.

1.2.3 Oral exam

To qualify for admission, applicants must be able to verify their professional competences by passing an oral exam in the following subject areas:

- Food value creation
- Economic knowledge
- Environment & Sustainability

1.2.4 Case Study Presentation

The second part of the exam assesses the methodological competences: networking and presentation skills.

The applicants present an individually prepared case study on the topic specified by the programme management.

Applicants can be dispensed from the case study upon written application if they are able to provide evidence on the required competences. The head of the degree programme decides on the application for exemption.

1.2.5 Assessment and requirements

The oral examination and the case study presentation are evaluated by at least two assessors. The evaluation is based on a standardised assessment rubric. A minimum grade of 5.0 must be achieved in both parts of the entrance examination.

The oral examination is graded for each subject area along the scale 6 to 1. The final grade for the oral examination is the arithmetic average of the three subject area grades. All subject areas are weighted equally.

For the case study presentation, a mark is given along the scale 6 to 1. If the assessors cannot agree on a mark, the final mark for the Case Study Presentation is the arithmetic average of the marks of the two assessors.

A grade of at least 5.0 must be achieved in both parts of the aptitude test.

If the awarded grade in one or both parts of the exam is between 4.0 and 4.99, the head of the degree programme reserves the right to decide on admission provided that certain conditions are met.

2. Master's programme organization

The curriculum consists of compulsory, elective and optional modules and is defined by the Individual Study Journey.

2.1 Module composition: Individual Study Journey (ISJ)

The modules to be attended are defined in the Individual Study Journey (ISJ), which serves as the basis for the student's module registration. This is drawn up in consultation with a specialist from the degree programme and approved by another specialist from the degree programme. To register for modules in the first semester, the respective part of the ISJ must be completed before the start of the semester in accordance with the ZHAW annual plan. The ISJ can be adapted on request. The programme director determines the dates.

The sequence of modules in extended part-time studies (more than 4 semesters) is determined by the head of the degree programme. Amendments to this sequence, e.g., postponement of modules to other semesters, may occur.

2.2 Compulsory modules

65 of the ECTS credits in the Master's programme are from compulsory modules.

Semester (Part time)	Module category	Module name	ECTS Credits	Asses- sment
1st semester	Navigation	Navigation 1 - Fundamentals in Food Systems, Ecosystems and Regeneration	6	Pass/Fail
1st semester	Navigation	Navigation 2 – Fundamentals for Teams and Projects	4	Pass/Fail
1st semester	Agro Food Tech & Systms	Food Tech Architecture - Design of Regenerative Technologies	4	Pass/Fail
1st semester	Regenerative Preneurship	Regenerative Strategies and Innovation Processes	3	Pass/Fail
1st semester	Agro Food Project	Agro Food Project 1 – Vision and Proposal	4	Grade
2nd semester	Agro Food Tech & Systems	Food Systems Architecture – Design of Regenerative Networks	2	Pass/Fail
2nd semester	Regenerative Preneurship	Regenerative Business Models and Finance	3	Pass/Fail
2nd semester	Agro Food Project	Agro Food Project 2 - Sustainable Business Model Canvas	7	Grade
3rd semester	Agro Food Project	Agro Food Project 3 – Business Model Development: Prototyping, Impact and Finance	7	Grade
4th semester	Agro Food Project	Agro Food Project 4 – Business Plan	2	Grade
2nd/4th semester	Disruption Days	Disruption Days – Personal Resilience ¹	2	Pass/Fail
2nd/4th semester	Disruption Days	Disruption Days - Corporate Case and Leadership	2	Pass/Fail
-	Individual Skills	Individual Skills	9 ²	Pass/Fail
2 nd /3 rd /4 th Semester	Master's Thesis	Master's Thesis	10	Grade

¹ Disruption Days are offered annually on an alternating basis. Modules may also be taken/required outside of the study semester.

² Composed of modules between 2 and 9 ECTS.

2.3 Elective modules

The Master's programme comprises at least 25 ECTS credits from compulsory elective modules. On written application, the programme director may authorise the taking of elective modules in excess of this number.

Modules from the range of modules offered by the ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences may be taken, as well as a maximum of 5 ECTS credits of courses offered by other universities as part of the "External Effort" module.

All compulsory elective modules must be divided into the two module categories "Agro Food Tech & Systems" and/or "Regenerative Preneurship". At least one module must be successfully completed in each category.

If a module can be repeated in accordance with the relevant regulations, but the module itself and/or the performance record is no longer carried out and no follow-up module is carried out, another module can be selected for the repetition. In this case, attendance of the new module shall count as the first attempt.

2.3.1 Modules offered by the ZHAW

The Master's programme PREFS itself offers the following elective modules:

Semester (Part time)	Module category	Module name	ECTS Credits	Asses- sment
HS	«Agro Food Tech & Systems» and/or «Regenerative Preneurship»	360°	4	Pass/Fail
-	«Agro Food Tech & Systems» and/or «Regenerative Preneurship»	External Effort	2-5	Pass/Fail

The other elective modules offered at the ZHAW are published in the document "Elective Modules MSc PREFS".

Elective modules are subject to the rules of the degree programme that offers the elective module.

If the module details in the document "Elective Modules MSc PREFS" do not correspond to the module details of the implementing degree programme, the module details of the implementing degree programme are decisive.

Upon written application, the programme director may approve the taking of further modules offered at the ZHAW.

2.4 Optional modules

Semester (Part time)	Module category	Module name	ECTS Credits	Asses- sment
-	Individual Skills	Individual Skills	2-5	Pass/Fail

3. Final Report

Upon completion of the Master's programme, a final report is issued in addition to the other final documents and approved by the head of the degree programme. The report describes the student's individual development over the course of the Master's programme and is based on the In-dividual Study Journey and the student's achievements. It may contain information on the

modules attended, the achievement of personal development goals and reflections on the development of the student's competences. The report can be written with the help of the students and/or coaches.

4. Time-dependent conditions

4.1 Time-dependent conditions from 13 January 2023

Students who commenced their studies before the spring semester 2023 shall be subject to the Appendix of 13 January 2023.

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5.1 Issuing metadata

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