

Modulkatalog**Sustainability (track "Society and Responsibility")**

Bachelor

Mono-Studienprogramm 180

Modul	ECTS Credits	Bewertung	Leistungsnachweis
Kernbereich (Core Area)			
Anthropological Perspectives on Sustainable Development	3/P	benotet	Presentation and Essay
Sociology of Sustainability	3/P	benotet	Group presentation including a written summary
Introduction to Sustainability Ethics	3/P	benotet	Essay
Introduction to Sustainable Finance	3/P	benotet	Written exam
Erweiterungsbereich (Extension Area)			
European Integration	3/WP	benotet	Written exam
Law and Sustainability	6/WP	benotet	Written exam
Philosophy of Sustainability	3/WP	benotet	Final essay (graded)
Political Theory of the Anthropocene	3/WP	benotet	Essay and participation in class discussions
Sustainable Landscapes between Religion, Politics, and Economy	3/WP	benotet	Essay
Water and Humans	3/WP	benotet	Portfolio
Historical Roots of the Environmental Crisis	3/WP	benotet	Portfolio
Introduction to Development Policy and Economics	3/WP	benotet	Written exam
Integrationsbereich (Integration Area)			
Sustainability Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (1): Approaches and Methods	3/P	benotet	Group presentations and written assignments
Sustainability Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (2): Applications and Explorations	3/P	benotet	Group project presentation and reflective journal
Sustainability Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (3): Current Topics and Research Designs	6/P	benotet	Portfolio
Vertiefungsbereich (Focal Area)			
Justice, Responsibility, and Rights			
Justice and Sustainability	3/WP	benotet	Oral exam
Ethics of Sustainable Development as Challenge for Democracy	3/WP	benotet	Presentation and Essay
Legal Aspects of Environmental Governance and Justice	2/WP	benotet	Oral participation and oral exam
Political Theory of the Anthropocene	3/WP	benotet	Essay and participation in class discussions
Political Ecology	6/WP	benotet	Portfolio including presentation, essay, and active participation
Cultures, Spaces, and Transformations			
Eco-Cosmologies	3/WP	benotet	Written and oral exam/presentation
Historical Roots of Environmental Crisis	3/WP	benotet	Written and oral exam/presentation
Sustainability and Church History: Preserving the Memory of Religion	3/WP	benotet	Essay
Transformations in European Death Culture	3/WP	benotet	Portfolio
Anthropological Perspectives on Islam and Sustainability	3/WP	benotet	Research essay based on individual field research
Political Ecology	6/WP	benotet	Portfolio including presentation, essay, and active participation
Advanced Spatial Analysis	5/WP	benotet	Portfolio
Social Structures, Actors, and Strategies			
Markets and Norms	3/WP	benotet	Essay (group work)
Poor Countries, Rich Countries: Social and Economic Development in Comparative Perspective	6/WP	benotet	Oral presentation and essay
Markets, Power and Morality	6/WP	benotet	Group presentation including written essay
The Political Economy of Sustainable Energy Transitions	2/WP	benotet	Essay (graded) and class participation
Governance, Politics, and Policy			
The Environment in Global Sustainability Governance	3/WP	benotet	Podcast transcript and active participation
The Politics of Inequality	3/WP	benotet	Written exam
Sustainable Welfare	2/WP	benotet	Exercises throughout the course
Sustainable Development and Participation	3/WP	benotet	graded
The Political Economy of Sustainable Energy Transitions	2/WP	benotet	Essay (graded) and class participation
Wahlbereich (Elective Area)			
mind. 35 ECTS Credits nach freier Wahl aus dem Programm (WP) und/oder dem Angebot anderer Fakultäten (W): a) zur Erweiterung von Nachhaltigkeitswissen in anderen Disziplinen und/oder b) zur Vertiefung geistes- und sozialwissenschaftlichen Wissens (gemäss Wegleitung).		benotet ODER bestanden/nicht bestanden	
Transversaler Praxisbereich (Transversal and Practical Area)			
mind. 10 ECTS Credits nach freier Wahl (W) zum Erwerb von transversalen und praktischen Kompetenzen (z.B. Techniken wissenschaftlichen Arbeitens, Projektmanagement, Inter- und Transdisziplinarität, Wissenskommunikation, Programmierung) aus dem Angebot aller Fakultäten und der School for Transdisciplinary Studies sowie aus dem für verfügbaren Online-Angebot der BASUS-Partneruniversitäten.		benotet ODER bestanden/nicht bestanden	
Sprachen (Languages)			
mind. 5 ECTS Credits (auch bereits im 5. Semester) nach freier Wahl aus dem Angebot aller Fakultäten; Angebote des Sprachenzentrums können angerechnet werden.		benotet ODER bestanden/nicht bestanden	
Bachelor Thesis			
Bachelor Thesis	10/P	benotet	Bachelorarbeit

Kernbereich (Core Area)	
Anthropological Perspectives on Sustainable Development	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations, discussions, and excursion)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course introduces students to sustainability from a social anthropological lens, focusing on key concepts like resilience and adaptation. Through case studies and ethnographic research, students explore sustainability challenges at the local and global levels.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will critically analyze anthropological perspectives on sustainability, engaging with case studies. They will develop an understanding of power asymmetries and the complexities of sustainability within different social contexts.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Presentation and Essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	to be defined

Sociology of Sustainability	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations and class discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course examines sustainability from a sociological perspective, focusing on the societal drivers of sustainability challenges. Students will study key sociological theories and methodological approaches and explore empirical fields such as climate change, urban sustainability, and food systems. The course emphasizes both individual and structural perspectives on sustainability.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand sociological theories related to sustainability and will develop skills to critically evaluate empirical research. They will be equipped to engage in sustainability debates and collaborate on sustainability projects.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Group presentation including a written summary
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Spring semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Core Area

Anthropological Perspectives on Sustainable Development	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations, discussions, and excursion)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course introduces students to sustainability from a social anthropological lens, focusing on key concepts like resilience and adaptation. Through case studies and ethnographic research, students explore sustainability challenges at the local and global levels.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will critically analyze anthropological perspectives on sustainability, engaging with case studies. They will develop an understanding of power asymmetries and the complexities of sustainability within different social contexts.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Presentation and Essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	to be defined

Core Area

Introduction to Sustainability Ethics	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations and discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course covers ethical principles related to sustainability, including responsibility and justice across generations. Students will explore ethical dilemmas related to sustainability practices and policies.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will be able to analyze ethical challenges in sustainability and propose responsible solutions. They will develop critical thinking on issues such as intergenerational justice and corporate responsibility.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Core Area

Introduction to Sustainable Finance	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Interactive lecture (with discussions and exercises)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course introduces sustainable finance, focusing on the role of financial markets in addressing sustainability challenges. Students learn about tools for integrating sustainability into financial decisions and policies.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand the role of finance in promoting sustainability and the tools available to financial market participants. They will be able to critically assess sustainability practices in finance and propose improvements.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Spring semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Core Area

Erweiterungsbereich (Extension Area)	
European Integration	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Online course (with videos, readings, and Q&A sessions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides an overview of the European Union, focusing on its history, institutions, and policy-making processes. Students analyze political theories relevant to EU integration and apply them to current political developments.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand the political, economic, and social dimensions of European integration. They will be able to critically analyze EU policies and engage with political science theories related to the EU.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Spring semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Law and Sustainability	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Interactive lecture (including presentations and case studies)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	The course provides a thorough exploration of the legal frameworks surrounding sustainability, with a particular focus on both international and national legal provisions. It covers areas such as corporate law, consumer protection, contract law, banking regulation, and environmental policies, emphasizing their role in sustainable business practices. The course also delves into case studies that demonstrate the challenges and opportunities for legal systems to promote sustainability within the private sector, especially in global trade contexts.
ECTS-Credits	6 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain a deep understanding of legal instruments related to sustainability, learn to identify legal challenges, and apply these provisions to case studies. The course also emphasizes developing critical thinking skills regarding corporate accountability and environmental law enforcement.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Basic knowledge of private law recommended
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Philosophy of Sustainability	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations and classroom discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course delves into the philosophical underpinnings of sustainability, exploring ethical, existential, and epistemological questions. Key topics include human-nature relationships, the concept of collapse, and sustainability virtues. Students engage in reflective exercises and group discussions to critically analyze sustainability discourses and to envision alternative futures.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand major philosophical debates about sustainability and develop critical thinking skills to challenge mainstream sustainability narratives. They will be equipped to conduct philosophical research, identify cognitive biases, and co-create new visions for sustainable futures.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Final essay (graded)
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Basic knowledge of sustainability issues recommended
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Political Theory of the Anthropocene	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including lectures and case study)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course examines the political implications of the Anthropocene, the current epoch in which human activities have a significant impact on the planet. Topics include ecological justice, democratic representation in the context of climate change, and the role of non-human actors in political theory. Students will critically engage with political dilemmas associated with environmental crises.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will acquire knowledge about key political dilemmas in the Anthropocene, including ecological democracy and justice. They will develop the ability to apply political theory to contemporary environmental challenges and participate in interdisciplinary debates.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Essay and participation in class discussions
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Basic knowledge in social sciences recommended

Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Sustainable Landscapes between Religion, Politics, and Economy	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with discussions and field trip)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course examines the concept of sustainable landscapes from religious, political, and economic perspectives. Students will explore how landscapes are culturally constructed and how these constructions intersect with sustainability. The course includes a field trip to apply theoretical concepts to real-world sustainable landscape projects.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand the concept of sustainable landscapes and critically assess how landscapes are shaped by religious, political, and economic factors.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Water and Humans	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with project-based presentations and exercises)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course examines the relationship between humans and water systems, focusing on hydrological processes, water management, and the human impact on water resources. Students will learn about key challenges in water governance, such as climate change, water scarcity, and flooding, through hands-on projects and class discussions.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand hydrological processes and water-related challenges. They will develop research and analytical skills to address complex water management issues and work on small research-based projects.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Portfolio
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Historical Roots of the Environmental Crisis	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations, debates, case study analysis)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course analyzes the origins of Western environmental perspectives and their role in the eco-social crisis we face today. It focuses on how Modernity has shaped the concepts of economy and science as forms of legitimized knowledge and power, impacting views on the environment. It also introduces alternative eco-cosmologies, examining the preservation of biodiversity and the role of traditional knowledge systems.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand the origins of Western views on the environment, the role of the economy and science, and the implications for sustainability. They will critically engage with alternative perspectives and gain skills in contextualizing dominant narratives. Additionally, students will reflect on socio-cultural dimensions of climate change discourses.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	graded
Bewertung (Grading)	Portfolio
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization

Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Basic knowledge in social sciences recommended
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Introduction to Development Policy and Economics	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Lecture (with discussions and exercises)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides students with insights into key issues in development policy, particularly through the lens of political economy and behavioral economics. It highlights the complexity of 'development' as a multidimensional concept and introduces analytical tools to study policy issues related to poverty, inequality, and globalization. The course emphasizes the importance of evidence-based policy analysis.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand main theoretical approaches in development economics, including political economy and behavioral economics. They will be able to apply these approaches to analyze development policy issues, evaluate different policy options, and propose solutions. The course also develops the students' ability to engage with complex policy issues and contribute to discussions on development challenges.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Spring semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Extension Area

Integrationsbereich (Integration Area)	
Sustainability Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (1): Approaches and Methods	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with classroom discussions and exercises)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides students with a comprehensive foundation in the theoretical and methodological aspects of sustainability research in the social sciences and humanities. It covers key approaches and methods, such as qualitative and quantitative research, interviews, focus groups, surveys, and participatory research. Students gain hands-on experience through practical exercises.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will acquire knowledge of SSH-based sustainability research, including challenges and principles. They will develop skills in applying research methods to real-world sustainability problems.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Group presentations and written assignments
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Integration Area

Sustainability Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (2): Applications and Explorations	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including interactive lectures and group project work)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course focuses on applying research methods in the social sciences and humanities to sustainability issues. Students will design and conduct small-scale research projects on sustainability topics, collaborate in teams, and present their findings in a conference-style event.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will acquire skills in designing and conducting research projects using social sciences and humanities methodologies. They will develop competencies in presenting research findings and reflecting on their research process.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Group project presentation and reflective journal

Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Spring semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Integration Area

Sustainability Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (3): Current Topics and Research Designs	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations and individual project work)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course focuses on developing research proposals for bachelor's theses, exploring current topics in sustainability research, and conducting systematic literature reviews. Students work on drafting research proposals and presenting their preliminary designs to a jury for feedback.
ECTS-Credits	6 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will develop research proposals and conduct systematic literature reviews. They will be able to critically assess sustainability issues and propose research designs.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Portfolio
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	P: mandatory
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Integration Area

Vertiefungsbereich (Focal Area)	
Justice, Responsibility, and Rights	
Justice and Sustainability	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations and classroom discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course aims to provide students with a deep understanding of how justice principles are crucial for sustainable practices. Students will explore both foundational and advanced theories of justice, such as distributive, procedural, and environmental justice, and how these intersect with sustainability. Case studies are used to discuss practical applications of these justice principles in real-world sustainability challenges. The course also covers non-Western and Indigenous perspectives on justice, preparing students to address global issues.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will learn key theories and concepts of justice and their connection to sustainability, with a focus on climate justice, intergenerational and intragenerational equity, and social justice. They will also be able to critically evaluate case studies and defend sustainability solutions through justice-oriented frameworks.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Oral exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Completion of "Introduction to Sustainability Ethics"
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Ethics of Sustainable Development as Challenge for Democracy	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with discussions and excursion)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course focuses on the ethical challenges posed by sustainable development to democratic governance. It addresses trade-offs between justice, governance, and sustainability within democratic systems.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS

Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand the ethical dimensions of sustainability and how they interact with democratic governance. They will be able to critically reflect on these interactions, formulating approaches for ethical policy implementation.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Presentation and Essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Legal Aspects of Environmental Governance and Justice	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including lectures, classroom discussions, and working with documents)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course covers key legal frameworks and principles that govern environmental protection at global, European, and national levels. It focuses on how international treaties, European directives, and national regulations function in tandem to address global environmental challenges. Students will explore principles such as the polluter-pays principle, the precautionary principle, and public participation in environmental governance.
ECTS-Credits	2 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand the legal institutions and instruments related to environmental governance and how to apply them to real-world scenarios. They will be equipped to critically analyze environmental justice cases and propose legal solutions to contemporary sustainability challenges.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Oral participation and oral exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Political Ecology	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including classroom discussions and presentations)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides an in-depth exploration of political ecology, focusing on the political, social, and economic dimensions of environmental degradation. Students learn about topics such as land rights, gender roles, and resource management, with particular attention to sustainability, power dynamics, and environmental justice.
ECTS-Credits	6 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain an understanding of the foundational debates in political ecology, as well as the ability to critically analyze case studies of environmental conflict. They will be prepared to evaluate the roles of different stakeholders and propose solutions to contemporary sustainability issues.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Portfolio including presentation, essay, and active participation
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Recommended: prior coursework in Ecology and Economy
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Cultures, Spaces, and Transformations	
Eco-Cosmologies	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations, debates, case study analysis)

Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course explores human-environment relationships through ecological anthropology, focusing on diverse cosmologies. Students analyze the role of cosmologies in shaping sustainability concepts and environmental practices.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will explore the connections between culture and ecology, developing the ability to critically analyze environmental narratives. They will reflect on different ecological cosmologies and their impact on sustainability discourses.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written and oral exam/presentation
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Historical Roots of Environmental Crisis	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations, debates, and case studies)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	The course traces the historical development of Western environmental views and how they have contributed to the current environmental crisis. It explores alternatives from indigenous knowledge systems and critiques the Western model of environmental management.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain an understanding of Western environmental history and its influence on current sustainability challenges. They will explore alternative approaches to sustainability from different cultural perspectives.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written and oral exam/presentation
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Basic knowledge in social sciences recommended
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Sustainability and Church History	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including field trips and case studies)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course examines the preservation of religious knowledge from a sustainability perspective. Students will visit institutions such as the Zentralbibliothek and the Staatsarchiv in Zurich, engage in case studies on knowledge preservation, and reflect on how religious history can be sustained through archives and libraries.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will learn the practices of knowledge preservation and critically assess case studies on preserving religious knowledge. They will be able to contribute to public debates on memory preservation and sustainability.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Transformations in European Death Culture
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Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with discussions and outdoor excursions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course investigates how sustainability challenges intersect with death culture and spirituality in Europe. Students will explore how environmental values and rituals are transforming death practices, with a focus on sustainability in contemporary death culture. The course includes excursions to cemeteries for hands-on learning and analysis.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will develop critical skills in analyzing societal transformations in death practices, with an emphasis on sustainability, spirituality, and institutional challenges.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Portfolio
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Anthropological Perspectives on Islam and Sustainability	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including classroom discussions and a half-day excursion)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides students with an anthropological perspective on the intersections of Islam and sustainability. Key themes include Islamic finance, almsgiving (zakat and sadaqa), and Muslim environmentalism. Students will explore how these practices contribute to sustainability, both conceptually and practically, through guest speakers, field research, and excursions.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain an understanding of sustainability ideas within Islam and apply qualitative research methods to analyze Muslim practices in this context. They will conduct field research and critically reflect on the relationship between Islamic teachings and sustainability practices.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Research essay based on individual field research
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Political Ecology	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including classroom discussions and presentations)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides an in-depth exploration of political ecology, focusing on the political, social, and economic dimensions of environmental degradation. Students learn about topics such as land rights, gender roles, and resource management, with particular attention to sustainability, power dynamics, and environmental justice.
ECTS-Credits	6 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain an understanding of the foundational debates in political ecology, as well as the ability to critically analyze case studies of environmental conflict. They will be prepared to evaluate the roles of different stakeholders and propose solutions to contemporary sustainability issues.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Portfolio including presentation, essay, and active participation
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Recommended: prior coursework in Ecology and Economy
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Advanced Spatial Analysis	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Lecture (with practical sessions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course focuses on spatial data analysis, offering a detailed exploration of the relationships between Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and spatial databases. Students will learn to apply GIS tools and techniques for various problem-solving contexts, including terrain modeling, hydrological analysis, and error propagation. Practical projects will reinforce theoretical concepts and allow students to tackle real-world spatial analysis problems.
ECTS-Credits	5 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will develop a strong understanding of spatial algorithms and their implementations, spatial data quality, and uncertainty. They will be able to apply spatial analysis techniques to complex problems and effectively communicate their solutions.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Portfolio
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Social Structures, Actors, and Strategies	
Markets and Norms	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations and classroom discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides an introduction to the complex interactions between markets and social norms, exploring their co-evolution and mutual influence. It examines how markets shape norms and vice versa, particularly within the context of sustainability challenges. Topics such as the ethics of market transactions and behavioral economics will be discussed, with case studies used to illustrate how changes in social norms can affect market dynamics and policy decisions.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will be able to explain the co-evolutionary relationship between markets and norms, critically analyze case studies of market-norm interactions, and assess the implications of these interactions for sustainability outcomes. They will develop skills to evaluate policy and ethical dilemmas in this context.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Essay (group work)
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Background in economics or sociology recommended
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Poor Countries, Rich Countries: Social and Economic Development in Comparative Perspective	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations and classroom discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course explores social and economic development in a comparative perspective, examining the differences between rich and poor countries. Students will engage with Marxist, Weberian, modernization, and world systems theories, learning to critically evaluate the legacies of colonialism and global trade systems, and assess development policies.
ECTS-Credits	6 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain an empirical understanding of global inequalities and the ability to critically assess theoretical explanations. They will acquire skills in presenting complex development issues and contributing to academic discussions.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Oral presentation and essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization

Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Markets, Power and Morality	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (including presentations and classroom discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course examines the intersections between markets, power, and morality through sociological, economic, and historical lenses. Students explore how markets are constructed and maintained, the power dynamics within markets, and the moral questions surrounding market transactions. Special emphasis is placed on sustainability and ethical market boundaries in areas like energy, labor, and resource management.
ECTS-Credits	6 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain a deep understanding of the social embeddedness of markets, the role of power imbalances, and the moral limits of markets. They will be able to critically evaluate real-world market examples, participate in group projects, and lead discussions on market morality and sustainability.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Group presentation including written essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

The Political Economy of Sustainable Energy Transitions	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Interactive lecture (including presentations and discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course covers the political economy of energy transitions, exploring how energy policies and markets intersect with social and environmental concerns. Students will study global energy systems, including fossil fuels and renewables, and analyze case studies to understand the geopolitical implications of energy transitions.
ECTS-Credits	2 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will develop skills in analyzing energy data, understanding policy trade-offs, and discussing the political and economic dynamics shaping energy transitions. They will also learn to critically assess energy-related conflicts and present findings in class.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Essay (graded) and class participation
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Governance, Policies, and Politics	
The Environment in Global Sustainability Governance	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with presentations, discussions, and podcast creation)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course explores global environmental governance with a focus on SDGs related to climate, biodiversity, oceans, and water. Students will learn how the environment is perceived in these policy fields, examine innovative governance structures, and conduct an expert interview to create a podcast. The course includes analysis of governance failures and solutions in the implementation of these green goals.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain knowledge of environmental SDGs, innovative governance models, and research methods. They will develop communication skills by conducting interviews and creating a podcast on a chosen SDG topic.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Podcast transcript and active participation
Bewertung (Grading)	graded

Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Politics of Inequality	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Lecture (with discussions)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course provides an in-depth understanding of the political drivers of social and economic inequality in advanced capitalist democracies. Students will learn about historical trends, the role of institutions, public policies, and citizens' political reactions to rising inequality, with critical reflections on policy tools available to governments.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will gain knowledge of inequality patterns, tools for government intervention, and the relationship between democracy and inequality. They will be equipped to engage critically with academic literature and media debates on inequality and formulate policy solutions.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Written exam
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Spring semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Sustainable Welfare	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Online course (with videos and readings)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course investigates the concept of sustainable welfare, focusing on the intersection of sustainability, well-being, and equity. Students will critically engage with welfare state systems, including eco-social perspectives, and explore how welfare policies can be reformed to be more sustainable and inclusive.
ECTS-Credits	2 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will understand sustainable welfare concepts and analyze the relationship between welfare state systems and sustainability from global and local perspectives.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English
Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Exercises throughout the course
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	Basic knowledge of sustainability science
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area

Sustainable Development and Participation	
Lehrform Veranstaltungen (Teaching Form, Activities)	Seminar (with classroom discussions and an excursion)
Allgemeine Beschreibung des Moduls (General Description)	This course explores the relationship between sustainable development and participation, focusing on both formal and informal participation in sustainability politics. Students will engage with theoretical and empirical knowledge about participation in sustainability efforts, including challenges and best practices, while reflecting on their own experiences.
ECTS-Credits	3 ECTS
Lernziele (Learning Outcomes)	Students will acquire knowledge about participation theories and practices and their relevance to sustainable development. They will be equipped to critically assess participation in sustainability initiatives.
Unterrichtssprache (Language of Instruction)	English

Leistungsnachweis (Examination)	Presentation and essay
Bewertung (Grading)	graded
Modultyp in diesem Programm (Module Type in this Program)	WP: compulsory elective
Wiederholungsmöglichkeit (Retake Option)	According to the rules of the offering faculty/organization
Angebotsmuster (Frequency of Offer)	Fall semester
Voraussetzungen (Entry Requirements)	None
Dauer (Duration)	1 semester
Modulgruppe (Module Group)	Focal Area