



Guidelines: "Coursework Crediting and Transitions for Bachelor's Degrees in Informatics"

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1 Basic considerations

Using the information on the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics website, you have determined that you will complete your Bachelor's degree in line with the new regulations. We generally recommend that you carry out the switchover as early as possible; for HS16¹, this means switching over as part of the semester enrollment process that will take place in May 2016.

It is only possible to obtain a degree in line with the new regulations from FS17² at the earliest. This means that you must be enrolled up to and during FS17, and that you will receive your Academic Record in July 2017 at the earliest. The registration deadline for this first degree conferral date is likely to be April/May 2017.

2 Crediting previous coursework

2.1 Assessment level

If you have begun the assessment level under the old regulations, then you will complete it under the old regulations as a general rule. If you begin the assessment level under the new regulations, then you will complete it under the new regulations. Combining modules from both assessment levels is not possible.

- Once you have completed the assessment level, it will be credited toward the new degree as a whole, regardless of when you completed it.
- Remember that **all grades from assessment-level modules will be counted towards the final grade** under the new regulations.

2.2 Compulsory program

You may complete the compulsory program (common compulsory program; compulsory modules from major or minor programs) either (1) entirely in line with the old regulations, subject to the applicable rules for repeating previous compulsory modules, or (2) in line with the transition rules for the compulsory program under the new regulations. For more information, refer to the relevant guidelines and the available modules.

¹ HS = fall semester

² FS = spring semester



- (1) Students who have completed compulsory modules in the third to fifth semesters in line with the old regulations must work toward a degree under the old regulations, as it will be difficult for them to switch to the new ones.³
- (2) Students who have completed the compulsory program (from the major program and the minor program) in line with the transition rules must switch to the new regulations involving major and minor programs.

2.3 Elective and core elective areas

Under the new regulations, modules from the core elective areas can essentially be credited in the same way as before. However, the new regulations provide for a much smaller scope of elective and core elective modules.

It is highly recommended that students who have already completed numerous modules in the elective and core elective areas by the end of FS16 work toward a degree under the old regulations, as it will be difficult for them to switch to the new ones.³

ECTS credits that have been earned beyond the scope of the elective area and can only be credited to the elective area cannot be credited to a degree under the new regulations.

2.4 Bachelor's theses

Bachelor's theses can be credited in the same way under the old regulations and the new ones. Bachelor's theses begun in HS16 (1 August 2016) or later must be completed within a period of six months and must comprise 18 ECTS credits (the reference date is the date on which the student receives the project definition).

3 Process

Using the information on the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics website, you have determined that you need to switch to a degree program under the new regulations. You must switch over to the new degree program as part of the online semester enrollment that takes place in May (for HS) or November (for FS).

3.1 Deadline for switchover

The switchover is subject to the deadline that applies to the online semester enrollment (follow this link to the Student Administration Office homepage: www.students.uzh.ch/en/registration).

³ If you are in a situation where you are recommended not to switch, but do not believe that you will have completed all your coursework – including your Bachelor's thesis – up to or during HS17, please get in touch with the Dean's Office as soon as possible (by 31 July 2017 at the latest) so that your situation can be clarified on an individual basis.



3.2 Online semester enrollment

The link to the online semester enrollment is available on the homepage of the Student Administration Office: www.students.uzh.ch/en/registration

Enrollment is not carried out through the Dean's Office.

3.3 Selection of a degree program, a major program, and a minor program

Under the new regulations, you will select a major study program and a minor study program during the semester enrollment process. The guidelines entitled "Transitions in Compulsory Programs for Bachelor's Degrees in Informatics" contain information and recommendations on selecting courses, particularly for those who have previously been enrolled in the Applied Informatics specialization.

An overview of minor programs offered outside the Faculty will be available on the homepage from April 2016.