

Study Reform FAQ

Introduction

During the information event on the study reform 2030+, we received a large number of questions, which we collected and answered as good as possible together with the Dean of Studies, Prof. Antretter. We would now like to share the results with you and hope to be able to clarify some of the urgent questions. Of course, there are not yet answers to all questions, but we are working on preparing and providing information as soon as we obtain it. Please feel free to send any further questions, comments or requests to edu@oeh.unileoben.ac.at.

Change to the new system

Is it only possible to change to the new system at the beginning of the semester?

In general, the change is possible during the admission period. This period has already begun for the winter semester 22/23. It is therefore possible to switch from now on.

The admission periods are available here:

<https://www.unileoben.ac.at/studium/termine-und-fristen/>

However, there is always a final deadline until which the change for the respective semester can be completed.

- WS 22/23: 31.10.2022
- SS 23: 31.03.2023

When you change to a new bachelor's degree program. Do you officially start again from semester 1?

It depends on the study identification number. If the study identification number changes from the old to the new study, then the semester counter is reset, otherwise not.

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206	Angewandte Geowissenschaften (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
299	Circular Engineering (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
276	Energietechnik (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
218	Geoenergy Engineering (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
530	Industrial Data Science (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
214	Industrielogistik (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
238	Materialwissenschaft und Werkstofftechnologie (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
224	Metallurgie und Metallkreisläufe (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
207	Montanmaschinenbau (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
246	Recyclingtechnik (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
216	Responsible Consumption and Production (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
208	Rohstoffingenieurwesen (UG2002/22 NEW/SPO)
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Figure 1: The New Study Programs

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214	Industrielogistik (UG2002/21 END/SPO; sb bis 28.02.2027)
241	International Study Program in Petroleum Engineering (UG2002/21 END/SPO; sb bis 28.02.2027)
220	Kunststofftechnik (UG2002/20 END/SPO; sb bis 28.02.2027)
224	Metallurgie und Metallkreisläufe (UG2002/19 END/SPO; sb bis 28.02.2027)
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210	Werkstoffwissenschaft (UG2002/21 END/SPO; sb bis 28.02.2027)

Figure 2: The "old" Study Programs

When changing the curriculum from the old to the new, are the exam attempts also reset? For example, when changing VO Chemistry to VU Chemistry?

That depends on the individual courses. The content and format of the course are critical. As a rough rule of thumb, courses that are now offered as a new format (e.g. the current VU) or where the ECTS have changed significantly due to new content (usually the course number also changes) can be considered as "NEW" and the counter is thus reset. ATTENTION: For the VU, the start of the examination for the lecture part is considered as the start. Theoretically, you can take the exercise part as often as you like. Each attempt at the lecture part exam triggers the counter of the exam attempts.

For the VUs, after completing the exercise section, there are three semesters to complete the lecture section. Does the semester in which the exercise part was completed also count?

No.

As an example: If you complete the exercise part in WS2022/23, you have until the end of SS2024. This makes sense, because if you have to repeat the exercise part, you can start right away in the coming winter semester.

Who do I have to contact if I actually want to change?

All you need to do is send a short e-mail to Studien und Lehrgänge expressing your wish to change. A PDF form will then be sent to you, which must be filled out, signed and returned. The change is then officially initiated.

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In principle, it is possible to change your field of study as often as you like, but it may happen that you lose your entitlement to financial support systems like study grants or family allowances.

You will lose your entitlement to study grants / family allowances if you ...

- change your studies more than twice

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- change your studies after the second semester (i.e. you decide too late that you want to study something else). In this case, however, you will lose the family allowance "only" to the extent of the total duration of studies already completed and the family allowance continuously received here. If there was an extension semester due to a study disability, this will not be included.

There are also other requirements for the study grant. More detailed information is available at <https://www.stipendium.at/stipendien/studienbeihilfe>.

Transfer of ECTS between study programs

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This is exactly how it should work. You can register for both types of courses (VU or VO+UE) regardless of which program you are studying. The recognition of the achievements then takes place in blocks and can be carried out in both directions. (It is also possible to remain in the old study program, complete a VU and then have it accredited). An exception to the accreditation from "new" to "old" are the STEOP.

Further information on crediting and a crediting table for the first joint year can be found here: <https://www.oeh-service.at/emailanhang/anrechnungen.pdf>.

Further lists of credits will be worked on subject by subject during the summer break. The goal is to generally not lose any credits that have already been completed. Kann man eine VU besuchen und es wird diese für die VO und UE im „alten“ Studium angerechnet?

What happens if you don't make it through the old degree before it expires?

Then you are automatically assigned to the new curriculum and have to have the ECTS from the old study program credited to the new one.

Is it possible to claim a previous exercise performance as an exercise performance of the new VU when switching? For example, if I have just completed the statistics exercise, can I take the statistics VO exam for the VU when I switch to the new curriculum?

This is exactly how the system works. The exam must be taken for the VO Statistics and the package of VO and UE can then be accredited for the VU.

Existing Study Programs

Will only the "new" courses be offered in the coming semesters?

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The courses will be changed in the way they are held so that the courses of the respective planned semesters are offered. This means that in the coming winter semester, the 1st semester will be held in the new mode, the 3rd semester in the old mode. In the fall of 2023, the 3rd semester will already be held in the new mode, and so on.

IMPORTANT: The exams for the expiring courses must still be offered until WS26/27. This means for lectures that they are no longer held according to the rule explained above, but there must be exams. In the case of exercises/IVs, the attendance of the exercise/IV is the start of the examination, which is why these must still be offered until WS26/27, regardless of which semester the exercises are from.

Will the new VUs for the higher semesters already be offered in the winter term 22/23?

Formally, yes, you can already register for them in MUOnline. However, the teaching methods will only be changed with the planned semesters of those students who start in the fall. This means that you register for a VU, but attend the same sessions as a person who has registered separately for a lecture and an exercise.

Will lectures and exercises from the expiring study programs continue to be offered separately? Can I still register for e.g. exercises in mechanics IB in the coming semester?

Yes, registration is still possible. If the changeover to the VUs has already taken place, you can still register for the exercise, but you will then possibly attend the same sessions as those who are currently attending the VU.

How do the "old" BAC studies proceed with the Bachelor's thesis, which according to the curriculum may only be started after the completion of 4 semesters, when in the new ones it may already be started after the STEOP?

The law has changed in this regard with an amendment to the University Act. These changes automatically come into effect for the old curricula as well. Therefore, this requirement is also invalid for the old curricula. However, it makes sense from a scientific point of view to complete most of the courses from the first four semesters before starting the bachelor thesis. In reality, it will only be a matter of a few subjects that have not yet been completed.

Master Study Programs

Is it still possible to inscribe into the old master curricula?

No, it is no longer possible to enroll for the old (expiring) masters. This only concerns the Master's programs IET and IU, as only these are being discontinued. All other master's programs continue to run and have only been amended, i.e. revised, and only some subjects have changed.

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If you have already completed Master's courses in the Bachelor's program, do they remain valid?

Completed achievements can be accredited for the new master's degree. No achievements should be lost due to the changes in the Master's programs. Therefore, the dean of studies will contact all chairs in the summer to work through the courses case by case.

Can I continue to take courses from the Master's program after completing the first 4 semesters in the Bachelor's program?

Yes, that works. It can occur that there are problems with course registration particularly in the initial phase in MUOnline. However, if there are no prerequisites for the subjects, you can register via the respective secretaries' offices and also take the exams. If there are any problems, the Department for Educational Policy is available to provide support.

In the new Master program are courses that I have already taken in the old Bachelor's degree. Is that a problem?

Yes and no.

For courses that were included in the old Bachelor's degree and are now in the new Master's curriculum, the University of Leoben's statutes require that substitute courses must be taken for the Master's degree, since a double crediting of a course is not possible.

Which subjects constitute the substitute credits is determined by the course representatives and the dean of studies.

Will there be equivalence lists for the existing Master's programs and if so, from when?

The existing Master's programs will continue to be offered as before. If the curricula change or courses are no longer offered, equivalence lists will of course be created again.

Peer Teaching

What are the specific requirements for becoming a peer teacher?

The aim is for people to have a Very Good or a Good in the subject in which they work as peer teachers. However, this is not a stiff criteria. It must be evident that the content has been understood and that there is a certain talent for teaching knowledge.

Where to turn to become a peer teacher and how does the selection process work?

Dean of Studies Prof. Antretter and Dipl.-Ing. Caroline Fuchs coordinate the peer teaching program. Therefore, you should contact these two persons.

What does a peer teacher earn?

221€ for 4 hours/week

Employment is on a semester basis, for the coming semester from October to January.

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Can higher semester students also use the peer teaching?

Basically, the program is intended for new students. However, if there is a special request, contact can be made with the Dean of Studies.

International Study Programs

Will all courses in the first 2 semesters for all programs now be held in English?

There are different systems for this. In any case, the course material will always be available in two languages and exams must also be offered in two languages.

The different systems will be as follows:

- Separate recording of the English lecture, the lecture will be in German.
- Annually changing language of the lecture, other language covered by recordings of the previous year.
- Both languages will be presented

In the exercise groups there will be English-only groups.

Who should I contact if I have more detailed questions about the new English-language degree programs? (since there is no StV. or similar yet)

For Responsible Consumption and Production: study.rcp@unileoben.ac.at

For Circular Engineering: admission@unileoben.ac.at

How does it work if you want to change from a German-language Bachelor's program to one of the new English-language programs?

You have to provide proof of your English language skills and complete a number of subjects from the program you want to change to. Simply send an inquiry to the e-mail address admission@unileoben.ac.at, and you will be told exactly what needs to be done.

Do I need a language certificate if I want to start one of the English studies?

Yes, the TOEFL or IELTS, or one has completed a predominantly English-language course of study. Substitute grades may also be accepted, such as the English Matura.