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How to Choose Your Modules

Guide for Exchange Students and Free Mover

The academic system in Germany and at the University of Hohenheim may be very different from the system at your home university. Especially as students at German universities have a lot of liberties in planning their studies. This freedom of study opens non-degree students a perfect option to create their individual curriculum - on the other hand, these numerous options mean in turn that you are absolutely self-responsible in planning your studies. For a successful study abroad period it is thus crucial to understand the differences and learn on how to meet the expectations of the new academic system!

What options do you have in Hohenheim?

Non-degree students, e.g. exchange and Free Mover students, can be accepted for a

- **study period**
- **research project** or a
- **combination** of a study and research period.

 Especially exchange students should consider that their home university has to approve the academic purpose of the stay and, also, that the options might depend on the type of bilateral agreement signed between the two universities!

Study period

A study period requires that you will come to Hohenheim for a complete semester or academic year. During this time, you can either choose one of our semester packages or draw up an individual schedule.

 For information on the semester dates, refer to <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates>. Please pay special attention to the examination periods.



Semester packages at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Winter semester

- Organic Agriculture and Food Systems
- Landscape Ecology
- Development Oriented Agricultural Sciences

Summer semester

- Sustainability and Innovations
- Environmental Science and Landscape Ecology
- Development Oriented Agricultural Sciences
- Organic Agriculture and Food Systems

 Taught in English

 Level: Advanced Bachelor and Master



Semester packages at the Faculty of Natural Sciences

Winter semester

- Botany & Ecology (Bachelor)
- Ecology & Evolution (Master)

Summer semester

- Genomics (Bachelor)
- Biology (Master)

! Taught in English



Semester packages at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences

Winter semester

Bachelor

- Finance
- Empirical Strategies & Data Science
- International Business & Economics
- Sustainability & Change
- Digital Business Management
- Media & Management

Master

- Finance
- Data Analytics & Information Systems
- Marketing & Management
- Health Management
- Basic Methods in Business and Economics
- Advanced Methods in Economics
- Inequality & Economic Policy (Economics)
- Media & Management

Summer semester

Bachelor

- Finance
- Data Science
- International Business & Economics
- Digital Business Management
- Media & Management
- Sustainability, Innovation & Investment

Master

- Finance
- Data Analytics & Information Systems
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Sustainability
- Marketing & Management
- Inequality & Economics Policy
- International Economics

! Taught in English



Individual schedule

The University of Hohenheim offers a wide variety of degree programs and students who would like to draw up an individual timetable can select classes from an extensive number of modules.

i Non-degree students will be admitted to a certain study area, not to a specific program. Although you should choose the majority of modules from the study area you are admitted to, you can, if places are free, also join modules from other study areas and even from the other two faculties.

Research project

Hohenheim is well known for its research and non-degree students have the option to join one of those projects instead of doing classwork.

- !** An admission is only possible **after** you have been accepted by a Hohenheim professor
- !** Depending on the weekly working hours, you might be able to follow a module in parallel or do a language course
- !** If you will come to Hohenheim in the framework of an Erasmus+ traineeship, kindly consider that this is not equivalent to a research project and refer to page 5 of this manual.

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Semester package 5 / module 3000-320:

- Duration: 14 weeks (fulltime), 30 ECTS
- List of (former) topics: <https://agrar.uni-hohenheim.de/incomings> under package 5.
- In case of interest, contact the supervisor and apply for a place
- !** A shortening might be possible in justified cases (with a reduction of ECTS!) but not less than 10 weeks. However, the approval of a project manager has to be clarified.

Faculty of Natural Sciences and Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Individually agreed research projects

- In the Faculty of Natural Sciences, research projects have to be individually agreed upon and you should directly contact the Hohenheim professors in the respective area and ask about a place.
- The same is true for our agricultural sciences if you are interested in a research period for less than 10 weeks or for a topic not included in module 3000-320.
- List of all Hohenheim institutes: <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/faculties-institutes>
- The exact duration of the research period, number of working hours and ECTS has to be arranged with the supervisor
- If you need a grade for your home university, you have to discuss the evaluation method with the Hohenheim supervisor

What you should know Before Choosing Modules

- ❗ The **languages of instruction** at the University of Hohenheim are German and English. Most of the Bachelor modules are read in German. The Master modules are taught in German or in English. If you are at the end of the Bachelor program at your home university, you are able to choose Master modules provided that you are **meeting the specific requirements** for the module.
- ❗ As a non-degree student, you do not have to submit proof of your language proficiency to us (but exchange students supposedly to the home university during the nomination process) but you should at least have a medium knowledge of the desired language of instruction.
- ❗ Some modules are only placeholders for achievements required by the examination regulations for degree students and thus no course work is assigned to these modules. Examples are: Bachelor and Master thesis, (professional) internships, portfolio modules and the like. Non-degree students cannot register for these modules. If you are interested in doing research, please refer to the respective section above.
- ❗ The same is true for language courses bearing a module code of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences (5xxx-xxx). If you want to follow language courses, please refer to the information provided at the end of this chapter.
- ❗ “Humboldt Reloaded”: These projects are also kind of placeholders. Humboldt Reloaded is an additional offer, outside the regular academic canon. The aim of this award-winning project is to bring together students in small groups to teach them about scientific research and methods. Non-degree students are, in general, able to join one of the projects and receive ECTS. Please note, however, that the projects are not graded.

Information about Humboldt Reloaded and the individual projects is available at <https://humboldt-reloaded.uni-hohenheim.de/en>.

- ❗ At the time when this brochure was issued, there were no Corona pandemic restrictions on teaching. For the latest information on the pandemic, please visit <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/corona>.

Glossary

ECTS

Hohenheim is using the **ECTS** system (European Credit Transfer System). 1 ECTS or credit is equivalent to 30 hours. This workload comprises the contact hours and the self-learning periods.

- ❗ The regular workload per semester for degree students is **30 ECTS**. Non-degree students are not bound to this number of credits but can stick to the regulations of the home university.
- ❗ ECTS will only be awarded if the **exam is passed**. The mere participation in a module is not sufficient.

Module

A module is a self-contained learning unit and can consist of one or more courses (e.g. lectures, exercises, practical courses, seminars and field trips).

- In general, a complete module is awarded with 6 or 7.5 ECTS.
- You should only select entire modules and not individual courses, otherwise you might not be able to sit in for the exam.
- Modules are offered either weekly throughout the semester or as “blocked modules”. Blocked modules last 4 weeks each and the exams typically take place on the last day of the block, not in the exam period at the end of the semester.
- Due to the time structure, we highly recommend not to mix blocked and unblocked modules!

Module code

The first four numbers of the module code identify the faculty, the institute and the department responsible for the module. Important for non-degree students are especially the last three digits. They indicate the level of the module and the corresponding courses:

xxxx-**xxx** (e.g. **3**401-**4**30)

1xxx - **2**xxx = Faculty of Natural Sciences
3xxx - **4**xxx = Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
5xxx = Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences
6xxx = Modules which are taught at the University of Stuttgart and are only open for degree students in a cooperative degree program

010 - 400 Modules of the Bachelor programs

410 - 800 Modules of the Master programs

810 - 900 Modules of the doctoral programs (generally not available for non-degree students)

0000-011 = Course 1 of a module (1 - 9 sub-courses are possible)

Examination periods (<https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates>)

For each semester, two exam periods are assigned:

- 1. period: From the end of the lectures until the end of February | beginning of August**
- 2. period: middle until end of March* | mid-September until beginning of October**

In principle, you can choose freely in which of the periods you want to sit in for the exam. You should consider, however, that the second exam periods are supposedly colliding with the lecture periods at your home university. Another aspect is that you can re-sit for an exam in the second period if you fail it in the first period. If you do not pass an exam in the second period, you have to wait in most cases for one year until the exam is offered again!

Special cases:

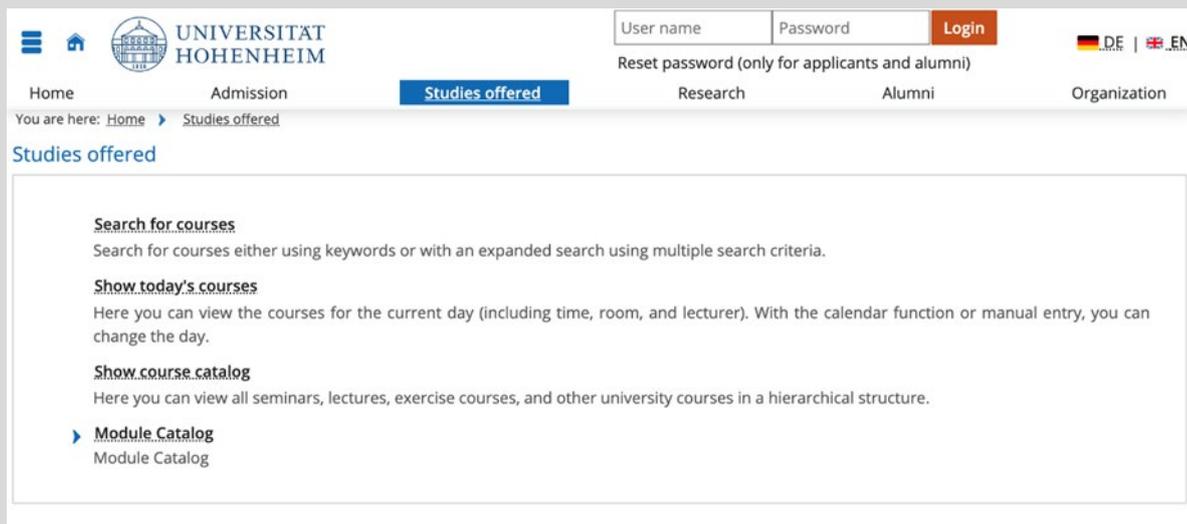
Blocked modules: The exams usually take place at the end of the block.

Coursework, project work, reports: Submission dates for such assignments are set by the lecturer and can be during the lecture period yet or in/around the examination periods.

* later dates might apply for the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences

Finding modules

The central student portal of the University of Hohenheim is [HohCampus](#). Under the tab “Studies offered” you will find the [course](#) and the [module catalog](#).



The screenshot shows the HohCampus portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the University of Hohenheim logo and name. To the right, there are input fields for 'User name' and 'Password', a 'Login' button, and language selection options for 'DE' (German) and 'EN' (English). Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Home', 'Admission', 'Studies offered' (which is highlighted), 'Research', 'Alumni', and 'Organization'. A breadcrumb trail indicates 'You are here: Home > Studies offered'. The main content area is titled 'Studies offered' and contains several links and descriptions:

- [Search for courses](#): Search for courses either using keywords or with an expanded search using multiple search criteria.
- [Show today's courses](#): Here you can view the courses for the current day (including time, room, and lecturer). With the calendar function or manual entry, you can change the day.
- [Show course catalog](#): Here you can view all seminars, lectures, exercise courses, and other university courses in a hierarchical structure.
- [Module Catalog](#): Module Catalog

! You do **not** need a login. The study information is accessible freely.

The [course catalog](#) shows the **semester-dependent information** - i.e. dates and times for all courses in a specific semester - in a hierarchical structure and is useful if you want to **get an impression on what kind of modules are taught in a winter or a summer semester at a certain faculty or related to a certain subject area**.

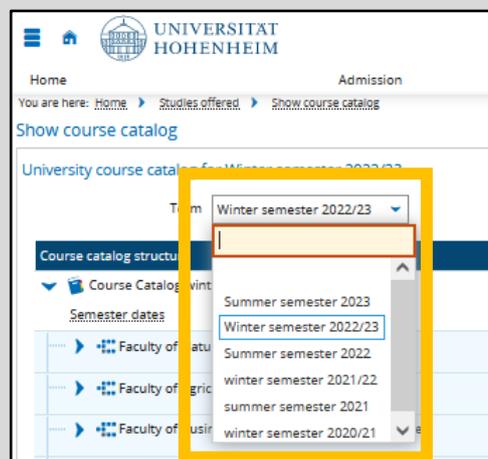
The [module catalog](#) gives information on the **content, learning objectives, requirements, workload/ECTS, responsible lecturer, examination assignments, literature** etc. for all modules of all semesters.

How to use the course catalog

1. Select an appropriate semester

! The new course catalog is published shortly before the start of a semester, i.e. in August for the winter semester and in February for the summer semester.

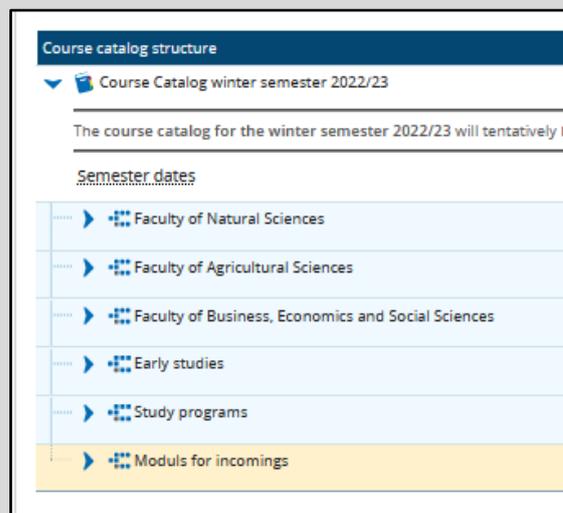
➔ For getting information on our module offer, you can refer to the catalogs of the respective semester in the previous year.



2. Access the course catalog via “Modules for Incomings”

i You will be incorporated into the regular academic program, which means that you will get a full academic and exchange experience! I.e. this section shows the normal modules, only the sorting is adapted for the convenience of non-degree students.

i The first level is the semester, followed by the faculties. The next subdivisions are language of instruction for the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, Bachelor or Master level | language of instruction for the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



i The modules are displayed chronologically by the module code.

i If you click on “+”, you can see the subparts of a module.

- Make sure to follow all courses belonging to one module, otherwise you will not be able to sit in for the exam.



i If you open a course, the most important information for you is given in the first two tabs.

Basic data	Parallel Groups / Dates	dedicated modules	Documents
Title	Chemical Analytical Methods, Exercise	Eventtype	exercise course
Long text	Chemical Analytical Methods	Frequency of offer	every WS
Number	1302-442	Hours per week	1.0
Organizational unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institute of Chemistry (Veranstalter) Bioorganic Chemistry (Veranstalter) 	Links	ILIAS

Tab “Basic data”:

- ! Double-check “location” and remember: The University of Hohenheim is cooperating with the University of Stuttgart (Business Informatics and Communication Science) and also with different universities in the framework of Double/Triple degree programs. Modules taught at one of the other universities (=> „location“: e.g. „Stuttgart city“, „Stuttgart-Vaihingen“ or „Copenhagen“) are not open for non-degree students.

Tab “Parallel Groups/Dates”:

With the dates and times mentioned here, you can create your preliminary timetable.

- ! If courses overlap in one year, this will most likely also apply to the following year, so best plan ahead and think of alternative modules to choose.
- ! It is difficult to combine blocked and unblocked modules and we highly suggest not to do so. The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences is providing a [list with all their blocked modules](#) so that you could see them on one glimpse.
- ! “Exp. Att.” stands for a maximum number of participants.
- ! If you have further questions, now or later, you can also find here the name of the professor responsible for the module and directly e-mail him/her.

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Hours per week	4.0			Maximum attendee	50		
Responsible	Prof. Dr. Iris Lewandowski						
Rhythm	Weekday	From - To	Cancellation date	Start date .. End date	Exp. Att.	Comm	
Weekly	Tue	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/29/2022 01/05/2023 	Oct 20, 2022 - Feb 2, 2023	55		

How to use the module catalog

The module catalog can be used in two ways: It is either consulted as a

- second step after having preselected courses in the course catalog in order to find the detailed descriptions or you can use it
- to search by keywords to get a full list of all related modules, regardless of the faculty and the semester.

i When searching by the module code, best enter the code without the last digit (e.g. “3502-47” instead of “3502-471”). The result list will show the main module (last digit “0”) and all associated courses.

Tab “Basic data”:

Shows a description of the course contents, information on the learning objectives, examination type, language of instruction, possible prerequisites, limitations of participants etc.

Basic data	Information about activity and allocation, assignment specific	dedicated modules
Title	Statistics and Biometrics	
Short text	Statistics and Biometrics	
Long text	Statistics and Biometrics	
Number	3402-010	
internal field 1	Bachelor A 903 E#	
Organizational unit	■ Biostatistics (Verantwortlicher)	

- i** Language of instruction (especially Faculty of Natural Sciences): If the module catalog gives “German/English” as teaching language for a module, the language is chosen according to the demand. Please contact the responsible lecturer by e-mail in advance.
- i** Possible participant limitations are shown under “Comments”. If this is the case, non-degree students are formally allowed to apply, however, the allocation of places will take place shortly before the start of the lecture period. Before this time, a place cannot be guaranteed!
- i** Most of the modules take one semester. In case the duration is two or more semesters, a participation is normally only possible for students whose duration of stay is analogue to the module. If in doubt, please e-mail the professor in charge.

Tab “Information about activity and allocation, assignment specific”:

- i** Here, you can see the number of ECTS.
- i** You need to consider only the ECTS, all other information is only applicable for degree students, i.e. the bindingness of a module. There are no compulsory modules for non-degree students.
 - !** This is not to be mistaken with the attendance in a chosen module. If you are taking a module, professors expect a regular attendance.
- i** „Recommended study semester“ is also irrelevant for you. If this column says “3”, you can join the module - provided you are meeting the academic requirements and a place is free, unimportant whether you are in your 3rd or another semester.
 - !** However, you might use it as an indicator for the year structure. Odd numbers stand for a winter semester, even for a summer semester.

Language Courses

Students can enrich their stay at the University of Hohenheim by not only following their academic studies but by also joining language courses. The **Language Center** of our university offers courses in 10 languages. Classes are available both as semester courses and as intensive courses in the recess months. Especially interesting for non-degree students are the preparatory intensive German courses in September and March, which comprise not only language classes but also a comprehensive supporting program such as trips to the surroundings, cultural activities, a welcome dinner and many more. Through this course you can improve your language skills by one level, e.g. from A 2.2 to B1.1. Exchange students benefit from a special price for this course. Detailed information is provided for admitted students in Mobility Online.

-  All language courses are awarded with ECTS credits and non-degree students can request to have the credits added to their Transcript.
-  Selection of courses, except level A1.1, depends on the result of a compulsory placement test provided by the Language Center.
-  Please note: As the language courses are not equivalent to a linguistic course of study, the courses are not suitable for native speakers who would like to obtain an additional qualification in Business English or Español Comercial etc.

You are interested in learning a language in a different way? You cannot find a suitable language course or you find working with textbooks and dictionaries too dry? Your grammar is already pretty good, but you want to learn to speak more fluently? Then what about a **language tandem**? With a tandem partner, you will not just improve your language proficiency but also have the chance to get to know another culture directly and very personally. The database of the Language Center aims to help you find a suitable tandem partner and is accessible at any time.

Read more on the languages offered, the placement test, course registration, course fees etc. on the website of the [Language Center](#).