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1 Introduction to the Study Guide

This module handbook is the relevant document describing the structure and the contents of the Master's degree program in Meteorology and Climate Physics, and thus provides helpful information and guidance for the studies. The degree program and its subjects and modules are described in detail, thus providing the necessary information for planning an interdisciplinary course of studies tailored to each student’s personal interests and needs.

The first section Study Guide specifies the organization of the degree program and further formalities in addition to the general regulations for the Study and Examination.

A key function of the module handbook is the collection of module descriptions (Section 2) and course descriptions (Section 3), which provide information on the requirements and recommendations.

In addition to this module handbook, the university calendar and possibly announcements of the institutes inform about further details, for example, on times and places of lectures and classes.

Please note, that only the German version of the Regulation for the Study and Examination (“Studien- und Prüfungsordnung”, SPO) is legally binding. The translated version is for the purpose of information only.

For more information please visit https://www.kit.edu/kit/english/corona-faq.php?tab=%5B30607%5D#tabpanel-30607
2 Qualification Goals

The graduates of the Master’s program in Meteorology and Climate Physics know and understand the scientific fundamentals of meteorology and climatology, and have deepened them in the areas of the climate system, atmospheric processes as well as applied and experimental meteorology. This also includes aspects of atmospheric composition and thus of trace gases and aerosols. They have well-founded knowledge of programming techniques, numerical methods, computer simulations and data analysis, and have the ability to explain and at least partly apply complex atmospheric measurements in the laboratory, field and from satellite. They are familiar with mechanisms of the climate system and climate change. They know the relevance of meteorological phenomena such as extreme weather events, air pollution and climate change for society, nature and economy as well as for geoscientific neighboring disciplines, and can discuss and debate them. They also have detailed knowledge in a scientific elective.

Based on the acquired knowledge, the graduates correctly classify facts and thematic areas, and have the ability to solve — or develop approaches to solve — complex problems of the atmospheric and environmental sciences in an analytical-theoretical, computer-based or experimental way. They have the ability to deduce relationships from measured or modeled data, to formulate models, to derive predictions and to concretely test them, and thus to verify or falsify them. In addition, they can apply meteorological knowledge to research-related questions and are able to solve technical problems using the methods of the subject, also employing computer programs.

The graduates furthermore have sound methodological skills with regard to clear presentation and structuring of scientific findings and research results in written and spoken texts, and are proficient in didactically appealing presentation techniques. They can work independently and have extensive communication and organizational skills, including sound knowledge of scientific English. They are able to acquire new knowledge and insights as needed and thus to achieve a broadening or deepening of their knowledge. They have learned to reflect on their actions, and to recognize and evaluate the social and ethical aspects of meteorological research and application.

An important part of the education are the principles of good scientific practice, i.e. the maxims of unrestricted conscientiousness and honesty towards oneself and others in the investigation and presentation of scientific facts, unconditional honesty in the attribution of ideas and results to their authors in the past and present, and comprehensive documentation and presentation for the purpose of an open scientific discourse, which includes reexaminations and any kind of objectively justified criticism of ideas, procedures, and results, as well as the right to make bona fide mistakes and to be mistaken.

The distinctiveness of the Master’s program in Meteorology and Climate Physics compared to other universities lies in the broad range of aspects of Meteorology and Climate Physics covered as well as the strong research relevance. A successful completion of the Master’s program in Meteorology and Climate Physics is an excellent foundation for a PhD in Meteorology or in related disciplines, and enables an applied or researching professional activity, i.a. in the field of weather forecasting, earth observation, satellite-based remote sensing and the compilation of environmental reports as well as in atmospheric research institutions and in the insurance and energy industries.
### 3 Field of study structure

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4 Program

The master’s degree program in Meteorology and Climate Physics deepens and extends the essential scientific qualifications obtained in the Bachelor’s program in a research-oriented way. Consolidation occurs in the areas of Theoretical Meteorology and Numerical Weather Prediction, Climatology, Remote Sensing and Data Analysis as well as in Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosols, while extensions take place in the area of Applied Meteorology. A comprehensive practical course familiarizes the graduates with methods of modern atmospheric measurements in the laboratory and field. With the completion of the Master’s thesis, the graduates have demonstrated that they are capable of applying scientific knowledge and methods to independently solve complex research problems. In addition, they acquired detailed skills in an elective from a wide range of other natural sciences.

**Graphic Course Program M.Sc. Meteorology and Climate Physics (SPO 2021)**

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*In addition to the compulsory modules mentioned here, interdisciplinary qualifications amounting to $\text{4 credit points}$ must be completed. In this example, the Soft Skills are scheduled for semesters 1 and 2. Depending on your choice, additional examinations may be required in the respective semesters.

Course Program of the Masters Course Meteorology and Climate Physics. Credits corresponding to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).
Exemplary choice of subject in the compulsory elective area:

Module „Fluid Mechanics and Turbulence“ (graded)

WS (1st semester): Choice between:
- Flow Measurement Techniques (3 CP, oral exam, approx. 30 min.) and
- Environmental Aerodynamics (3 CP, oral exam, approx. 30 min.)

SS (2nd semester): Choice between:
- Advanced Fluid Mechanics (6 CP, written exam, 90 min.) and
- Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows (6 CP, oral exam, approx. 45 min.)

In the event of a clash of dates with selected compulsory courses, students always have the option of postponing attendance of the elective compulsory modules until the third or fourth semester. It is recommended that the planning be done together with the study advisor for the MSc Meteorology during a consultation.
5 Excerpts from the Regulation for the Study and Examination (SPO 2021)

5.1 Regular Period of Study, Organization of Study, Credits (§3, SPO)

(1) The regular period of study shall be four semesters.
(2) The curriculum of the program is divided into subjects, the subjects into modules, and the modules are divided into courses. The subjects and their scopes are defined in Article 19. Details are outlined in the module manual.
(3) The workload envisaged for passing courses and modules is expressed in credits. The criteria for assigning credits correspond to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One credit corresponds to a workload of about 30 hours. Usually, the credits shall be distributed equally over the semesters.
(4) The coursework and examinations required for the successful completion of the study are measured in credits and amount to a total of 120 credits.
(5) Upon prior announcement, the courses may also be offered in English.

5.2 Module Examinations, Coursework and Assessments (§4, SPO)

(1) The master’s examination shall consist of module examinations. Module examinations shall consist of one or several controls of success (“Erfolgskontrollen”). Controls of success shall consist of coursework (“Studienleistungen”) and assessments (“Prüfungsleistungen”).
(2) Assessments are:
   • Written examinations,
   • oral examinations, or
   • examinations of another type.
(3) Coursework shall be written, oral, or practical work that is usually accomplished by students simultaneously to the taught courses. The master’s examination must not be completed by a coursework.
(4) At least 70% of the module examinations shall be graded.
(5) In case of complementary contents, module examinations of several modules may be combined (par. 2, nos. 1-3).

5.3 Registration for and Admission to Module Examinations and Courses (§5, SPO)

(1) To participate in module examinations, students shall register online on the Students Portal for the corresponding controls of success. In exceptional cases, registration can be made in writing to the Students Office or another institution authorized by the latter. For controls of success, registration deadlines may be specified by the examiners. Registration of the master’s thesis is outlined in the module manual.

To get help with the Campus System visit https://www.sle.kit.edu/imstudium/videotutorials-campus.php (currently available only in German language) or ask the student counseling via Mail.
(2) For admission to an examination in an elective module, students shall submit – together with their registration for the examination – a binding declaration relating to their choice of the module and its assignment to a subject prior to the first examination in this module. At the request of the student to the examination committee, the choice or assignment can be changed later. If an examination procedure in a module has already started, the choice of elective or assignment to a subject can only be changed after its completion.
(3) Admission to a control of success shall be granted to students, who
   • are enrolled in the Master’s Program in Meteorology and Climate Physics at KIT; with the admission of students on leave being limited to examinations, and to students, who
   • can prove that they meet the requirements for admission to a control of success outlined in the module manual and...
• can prove that their entitlement to an examination in the Master's Program in Meteorology and Climate Physics has not been lost.

(4) According to Article 30, par. 5, LHG (Landeshochschulgesetz), admission to individual mandatory courses may be restricted. The examiner shall decide on the selection of students, who have registered in due time before the deadline given by the examiner, taking into account the study progress made by these students and taking into consideration Article 13, par. 1, clauses 1 and 2, if the surplus of registrations cannot be reduced by other or additional courses. In the case of identical study progress, further criteria shall be specified by the KIT departments. The result shall be announced to the students in due time.

(5) Admission shall be refused, if the conditions outlined in pars. 3 and 4 are not fulfilled. Admission may be refused, if a control of success that was required for admission to this Master’s Program was already passed in a KIT bachelor’s program. This shall not apply to premature master’s examinations ("Mastervorzug"). Admission to these shall be approved explicitly according to clause 1.

5.4 Execution of Controls of Success (§6, SPO)

(1) Controls of success shall be performed simultaneously to the taught courses, usually while conveying the contents of the individual modules or shortly afterwards.

(2) The type of control of success (Article 4, par. 2, nos. 1 – 3, par. 3) shall be specified by the examiner of the respective course depending on the contents of the course and teaching objectives of the module. The type of controls of success, their frequency, sequence, weighting, and the determination of the module grade, if applicable, shall be announced in the module manual six weeks prior to the start of the lecturing period at the latest. The examiner and student may change the type of examination and the examination language later on. In the former case, Article 4, par. 4 has to be observed. When organizing examinations, the needs of students with a disability or chronic disease shall be considered according to Article 13, par. 1. Article 13, par. 1, clauses 3 and 4 shall apply accordingly.

(3) In case of an unreasonably high examination workload, a written examination may also be passed orally or an oral examination may also be passed in writing. This modification shall be announced six weeks prior to the examination at the latest.

(4) In case of courses in the English language (Article 3, par. 5), the corresponding controls of success can be executed in this language. Article 6, par. 2 shall apply accordingly.

(5) Written examinations (Article 4, par. 2, no. 1) shall usually be evaluated by an examiner according to Article 17, pars. 2-4. If an evaluation is made by several examiners, the grade shall be the arithmetic mean of the individual evaluations. If the arithmetic mean does not correspond to any of the grade levels defined in Article 7, par. 2, cl. 2, the grade shall be rounded to the next higher or lower grade level. In case of equal distance to the next higher and lower levels, the grade shall be rounded to the next higher grade level. The evaluation procedure shall not exceed six weeks. Written examinations shall last at least 60 and not more than 300 minutes.

(6) Oral examinations (Article 4, par. 2, no. 2) shall be performed and evaluated as group or individual examinations by several examiners (examining board) or by one examiner in the presence of an assessor. Prior to determining the grade, the examiner shall consult the other examiners of the examining board. Oral examinations shall usually last at least 15 minutes and not more than 60 minutes per student.

Major details and results of the oral examination shall be minuted. The result of the examination shall be announced to the student directly after the oral examination.

Students who intend to take the same examination in a later semester shall be admitted to oral examinations as an observer depending on the space available and upon approval of the examinee. They shall not be admitted to the consultation of the examining board and the announcement of the examination results.
(7) For examinations of another type, (Article 4, par. 2, no. 3), appropriate deadlines and submission dates shall be specified. Proper description of the task and adequate documentation shall ensure that the examination passed can be credited to the student. Major details and results of the control of success shall be minuted.

During oral examinations of another type, an assessor shall be present in addition to the examiner, who shall also sign the minutes together with the examiner. Theses or papers to be written for an examination of another type shall be provided with the following declaration:

“Ich versichere wahrheitsgemäß, die Arbeit selbstständig angefertigt, alle benutzten Hilfsmittel vollständig und genau angegeben und alles kenntlich gemacht zu haben, was aus Arbeiten anderer unverändert oder mit Abänderungen entnommen wurde.”

“I herewith declare that the present thesis/paper is original work written by me alone and that I have indicated completely and precisely all aids used as well as all citations, whether changed or unchanged, of other theses and publications.”

If the thesis/paper does not contain this declaration, it shall not be accepted. Major details and results of such a control of success shall be minuted.

5.5 Controls of Success by a Multiple-Choice Test (§6a, SPO)

It is outlined in the module manual whether and to what extent controls of success can be made by a multiple-choice test.

5.6 Repetition of Examinations, Ultimate Failure (§8, SPO)

(1) Students may repeat once a written examination that has not been passed (Article 4, par. 2, no. 1). In case a repeated written examination is given the grade of “nicht ausreichend” (5.0, failed), an oral re-examination shall take place soon after the date of the failed examination. In this case, the grade of this examination may not be better than “ausreichend” (4.0, sufficient).

(2) Students may repeat once an oral examination that has not been passed (Article 4, par. 2, no. 2).

(3) Repeated examinations according to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall correspond to the first examination in terms of contents, scope, and type (oral or written). At request, exceptions may be approved by the responsible examination committee.

(4) Examinations of another type (Article 4, par. 2, no. 3) can be repeated once.

(5) Coursework can be repeated several times.

(6) An examination shall ultimately not be passed, if the oral re-examination according to par. 1 was evaluated with the grade of “nicht ausreichend” (5.0, failed). The examination also shall ultimately not be passed, if the oral examination according to par. 2 or the examination of another type according to par. 4 was evaluated twice with the grade of “nicht bestanden” (failed).

(7) The module shall ultimately not be passed, if an examination required for passing the module is ultimately not passed.

(8) A second repetition of the same examination according to Article 4, par. 2 shall be possible in exceptional cases at the request of the student only (“Antrag auf Zweitwiederholung” – application for a second repetition). As a rule, the application shall be submitted in writing to the examination committee within two months after announcement of the grade.

The examination committee shall decide on the first application of a student for a second repetition. If the examination committee dismisses the application, a member of the Presidential Committee shall decide. Upon comment of the examination committee, a member of the Presidential Committee shall decide on further applications for a second repetition. If the
application is accepted, the second repetition shall take place on the next but one examination date at the latest. Paragraph 1, clauses 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

(9) Repetition of a passed examination shall not be permitted.

(10) In case a Master’s thesis has been granted the grade “nicht ausreichend” (5.0, failed), it can be repeated once. A second repetition of the Master’s thesis shall be excluded.

5.7 Loss of the Entitlement to an Examination (§9, SPO)

In case coursework or an examination required according to the present Regulations for Study and Examination is ultimately not passed or the master’s examination, including potential repetitions, is not passed completely by the end of the examination period of the seventh semester, the entitlement to examination in the Master’s Program in Meteorology and Climate Physics shall expire, unless the student is not responsible for having exceeded the deadline. The decision on extending the deadline and on exceptions from the deadline regulations shall be made by the examination committee taking into account the activities listed in Article 32, par. 6, LHG at the request of the student. This request shall be made in writing usually six weeks prior to the expiry of the deadline.

5.8 Deregistration, Absence, Withdrawal (§10, SPO)

(1) Students can revoke their registration for written examinations until the issue of the examination tasks without having to indicate any reasons (deregistration). Deregistration can be made online on the Students Portal by 12 pm on the day before the examination or in justified exceptional cases with the Students Office during office hours. If the deregistration is addressed to the examiner, the latter shall ensure that the deregistration is documented in the Campus Management System.

(2) In case of oral examinations, deregistration shall be declared to the examiner at least three working days before the date of examination. Withdrawal from an oral examination less than three working days before the date of examination shall be possible under the conditions outlined in par. 5 only. In principle, withdrawal from oral reexaminations in the sense of Article 9, par. 1 shall be possible under the conditions of par. 5 only.

(3) Withdrawal from examinations of another type and from coursework shall be subject to the provisions given in the module manual.

(4) An examination shall be deemed to have been “nicht ausreichend” (5.0, failed), if the student fails to be present at the examination without a good reason or if she/he withdraws from the examination after its start without a good reason. The same shall apply, if the master’s thesis is not submitted within the period envisaged, unless the student is not responsible for having exceeded the deadline.

(5) The reason given for withdrawal after the start of the examination or absence shall be notified immediately, credibly, and in writing to the examination committee. In case of sickness of the student or of a child cared for by the student alone or of a relative in need of care, submission of a medical certificate may be required.

5.9 Maternity Leave, Parental Leave, Assumption of Family Obligations (§12, SPO)

(1) At the student’s request, the maternity protection periods as defined by the Act on the Protection of the Working Mother (Mutterschutzgesetz, MuSchG), as amended, shall be considered. The required evidence shall be enclosed with this request. The maternity protection periods suspend any deadline according to the present examination regulations. The duration of maternity protection shall not be included in the deadline given.

(2) At request, the deadlines of parental leave shall be considered according to the valid legislation (Bundeselterngeld- und Elterntimegesetz (Parental Benefit and Parental Leave Act – BEEG)). Four weeks prior to the desired start of the parental leave period at the latest, the student shall inform the examination committee in writing about the time when she/he wishes to be on parental leave. The required evidence shall be enclosed. The examination committee shall then check whether the legal prerequisites would justify an employee’s claim for parental leave and inform the student
immediately of the result and the new times of examination. The period of work on the Master’s thesis may not be interrupted by parental leave. In this case, the thesis shall be deemed to have not been assigned. After expiry of the parental leave period, the student shall receive a new subject that is to be dealt with within the period defined in Article 14.

(3) At request, the examination committee shall decide on the flexible handling of examination deadlines according to the provisions of the Act of Baden-Württemberg on Universities and Colleges (LHG), if students have to assume family obligations. Paragraph 2, clauses 4 to 6 shall apply accordingly.

5.10 Students with a Disability or Chronic Disease (§13, SPO)

(1) When organizing degree programs and examinations, the needs of students with a disability or chronic disease shall be considered. In particular, students with a disability or chronic disease shall be granted preferred access to courses with a limited number of participants and the order for passing certain courses shall be adapted to their needs. According to the Federal Equality Act (Bundesgleichstellungsgesetz, BGG) and Vol. 9 of the Social Code (SGB IX), students are disabled, if their bodily function, mental capacity, or emotional health most probably deviates from the state typical of the age for a period longer than six months and, hence, their participation in social life is impaired. At the request of the student, the examination committee shall decide on the existence of conditions outlined in clauses 2 and 3. The student shall submit the required evidence for this purpose.

(2) If a student provides evidence of a disability or chronic disease, as a result of which she/he is not able to pass examinations completely or partly within the planned time or in the form envisaged, the examination committee may permit examinations within other time periods or in another form. In particular, disabled students shall be permitted to use the required aids.

(3) In case students provide evidence of a disability or chronic disease, as a result of which they are not able to attend courses regularly or to pass the required coursework or examinations as outlined in Article 19, the examination committee may permit at the student’s request passing of certain coursework and examinations after the expiry of the deadlines given in the present Regulations for Study and Examination.

(4) Examples of possible compensations of disadvantages:
- Modified form of exams, for instance oral exams instead of written exams, and vice versa
- Conducting exams in a separate room
- Allowing necessary utilities and assistance, e.g. sign language interpreter
- Additional breaks during time-limited exams
- Extension of the periods between exams

5.11 Master’s Thesis (§14, SPO)

The Master’s Thesis is an independent scientific study and includes the theoretical and/or experimental work on a complex problem. Students deal with the current state of research and apply the expertise and scientific methods acquired during the studies. They can document, discuss and evaluate the obtained results. Furthermore, they can present and defend the essential findings. The topic of the Master’s Thesis depends on the subject area chosen for the thesis.

(1) For admission to the master’s thesis module, module examinations worth 70 credits must have been passed successfully. In particular, module examination in the subject of “Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten” (Scientific Work) must have been passed successfully. At the request of the student, the examination committee shall decide on exceptions.

(1a) 30 credits are assigned to the master’s thesis module. It consists of the master’s thesis and a presentation. The presentation shall be given four weeks after submission of the master’s thesis at the latest.
The master’s thesis topic can only be given out by university teachers (“Hochschullehrer(in)”), habilitated scientists, and leading scientists (“leitende(r) Wissenschaftler(in)”) according to Article 14, par. 3, clause 1, KITG. In addition, the examination committee can authorize other examiners to give out the topic according to Article 17, pars. 2-4. The student shall be given the possibility of making proposals for the topic. If the master’s thesis is to be written outside of the KIT Department of Physics, the approval of the examination committee shall be required. The master’s thesis may also be accepted in the form of group work, if the contribution of the individual student to be evaluated in the examination can be distinguished clearly based on objective criteria and if the requirement outlined in par. 4 is fulfilled. In exceptional cases, the chairperson of the examination committee shall take care of the student receiving a topic for the master’s thesis within four weeks after her/his request. In this case, the topic is issued by the chairperson of the examination committee.

The subject, task, and scope of the master’s thesis shall be limited by the supervisor such that it can be handled with the workload outlined in par. 4.

The master’s thesis shall demonstrate that the student is able to deal with a problem of her/his subject area in an independent manner and within a limited period of time using scientific methods. The scope of the master’s thesis shall correspond to 30 credits. The maximum duration of work on the thesis shall amount to six months. The subject and task shall be adapted to the scope envisaged. The examination committee shall specify in which languages the master’s thesis can be written. At the request of the student, the examiner can permit the master’s thesis to be written in a language other than German.

When submitting the master’s thesis, the student shall assure in writing that the thesis is original work by her/him alone and that she/he has used no sources and aids other than indicated, marked all citations in word and content, and observed the Rules of KIT for Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice, as amended. If this declaration is not contained, the thesis will not be accepted.

The wording of the declaration may be:

“Ich versichere wahrheitsgemäß, die Arbeit selbständig verfasst, alle benutzten Hilfsmittel vollständig und genau angegeben und alles kenntlich gemacht zu haben, was aus Arbeiten anderer unverändert oder mit Abänderungen entnommen wurde sowie die Satzung des KIT zur Sicherung guter wissenschaftlicher Praxis in der jeweils gültigen Fassung beachtet zu haben.”

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If the declaration is not true, the master’s thesis shall be evaluated “nicht ausreichend” (5.0, failed).

The time of giving out of the topic of the master’s thesis shall be recorded in the files of the examination committee by the supervisor and the student. The time of submission of the master’s thesis shall be recorded in the files of the examination committee by the examiner. The student shall be allowed to return the topic of the master’s thesis once only within the first month of the period of work on the thesis. At the justified request of the student, the examination committee may extend the time of work on the thesis given in par. 4 by three months at the maximum. If the master’s thesis is not submitted in time, it shall be deemed to have been “nicht ausreichend” (failed, 5.0), unless the student is not responsible for this failure.

The master’s thesis shall be evaluated at least by one university teacher (“Hochschullehrer(in)”) or leading scientist (“leitende(r) Wissenschaftler(in)”) according to Article 14, par. 3, clause 1, KITG and another examiner. Usually, one of the examiners is the person who gave out the thesis topic according to par. 2. In case of deviating evaluations of both persons, the examination committee shall fix the grade of the master’s thesis within the limits of the evaluations of both persons. It may also appoint another expert. The evaluation period shall not exceed eight weeks after submission of the master’s thesis.
5.12 Additional Achievements (§15, SPO)

(1) Up to 30 further credits may be acquired in courses offered by KIT (additional achievements, “Zusatzleistungen”). Articles 3 and 4 of the examination regulations shall remain unaffected. These additional achievements shall not be considered when calculating the final and module grades. The credits not considered when determining the module grade shall be listed as additional achievements in the transcript of records. At the student’s request, additional achievements shall be indicated in the master’s certificate and marked as additional achievements. Additional achievements shall be listed with the grades outlined in Article 7.

(2) The student shall declare a module examination an additional achievement when registering for this examination. At the student’s request, allocation of the module can be changed later on.

5.13 Transferable Skills (Soft Skills) (§15a, SPO)

Apart from scientific qualifications, KIT attaches high importance to transferable skills. These skills of 4 credits shall be part of the Master’s Program in Meteorology and Climate Physics. Transferable skills may be achieved additively or integratively.

A wide range of interdisciplinary qualifications is offered by

• the House of Competence (HOC)
• the Sprachenzentrum (language center)
• the Center for Cultural and General Studies (ZAK)

5.14 Recognition of Coursework and Examinations as well as of Study Periods (§18, SPO)

(1) Coursework and examinations completed, as well as study periods passed, in study programs at state or state-recognized universities and universities of cooperative education of the Federal Republic of Germany or at foreign state or state-recognized universities shall be recognized at the request of the student, if the competencies acquired do not differ considerably from the achievements or degrees to be replaced. For this, no schematic comparison, but an overall analysis shall be made. As regards the scope of a coursework to be recognized, the principles of the ECTS shall be applied.

(2) The student shall submit the documents required for recognition. Students newly enrolled in the Master’s Program in Meteorology and Climate Physics shall submit the application together with the documents required for recognition within one semester after enrolment. If documents are not available in the German or English language, an officially certified translation may be required. The examination committee shall bear the burden of proving that the application does not meet the recognition requirements.

(3) If achievements from outside of the KIT are recognized, they are listed as “anerkannt” (recognized) in the certificate. If grades exist, they shall be taken as is in case of comparable grade scales and shall be included in the calculation of module grades and the final grade. In case of incomparable grade systems, the grades can be converted. In the absence of grades, the note “bestanden” (passed) shall be entered.

(4) When recognizing coursework and examinations passed outside of the Federal Republic of Germany, the equivalence agreements adopted by the Conference of Ministers of Education and the German Rectors’ Conference as well as agreements concluded within the framework of university partnerships shall be considered.

(5) Knowledge and skills acquired outside of the university system shall be recognized, if they are equivalent to the coursework and examinations to be replaced in terms of contents and level and if the institution, where the knowledge and skills were acquired, has a standardized quality assurance system. Recognition may be refused in parts when more than 50% of the university’s study program is to be replaced.

(6) The examination committee (§16, SPO) shall be responsible for recognition. To determine whether a considerable difference in the sense of par. 1 exists, the responsible subject representatives shall be
heard. Depending on the type and scope of coursework and examinations to be recognized, the examination committee shall decide on admission to a higher semester.

The process of recognition is as follows:

**In case of a change of the degree program**

If you want to change from another course of studies to Meteorology and Climate Physics, you can in principle have achievements from the old course of studies recognized by the examination board. Students of Meteorology and Climate Physics fill in the form after consulting appl. Prof. Dr. Andreas Fink (Advisory Service for Meteorology and Climate Physics).

**In case of a change of university**

Students who continue a bachelor’s or master’s program in Meteorology and Climate physics at KIT that they started at another university may have their study and examination achievements recognized. The procedure is the same as for changing the course of study. The excerpt of the student’s* grades and the module handbook of the university from which the student changed to KIT serve as proof.

**In case of a stay abroad**

When planning your study abroad, you can select courses in the module handbook of your host university that essentially correspond to the curriculum of the KIT Faculty of Physics.

In the ERASMUS program, you fill out a form for an individual study plan, the so-called Learning Agreement, before you start your studies abroad. For this purpose, suggest to the examination board which courses and performance assessments (study or examination achievements) of your host university should replace those of KIT. The scope (in credit points) of the course to be recognized must not be significantly smaller, the central contents (according to the module handbook) and the form of examination (written, oral, ...) must be identical, and the degree of difficulty of the performance review must be comparable to or higher than at KIT.

We offer students who plan to study abroad outside the ERASMUS program the agreement of an individual study plan with the KIT faculty (analogous to the ERASMUS Learning Agreement). You can find the form on our website under “Stay abroad”. Students fill out the ERASMUS Learning Agreement or the individual study plan of the KIT faculty together with the above-mentioned student advisory service. After their return, they will then apply for the recognition of their achievements abroad. For this purpose, the usual form has to be filled in and submitted to the examination board with supporting documents (e.g. the transcript of records). Study achievements that were not previously agreed upon can also be recognized. Additional achievements cannot be acquired abroad (SPO §15 (1)).

**5.15 Accomplishments obtained outside of the Higher Education System**

Accomplishments made outside of the higher education system, as for example vocational training, can be accredited if the acquired competences contribute to the qualification goals of the Master’s program. Recognition is requested with the respective form of the examination committee.

The examination committee verifies to which extent the acquired knowledge and capabilities can be recognized, and which parts of the program they can replace. At maximum, 50 % of the university education can be replaced. The form for recognition must be submitted to the study advisor, who will transfer it to the examination committee and the "Studierendenservice".
### 6 Modules

#### 6.1 Module: Applied Meteorology [M-PHYS-105718]

**Responsible:** Jun.-Prof. Dr. Christian Grams  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** Applied and Experimental Meteorology

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**Competence Certificate**

**Prerequisite:** Coursework ("Studienleistung")  
For type of Coursework see Course description ("Teilleistungsbeschreibung")  
→ successful completion of the prerequisites entitles to exam  
**Examination:** Assessment ("Prüfungsleistung")  
T-PHYS-109143 Applied Meteorology (Module Exam)  
Oral exam (approx. 60 minutes) in accordance with § 4 (2) No. 2 SPO Master's Meteorology and Climate Physics

**Competence Goal**  
The students can professionally explain essential aspects of applications of meteorology and assign them to specific application areas. The students are capable to derive the Impact on air pollution and generating regenerative energy from weather information. They are capable of analyzing meteorological phenomena using statistical and computer-based methods.

**Content**  
This module aims to give students an overview of important applications of meteorology in areas such as weather forecasting and warning, insurance and energy industry, air quality and data analysis. In particular, the module deals with the following aspects:

- **Methods of data analysis** that are widely used in the Geosciences and particularly in meteorology / climate research are presented (e.g., statistical methods, correlation analyzes, least-squares (linear, multi-linear, and nonlinear regression), principal component analysis, Fourier analysis)
- **Methods of numerical weather prediction** (hydrodynamic systems of equations, spectral approximation methods, difference approximation on irregular grids, statistical data assimilation methods, operational aspects of weather forecasting).
- **Energy meteorology** (fundamentals of the energy system, application of meteorological expertise in the energy industry, in particular for the integration of renewable energies wind power, solar energy and hydro power, deepening of individual meteorological aspects of particular relevance)
- **Dispersion of atmospheric constituents** (relevant trace gases, diurnal cycles of emissions and concentrations, temperature and flow evolution in the lower atmosphere, turbulent diffusion, turbulence parameterization, chemical conversion processes, numerical models)

**Module grade calculation**  
Grade of the oral exam.
**Workload**
Presence time in lectures, exercises: 90 hours
Preparation / follow-up: 90 hours
Exam preparation: 120 hours

**Recommendation**
Basic knowledge in statistics are helpful.
### 6.2 Module: Atmospheric Processes [M-PHYS-105716]

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#### Competence Certificate

**Prerequisite:** Coursework (“Studienleistung”)

For type of Coursework see Course description (“Teilleistungsbeschreibung”)

→ successful completion of the prerequisites entitles to exam

**Examination:** Assessment (“Prüfungsleistung”)

**T-PHYS-108939 Atmospheric Processes (Module Exam)**

Oral exam (approx. 60 minutes) in accordance with § 4 (2) No. 2 SPO Master's Meteorology

#### Competence Goal

The students can name essential processes in the atmosphere and explain these using physical and chemical laws. In particular, they are capable of explaining structure and dynamics of different cloud systems and estimating the micro physical processes in clouds or calculating them directly for idealized conditions. In addition, the students are capable of mathematically evaluating the radiation transport in the atmosphere and describe the importance of radiation processes for the structure of the atmosphere, for climate change and for the measurement of different atmospheric variables. They can also explain the chemical structure and the composition of the aerosols in the troposphere and the stratosphere on the basis of the atmospheric physico-chemical processes and transformations. The students know the main aerosol-cloud processes and are familiar with the Köhler theory and the classical nucleation theory.

#### Content

This module aims to give students an overview of important convey physical and chemical processes in the atmosphere. In particular, it includes:

- Cloud Physics (phenomenology, cloud dynamics of stratiform and convective clouds, microphysics of warm and cold clouds, collision and coalescence, primary and secondary ice formation, condensational and depositional growth)
- Energetics (mean meridional circulation, stationary and transient eddies; basic forms, budget equations and transport processes of energy in the atmosphere; principle of available potential energy; Lorenz cycle: energy reservoirs and transformation processes, eddy and thermally driven jets (EP flux vectors))
- Atmospheric aerosols (gas particle processes (kinetics, diffusion, condensation), aerosol properties (diffusion, coagulation, sedimentation, impaction), Aerosol thermodynamics (chemical potential, solubility, crystallization), aerosol cloud processes (Köhler theory, ice nucleation))
- Atmospheric radiation (basic quantities of electromagnetic radiation, atmospheric radiative transfer, boundary conditions, reflection, emission, molecular spectroscopy, line broadening, scattering, optical phenomena, radiation parametrization in atmospheric models, radiation budget, climate change, remote sensing)

#### Module grade calculation

Grade of the oral exam

#### Workload

Presence time in lectures, exercises: 113 hours
Preparation / follow-up: 87 hours
Exam preparation: 160 hours

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Hinz

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**Competence Certificate**
oral exam of about 30 min.

**Prerequisites**

none

**Competence Goal**

Students explain the theoretical basics and important aspects of detection, classification and parameter estimation. They apply the concepts and methods of estimation theory, deformation and statistical analysis to data recorded by geodetic, geophysical or remote sensing systems. An even deeper understanding of the subjects is reached by home and project work. The students process the collected project data and evaluate the obtained results critically. By working self-organized and reflectively the students deepen their knowledge in soft skills, e.g., organization, collaboration and communication.

**Content**

Contents of the module include

- an introduction into stochastic modelling (starting with the Bayes-Theorem),
- theoretical models and applied methods of detection of events in signals,
- theoretical models and applied methods of classification of events in signals,
- a variety of methods for parameter estimation, e.g. least-squares estimation, transformation of probability density and integration of a-priori knowledge about parameters and observations,
- an introduction into the different statistical based methods of deformation analysis,
- statistical approaches to the analysis of remote sensing data in a geosciences context.

**Module grade calculation**
grade of oral exam

**Workload**
210 h total, thereof 45 h contact hours
### 6.4 Module: Components of the Climate System [M-PHYS-105715]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Andreas Fink  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** Atmospheric and Climate Processes

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**Compulsory Electives Components of the Climate System (Election: at least 8 credits)**

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**Competence Certificate**

**Prerequisite:** Coursework ("Studienleistung")

For type of Coursework see Course description ("Teilleistungsbeschreibung")

→ successful completion of the prerequisites entitles to exam

**Examination:** Assessment ("Prüfungsleistung")

**T-PHYS-111415 Components of the Climate System (Module Exam)**

Oral exam (approx. 60 minutes) in accordance with § 4 (2) No. 2 SPO Master's Meteorology

**Competence Goal**

The students can explain essential components of the climate system and their physical properties. They are capable of explaining causes of climate change competently, present them and discuss them critically. Students can name and explain climate monitoring systems and explain the basic principles of climate models.

The students can designate essential processes in the atmosphere and ocean and explain them with physical and chemical laws. They are able to analyze and interpret climate and weather data on the basis of diagnostic methods. In addition, they can competently present and discuss learned or self-developed scientific findings.

**Content**

This module aims to give students an overview of important components of the climate system, their physical and chemical backgrounds and their temporal and spatial changes.

This includes lectures, course work, computer and modelling classes on individual components of the climate system (e.g. tropics, polar regions, ocean, middle atmosphere) and on climate dynamics and change.

**Module grade calculation**

Grade of the oral exam.

**Workload**

Presence time in lectures, exercises: 120 hours  
Preparation / follow-up: 120 hours  
Exam preparation: 120 hours

**Recommendation**

Basic knowledge about the climate system is helpful.
Module: Computer Vision and GIS [M-BGU-102757]

Responsible: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Hinz
Organisation: KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences
Part of: Compulsory Electives

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Competence Certificate

online test, written exam (90 min., oral exam (30 min.)

Prerequisites

None

Competence Goal


Content

_Einführung in GIS für Studierende natur-, ingenieur- und geowissenschaftlicher Fachrichtungen:_ Bezugs- und Koordinatensysteme sowie deren Transformation (z.B. UTM, Gauß-Krüger); Grundlagen der Informatik (z.B. Datenbanken, SQL); Geodatenmodellierung und Erfassung (z.B. GNSS); Normierung und Standardisierung in GIS (z.B. ISO, OGC, WFS, WMS); Einfache Algorithmen (z.B. „Point in Polygon“); Software: Vornehmlich QGIS, ArcGIS, Web-GIS u. a.

_Image Processing and Computer Vision:_ This course provides an overview of basic approaches of image processing and computer vision, starting from image filters like linear and non-linear filters, gradient and curvature operators and leading to concepts of object extraction based on point, line and segment extraction and their applications. The module consists of lectures and labs.

Workload

_Einführung in GIS für Studierende natur-, ingenieur- und geowissenschaftlicher Fachrichtungen:_ 180 h gesamt, davon Präsenzzeit 45 h

_Image Processing and Computer Vision:_ 90 h total, thereof 32 h contact hours

Recommendation

None
6.6 Module: Computer Vision and Remote Sensing [M-BGU-102759]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak  
Dr.-Ing. Uwe Weidner

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**Competence Certificate**

oral exams

**Prerequisites**

none

**Competence Goal**

_Einführung in Klassifizierungsverfahren der Fernerkundung (Pflicht):_ Studierende können die Grundlagen der Fernerkundung erklären sowie grundlegende Klassifizierungsverfahren benennen, erläutern und selbstständig anwenden.

_Satellite climatology – remote sensing of a changing climate:_ Students explain the contribution of remote sensing to the assessment of climate change and its consequences in time and space. They relate how remote sensing assessments help further in understanding of processes driving global change. Students independently choose and apply methods and data sets suited for the analysis of specific aspects of global change.

_Imagem Processing and Computer Vision:_ Students are able to explain the fundamentals of image processing and Computer Vision. They describe the basic approaches and concepts including robust techniques and are able to use their knowledge and transfer it to other fields of applications.

**Content**


_Satellite climatology – remote sensing of a changing climate:_

- Basics of global change: Mechanisms and patterns
- Remote sensing approaches to analysing patterns of global change:
  - Land and ocean surface
  - Atmosphere
- Remote sensing approaches to analysing mechanisms of global change
  - Land and ocean surface
  - Atmosphere
- Links between remote sensing and other methods in global change research

_Imagem Processing and Computer Vision:_ This lecture provides an overview of basic approaches of image processing and computer vision, starting from image filters like linear and non-linear filters, gradient and curvature operators and leading to concepts of object extraction based on point, line and segment extraction and their applications. The teaching concept consists of lectures and labs.

**Module grade calculation**

weighted mean by credit points
**Workload**
Einführung in Klassifizierungsverfahren der Fernerkundung (Pflicht): 120 h gesamt, davon 32 h Präsenz

Satellite climatology – remote sensing of a changing climate: 120 h total, thereof 32 contact hours
Image Processing and Computer Vision: 120 h total, thereof 32 contact hours
### 6.7 Module: Experimental Meteorology [M-PHYS-105717]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Björn-Martin Sinnhuber  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** Applied and Experimental Meteorology

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**Compulsory Electives Experimental Meteorology (Election: at least 8 credits)**

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**Competence Certificate**

**Prerequisite:** Coursework (“Studienleistung”)

For type of Coursework see Course description (“Teilleistungsbeschreibung”)

→ successful completion of the prerequisites entitles to exam

**Examination:** Assessment (“Prüfungsleistung”)

T-PHYS-109137 Experimental Meteorology (Module Exam)

Oral exam (approx. 60 minutes) in accordance with § 4 (2) No. 2 SPO Master's Meteorology

**Competence Goal**

The students can explain the functionality of modern meteorological measuring methods and measuring principles and name their possible uses. This is especially true for remote sensing, advanced in-situ, trace gas and aerosol measurements. The students are able to build and execute experiments in the lab or in the field according to instructions, to record and evaluate data scientifically founded and then interpret and present the results. They are aware of the Rules for Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice and the responsibilities associated with the production and use of scientific data, e.g. not to invent/pretend results or to distort or suppress undesired data and results.

**Content**

This module is intended to provide students with an overview of modern measurement methods in meteorology and practical aspects of application. In particular, this includes:

- **remote sensing** (physical basics, radiation transfer, inverse methods, basics of satellite remote sensing, techniques and applications),
- **atmospheric remote sensing infrastructures** (Large-scale research infrastructures: role in environmental and atmospheric research, Overview of atmospheric remote sensing infrastructures at KIT, Details of selected atmospheric remote sensing infrastructures and ongoing project work)
- In addition, the module provides the students with an insight into and **practical experience** with modern measuring methods, such as those used in research at KIT and other institutions, on the basis of the internship and the excursion.

**Module grade calculation**

Grade of the oral exam

**Workload**

Presence time in lectures, exercises: 57 hours

Attendance time in excursion and practicals 100 hours

Preparation / follow-up: 143 hours

Exam preparation: 120 hours
Module: Fluid Mechanics and Turbulence [M-BGU-105504]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Olivier Eiff

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives (Usage from 10/1/2020)

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**Electives 1 (Election: 1 item as well as 6 credits)**

- T-BGU-106612 Advanced Fluid Mechanics
  - 6 CR
  - Eiff

- T-BGU-110841 Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows
  - 6 CR
  - Uhlmann

**Electives 2 (Election: 1 item as well as 3 credits)**

- T-BGU-110411 Flow Measurement Techniques
  - 3 CR
  - Gromke

- T-BGU-111060 Building and Environmental Aerodynamics
  - 3 CR
  - Gromke

**Competence Certificate**

One examination has to be taken in one of the ‘Teilleistungen’ ‘Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows’ or ‘Advanced Fluid Mechanics’ and one other examination in one of the ‘Teilleistungen’ ‘Flow Measurement Technique’ or ‘Building- and Environmental Aerodynamics’. The learning controls depend on the selected ‘Teilleistungen’ (s. ‘Teilleistungen’).

- ‘Teilleistung’ T-BGU-106612 with written examination according to § 4 Par. 2 No. 1
- ‘Teilleistung’ T-BGU-110841 with oral examination according to § 4 Par. 2 No. 2
- ‘Teilleistung’ T-BGU-110411 with oral examination according to § 4 Par. 2 No. 2
- ‘Teilleistung’ T-BGU-111060 with oral examination according to § 4 Par. 2 No. 1

Details about the learning controls see at the respective ‘Teilleistung’

**Prerequisites**

none

**Competence Goal**

The studierenden are able to explain basic terms and concepts in the field of fluid mechanics with appropriate terminology and attribute them to physical laws. They are familiar with examples of application, modelling and measurement.

**Content**

1. Advanced Fluid Mechanics teaches the advanced fundamentals of fluid mechanics and forms the basis for environmental fluid mechanics. Starting from the underlying local conservation laws, the phenomena of the different classes of flow and their possible analytical solutions are treated. This includes the general and special forms of the basic equations, flow kinematics, incompressible viscous flows, ideal fluid flows, shallow water flows and buoyancy effects in flows. Furthermore, waves and turbulence are addressed and different analysis methods such as scaling are treated.

2. Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows provides the mathematical description of the physics of turbulence is successively developed. The module presents the phenomenology of turbulent flows, introduces the statistical description of turbulent flow processes, discusses the characteristics of free and wall-bounded shear flows, and presents an analysis of the turbulent energy cascade.

3. Flow Measurement Techniques teaches the basics of flow velocity measurement, with a focus on laser-optical measurement techniques such as those used in wind tunnels.

4. Building- and Environmental Aerodynamics gives an introduction to the natural wind and its interaction with the built and natural environment. In the focus are wind load on buildings and wind induced vibrations as well as flow processes in the natural environment regarding natural wind shelter, fresh air ventilation to urban areas and wind comfort.

**Module grade calculation**

grade of the module is the weighted average of the partial examinations from compulsory elective block 1 (75%), Advanced Fluid Mechanics or Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows, and compulsory elective block 2 (25%), Flow Measurement Techniques or Building and Environmental Aerodynamics.

**Annotation**

none
Workload
contact hours (1 HpW = 1 h x 15 weeks):
depending on the selected courses or examinations, respectively:

- Advanced Fluid Mechanics lecture/exercise: 60 h
- Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows lecture/exercise: 60 h
- Flow Measurement Techniques lecture/exercise: 30 h
- Building and Environmental Aerodynamics lecture/exercise: 30 hrs.

independent study:
depending on the selected courses or examinations, respectively:

- preparation and follow-up lecture/exercises Advanced Fluid Mechanics: 30 h
- working on exercises Advanced Fluid Mechanics: 30 h
- examination preparation Advanced Fluid Mechanics: 60 h
- preparation and follow-up lecture/exercises Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows: 60 h
- examination preparation Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows: 60 h
- preparation and follow-up lecture/exercises Flow Measurement Techniques: 30 h
- examination preparation Flow Measurement Techniques: 30 h
- preparation and follow-up lecture/exercises Building and Environmental Aerodynamics: 30 h
- examination preparation Building and Environmental Aerodynamics: 30 h

total: 270 h

Recommendation
basics in Mathematics and Hydromechanics;
prior knowledge in programming with Matlab is helpful for the course "Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows"

start of the module in summer term

Base for
non specified
6.9 Module: Geoecology [M-BGU-103398]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wilcke  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**Competence Certificate**

- Brick T-BGU-107487 with a written examination with 90 minutes according to § 4 Par. 2 No. 1 of the study and examination regulations (SPO) master meteorology
- Brick T-BGU-107486 with not graded accomplishment (soil profile in small groups with approximately 2 pages) according to § 4 Par. 3 of the study and examination regulations (SPO) master meteorology

Details about the learning control see at the bricks

**Prerequisites**

None

**Competence Goal**

The students know the basic terms, concepts and theories of the disciplines Geomorphology and Soil Science. They are able to recognize important land surface forms and to interpret them in a knowledgeable way. They know the composition, structure, properties and functions of soils.

**Content**

The module teaches the fundamental principles of Soil Science and Geomorphology. It consists of three courses with the following contents:

- Geomorphology and Soil Science: This brick treats the most important exogenic processes (weathering including karst, gravitational mass self-displacements, glacial and periglacial dynamics, eolic, fluvialite and litoral dynamics, pediplains and escarpments). The soil is introduced as three-phases system and the individual phases (solid, liquid and gaseous) are discussed. Subject of this brick are the soil-forming factors and processes and the resulting suite of horizons of soils. Important physical properties of soils are introduced (color, texture, structure, mechanical stability, water retention and transport, heat budget). Important physico-chemical soil properties are treated (humus properties, soil acidity, redox potential, cation exchange). Ecological soil functions are presented. This brick moreover introduces the minerals of soils. The most important mineral formation processes are presented with a focus on silicates, oxides and sulfides. The interactions between microorganisms and soil minerals are discussed.

- Soils of Europe: This brick introduces the German soil classification and uses it as structure. The World Reference Base of Soil Resources and the US Keys to Soil Taxonomy are presented. The most important diagnostic properties of soils (surface and subsoil Horizons, specific properties) are taught. This brick puts all soil types of the German Soil Classification in their pedogenetic context. The brick treats the property-forming processes and the ecological soil properties resulting from these processes.

- Soil scientific field exercise: This brick consists of a one-day exercise in the surroundings of Karlsruhe, during which important local landscape features and soils are introduced and during which the students train the Interpretation of geomorphologic forms and properties of soil horizons.

**Module grade calculation**

Grade of the module is grade of the written examination

**Annotation**

None

**Workload**

1. Contact hours in lecture and exercises: 67.5 h  
2. Preparation and follow-up: 142.5 h  
3. Examination and exam preparation: 30 h
Recommendation
The first attendance of the course "geomorphology and soil science" is recommended. The participation of the exercise "geomorphology and soil science" is optionally.
6.10 Module: Geological Hazards and Risk [M-PHYS-101833]

Responsible: Dr. Andreas Schäfer  
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics  
Part of: Compulsory Electives

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| T-PHYS-103525 | Geological Hazards and Risk | 8 CR | Schäfer |

Competence Certificate

Active and regular attendance of lecture and practicals. Project work (graded).

Prerequisites

none

Competence Goal

The students understand basic concepts of hazard and risk. They can explain in detail different aspects of earthquake hazard, volcanic hazard as well as other geological hazards, can compare and evaluate those hazards. They have fundamental knowledge of risk reduction and risk management. They know methods of risk modelling and are able to apply them.

Content

- Earthquake Hazards
  - Short introduction to seismology and seismometry (occurrence of tectonic earthquakes, types of seismic waves, magnitude, intensity, source physics)
  - Induced seismicity
  - Engineering seismology, Recurrence intervals, Gutenberg-Richter, PGA, PGV, spectral acceleration, hazard maps
  - Earthquake statistics
  - Liquefaction
- Tsunami Hazards
- Landslide Hazards
- Hazards from Sinkholes
- Volcanic Hazards
  - Short introduction to physical volcanology
  - Types of volcanic hazards
- The Concept of Risk, Damage and Loss
- Data Analysis and the use of GIS in Risk analysis
- Risk Modelling - Scenario Analysis
- Risk Reduction and Risk Management
- Analysis Feedback and Prospects in the Risk Modelling Industry

Module grade calculation

Project work will be graded.

Workload

- 60 h: active attendance during lectures and exercises
- 90 h: review, preparation and weekly assignments
- 90 h: project work

Learning type

4060121 Geological Hazards and Risk (V2)  
4060122 Übungen zu Geological Hazards and Risk (Ü2)
Literature
Literature will be provided by the lecturer.
Module: Geophysical analysis of natural hazards [M-PHYS-103336]

Responsibility: Prof. Dr. Andreas Rietbrock
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: Compulsory Electives

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Competence Certificate
Introduction to Volcanology
Active and regular attendance of lecture and practicals, presentation of a volcano in a short (10 – 15 minute) talk with slides, submission of a scientific essay about their presentation, approx. 8-10 pages, which will be graded.

Seminar on recent topics of risk science
Preparation and presentation of a talk based on a scientific publication, critical discussion of the scientific results.

Competence Goal
Introduction to Volcanology
The students know and understand the basic concepts of physical volcanology. They are able to classify volcanoes by their tectonic location, can discriminate between different eruption types and describe different volcanic edifices with respect to their tectonic environment. They understand the concept of volcanic hazard and risk and are able to apply it. They can explain the physics of volcanic monitoring methods and know about their advantages and disadvantages. They gained insight into numerical modeling tools and can name several applications. The students understand the impact of volcanic eruptions on climate and know both, presently as well as historically active volcanoes and their prominent eruptions.

The students have gained an overview about active volcanoes and recent eruptions and are able to summarize the main characteristics and scientific achievements about one volcano of their choice in a 10-15 minute talk. They are able to discuss and answer questions related to their subject. They can summarize their research about the volcano of their choice in a scientific essay (8-10 pages).

Seminar on recent topics of risk science
The students understand scientific literature regarding current topics of natural hazards and risk. They can summarize a selected topic, describe and explain the main idea to their fellow students in an oral presentation (30-40 minutes). They know how to structure and present a scientific talk. They are able to understand the topics presented by their fellow students, discuss and analyze the content critically. They are able to compare those research results and evaluate the content critically.

Content
Introduction to volcanology
- Introduction, Overview
- Volcanoes and Plate Tectonics
- Magma and Volcanic Deposits
- Eruption types
- Volcanic Edifices
- Volcanic Hazard and Risk
- Volcano Monitoring
- Volcano Seismology
- Numerical Modelling of Volcanic Products
- Historic Eruptions
- Volcanoes and Climate

Seminar on recent topics of risk science
The students will read and discuss current literature about current topics of natural hazards and risk.
Module grade calculation
The grade of the module results from grade of the scientific essay of "Introduction to Volcanology".

Learning type
4060251 Introduction to Volcanology (V1)
4060252 Exercises to Introduction to Volcanology (Ü1)
4060254 Seminar über aktuelle Fragen aus der Risikoforschung (S2)

Literature
Literature will be provided by the lecturer.
Module: GIS and Geo Data Infrastructures [M-BGU-102760]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Hinz

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**T-BGU-101681**
Introduction to GIS for Students of Natural, Engineering and Geo Sciences

3 CR Wursthorn

**T-BGU-103541**
Introduction to GIS for Students of Natural, Engineering and Geo Sciences, Prerequisite

3 CR Wursthorn

**T-BGU-101756**
Geo Data Infrastructures and Web Services

1 CR Wursthorn

**T-BGU-101757**
Geodata Infrastructures and Web-Services, Prerequisite

3 CR Wursthorn

### Competence Certificate

Einführung in GIS: schriftliche Klausur (90 min.); Geodateninfrastrukturen: mündliche Prüfung (20 min.) oder schriftliche Ausarbeitung

### Prerequisites

None

### Competence Goal

Die Studierenden sind mit der Erfassung, Analyse und Präsentation von Daten mit Raumbezug vertraut. Darüber hinaus kennen sie die unterschiedlichen Aspekte geometrischer und topologischer Modellierung und beherrschen die Sachdatenverwaltung.

Die Studierenden verstehen ferner die grundlegenden Prinzipien eines Geoinformationssystems und sind mit der Definition des Raumbezugs vertraut. Sie sind in der Lage, einfache projektbezogene Fragestellungen selbstständig zu bearbeiten.

Darüber hinaus können sie standardisierte Geo-Webdienste erklären und diese Dienste auf der Client-Seite nutzen und diese selbst als Service zur Verfügung stellen. Die Studierenden können dabei ihr Wissen über Geodateninfrastrukturen an konkreten, praktischen Fragestellungen anwenden.

### Content

- **Einführung in GIS für Studierende natur-, ingenieur- und geowissenschaftlicher Fachrichtungen:** Bezugs- und Koordinatensysteme sowie deren Transformation (z.B. UTM, Gauß-Krüger); Grundlagen der Informatik (z.B. Datenbanken, SQL); Geodatenmodellierung und Erfassung (z.B. GNSS); Normierung und Standardisierung in GIS (z.B. ISO, OGC, WFS, WMS); Einfache Algorithmen (z. B. „Point in Polygon“); Software: Vornehmlich QGIS, ArcGIS, Web-GIS u. a.

- **Geodateninfrastrukturen und Webdienste:** Das Modul befasst sich mit den standardisierten Geodateninfrastrukturen INSPIRE, GDI-DE und behandelt die dafür nötigen OGC Dienste. Darüber hinaus wird Überblick über Geo-Webdienste außerhalb der OGC-Welt gegeben.

### Module grade calculation

weighted mean

### Workload

Einführung in GIS für Studierende natur-, ingenieur- und geowissenschaftlicher Fachrichtungen: 180 h gesamt, davon Präsenzzeit 45 h

Geodateninfrastrukturen und Web-Dienste: 120 h gesamt, davon Präsenzzeit 45 h
Module: GIS and Remote Sensing [M-BGU-102758]

Responsible: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Hinz
Organisation: KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences
Part of: Compulsory Electives

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Competence Certificate
Online test, written exam (90 min.), oral exam (approx. 20 min.)

Prerequisites
None

Competence Goal
Die Studierenden sind mit der Erfassung, Analyse und Präsentation von Daten mit Raumbezug vertraut. Darüber hinaus kennen sie die unterschiedlichen Aspekte geometrischer und topologischer Modellierung und beherrschen die Sachdatenverwaltung.

Die Studierenden verstehen ferner die grundlegenden Prinzipien eines Geoinformationssystems und sind mit der Definition des Raumbezugs vertraut. Sie sind in der Lage, einfache projektbezogene Fragestellungen selbständig zu bearbeiten.

Darüber hinaus können sie die Grundlagen der Fernerkundung erklären sowie grundlegende Klassifizierungsverfahren benennen, erläutern und selbsttätig anwenden.

Content
Einführung in GIS für Studierende natur-, ingenieur- und geowissenschaftlicher Fachrichtungen: Bezugs- und Koordinatensysteme sowie deren Transformation (z.B. UTM, Gauß-Krüger); Grundlagen der Informatik (z.B. Datenbanken, SQL); Geodatenmodellierung und Erfassung (z.B. GNSS); Normierung und Standardisierung in GIS (z.B. ISO, OGC, WFS, WMS); Einfache Algorithmen (z. B. „Point in Polygon“); Software: Vornehmlich QGIS, ArcGIS, Web-GIS u. a.


Module grade calculation
weighted mean

Annotation
None

Workload
Einführung in GIS für Studierende natur-, ingenieur- und geowissenschaftlicher Fachrichtungen: 180 h gesamt, davon Präsenzzeit 45 h
Einführung in Klassifizierungsverfahren der Fernerkundung: 90 h gesamt, davon Präsenzzeit 32 h

Recommendation
None
6.14 Module: Informatics for Meteorology Students [M-INFO-102980]

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**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Bernhard Beckert  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**Competence Certificate**

Die Erfolgskontrollen werden in den jeweiligen Teilleistungen beschrieben.
Competence Goal
T-INFO-101345 Parallelrechner und Parallelprogrammierung

T-INFO-101298 Verteiltes Rechnen

T-INFO-102061 Mobile Computing und Internet der Dinge

T-INFO-101305 Analyse-techniken für große Datenbestände

T-INFO-101497 Datenbanksysteme
Qualifikationsziele:
Der/die Studierende• ist in der Lage den Nutzen von Datenbank-Technologie darzustellen• kennt die Modelle und Methoden bei der Entwicklung von funktionalen Datenbank-Anwendungen• ist in der Lage selbstständig einfache Datenbanken anzulegen und Zugriffe auf diese zu tätigen• kennt und versteht die entsprechenden Begrifflichkeiten und die Grundlagen der zugrundeliegenden Theorie

T-INFO-101275 Visualisierung
Qualifikationsziele:
Die Studierenden lernen in dieser Vorlesung wichtige Algorithmen und Verfahren der Visualisierung kennen und können diese unterschiedlichen Anwendungsfeldern zuordnen, sie analysieren und bewerten. Die erworbenen Kenntnisse sind in vielen Bereichen der Forschung in der Computergrafik, und der (Medizin-/Bio-/Ingenieurs-)Informatik wertvoll. Die Studierenden können für ein gestelltes Problem geeignete Visualisierungstechniken auswählen und selbst implementieren.
Content
T-INFO-101345 Parallelrechner und Parallelprogrammierung


T-INFO-101298 Verteiltes Rechnen


T-INFO-102061 Mobile Computing und Internet der Dinge


T-INFO-101305 Analysetechniken für große Datenbestände


T-INFO-101497 Datenbanksysteme


T-INFO-101275 Visualisierung


Annotation
Qualifikationszeile und Inhalt sind der jeweiligen Module der gewählten Teilleistungen zu entnehmen.

Workload
mind. 240 Stunden.
6.15 Module: Interdisciplinary Qualifications [M-PHYS-105877]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** Transferable Skills (Usage from 11/12/2021)

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**Annotation**

Interdisciplinary qualifications (ÜQ) that have been completed at the House of Competence (HoC), Center for Applied Cultural Studies (ZAK) or the Language Center (SpZ) can be assigned in Self-Service.

To do this, first select a Self-Assignment achievement in your (LPs will be overwritten with the actually completed LPs) and then assign an ÜQ achievement via the tab “ÜQ-Leistungen”.
Module: Machine Learning for Natural Sciences with Exercises [M-INFO-105630]

**Responsible:** TT-Prof. Dr. Pascal Friederich

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives (Usage from 7/31/2023)

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**Prerequisites**

See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

**Competence Certificate**

See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

**Competence Goal**

**Qualification Objectives**

- Students are able to name relevant machine learning methods, describe them, as well as develop independent proposals on how questions in the natural sciences and material sciences can be answered using machine learning methods.

**Learning Objectives**

- Necessary knowledge for the selection and, if necessary, the adaptation of suitable machine learning models.
- Knowledge about data availability and, if necessary, planning of training data generation.
- Knowledge of practical implementation, training, and systematic evaluation of machine learning models in python using common libraries (sklearn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, etc.).
- Knowledge of ways and means to systematically analyze and interpret results.

**Content**

This module covers the theoretical and practical aspects of machine learning methods and their application to problems in natural sciences, especially in materials science and chemistry. Students gain insight into machine learning fundamentals as well as current research topics of this still young interdisciplinary field. Topics covered include the application of machine learning methods for medical image analysis, sequence analysis and generation, the prediction of material and molecular properties, generative models for materials design, Bayesian methods for decision making in autonomous experiments, as well as interpretation possibilities of all methods for gaining scientific understanding.

A practical exercise based on jupyter notebooks gives students insight into the practical aspects of machine learning for natural sciences and supports the learning process.

**Workload**

4 SWS: (2 SWS Lecture + 2 SWS Exercise + 1,5 x 4 SWS Preparation) x 15 + 30 h exam preparation

= 180 h

**Recommendation**

- Knowledge of the basics of machine learning is helpful but not required.
- Interest in natural science topics is required.
- Basic knowledge of python is recommended. It has to be acquired during the semester through self-study.
Module: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences [M-INFO-106470]

**6.17 Module: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences [M-INFO-106470]**

**Responsible:** TT-Prof. Dr. Peer Nowack  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** Compulsory Electives (Usage from 11/10/2023)

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**Competence Certificate**  
See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

**Prerequisites**  
See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

**Competence Goal**  
Learning objectives:  
Students will be able to effectively address complex data science challenges. They can design and use robust strategies/  
modelling pipelines for machine learning applications in the climate and environmental sciences, which are transferable to other  
disciplines.  
Their acquired knowledge will include major classes of machine learning techniques, how to choose and differentiate among  
algorithms in a variety of problem settings, ways of assessing important data properties that could for example help or interfere  
with modelling goals, and methods to combine data-driven modelling with prior scientific system understanding to increase  
performance and trustworthiness of machine learning.  
Students will learn how to implement these approaches in Python, using major machine learning software packages.

**Content**  
This module covers key concepts for real-world applications of machine learning, focusing on environmental data science.  
These include:  
- foundations of machine learning (e.g., curse of dimensionality, cross-validation, cost functions, feature engineering)  
- several widely applied regression, classification, and unsupervised learning algorithms (e.g., LASSO, random forests,  
  Gaussian processes, neural networks, LSTMs, transformers, self-organizing maps)  
- time series forecasting and causal inference.  
- explainable AI (e.g., SHAP value analyses, feature permutation methods, intrinsically interpretable methods).  
These concepts will be discussed in applied contexts, using current research examples from the climate and environmental  
sciences, including: climate change modelling, machine learning emulation of numerical models, forecasting air pollution and  
wildfires, understanding coupled dynamical systems such as global teleconnections in climate science, challenges in modelling  
non-stationary systems (e.g., predicting extreme weather events under global warming), and anomaly detection in measurement  
data.  
The lectures are accompanied by computer exercises in which students learn how to implement and modify machine learning  
modelling pipelines first-hand.

**Workload**  
Concerning in-person events, this is a 4 SWS module: 2 SWS for lectures, 2 SWS for exercises  
Overall:  
(2 SWS lectures + 2 SWS exercises + 1.5 x 4 SWS preparation and homework) x 15 +30 h preparation for the exam = 180 h = 6  
ECTS

**Recommendation**  
- Previous programming experience, e.g. in scientific contexts or in computer science, is required.  
- Knowledge of fundamentals about machine learning is an advantage.  
- Knowledge of the Python programming language is an advantage.  
- Good knowledge of mathematical concepts such as linear algebra is an advantage.  
- An interest in scientific questions important for the climate- and environmental sciences.
Module: Master's Thesis [M-PHYS-105720]

**6.18 Module: Master's Thesis [M-PHYS-105720]**

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** Master's Thesis

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**Competence Certificate**

**Module examination: Assessment ("Prüfungsleistung")**

Written report (Master’s thesis) and presentation (SPO §14 (1a)) in accordance with § 14 SPO Master's Meteorology evaluated by at least one professor, one habilitated scientist of the KIT-Department of Physics or one leading scientist in accordance with § 14 Abs. 3 para. 1 KITG and one other examiner. The overall assessment will be recorded in a written report. The evaluation period shall not exceed eight weeks upon submission of the Master's thesis.

**Prerequisites**

Students have successfully completed modules with a minimum of 70 ECTS credits, especially the module *Specialization Phase* must be successfully completed. (SPO §14)

**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. You need to have earned at least 40 credits in the following fields:
   - Applied and Experimental Meteorology
   - Atmospheric and Climate Processes
   - Compulsory Electives
   - Transferable Skills
2. The module M-PHYS-105719 - Specialization Phase must have been passed.

**Competence Goal**

Students can independently develop and carry out a scientific work. To this end, they deal with the latest state of research and apply the knowledge and the methods acquired during studies. They can discuss and evaluate the obtained results and present them in writing as well as defend the work in a presentation.

The students are able to work on a coherent problem from their field of study independently and in a limited time according to scientific methods and then present the knowledge gained in a written paper and in a presentation in an understandable and precise manner and to discuss it competently.

Furthermore, the students are aware of their responsibility in dealing with self-obtained data, developed methods and used materials and their storage. They are able to correctly handle primary data of other researchers and to protect their copyrights.

**Content**

After choosing a subject area and topic at the beginning of the module *Specialization Phase* and preparing their thesis, the students start their original scientific study. The Master’s Thesis includes the theoretical and/or the experimental work on a complex problem using scientific methods.

It is possible to conduct the project in cooperation with external partners, for example an external research institution or an institution from the professional background.

**Module grade calculation**

The overall grade results from the evaluation of the thesis. This includes the final presentation.

**Annotation**

The maximum duration of the Master thesis is six months.

**Workload**

Presence on Presentations: 20 hours

Preparation of the presentation: 40 hours

Master's Thesis: 840 hours

**Recommendation**

Attendance of the Karlsruhe Meteorological Colloquium and the departmental seminars (IMK-TRO, IMK-ASF, IMK-AAF).
# Modern Theoretical Physics for Teaching Degree Students [M-PHYS-101664]

**Responsible:** Studiendekan Physik  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**Competence Certificate**

See components of this module

**Prerequisites**

none

**Competence Goal**

The students know the fundamentals of the theory of electric and magnetic fields and the electrical and magnetic properties of matter. Fundamentals of quantum mechanics with simple applications.

**Content**

- Electrostatics: basic equations, scalar potential, examples.
- Magneto statics: basic equations, vector potential, examples.
- Special relativity theory, relativistic formulation of electrodynamics.
- Time-dependent fields and radiation phenomena: basic equations, Poynting theorem.
- Electromagnetic waves: plane waves, polarization, wave packets, spherical waves, electromagnetic potentials and gauge transformations, Hertzian dipole.

**Workload**

240 hours composed of active time (90), wrap-up of the lecture incl. preparation of the examination and the exercises (150)
Module: Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics [M-PHYS-106333]

**Responsible:** Studiendekan Physik

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives (Usage from 4/1/2023)

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**Competence Certificate**

See components of this module

**Prerequisites**

none

**Competence Goal**

The student learns the basic concepts of single-particle quantum mechanics and applies them to important questions. He/she lays the foundation for a fundamental understanding of the microscopic world.

**Content**

- Introduction: Historical Remarks, Limitations of Classical Physics
- Dualism particle and wave: wave mechanics, matter waves, wave packets, uncertainty principle, Schrödinger equation, qualitative understanding of simple cases.
- Mathematical tools: Hilbert space, Bra and Ket, operators, hermiticity, unitarity, eigenvectors and eigenvalues, observable, basis, completeness.
- Postulates of quantum mechanics: measurement process, time evolution, time evolution of expectation values, Ehrenfest theorem and classical limit.
- One-dimensional potentials: Potential wells, harmonic oscillator.
- Bound states in a three-dimensional potential: separation of variables, central potential, angular momentum, rotational symmetry and spin, degeneracy, particles in the external electromagnetic field, hydrogen atom.
- Quantum Information
- Particles in the external electromagnetic field.
- Time-independent perturbation theory: non-degenerate and degenerate case, fine structure of hydrogen spectrum, Stark effect.

**Workload**

240 hours composed of active time (90), wrap-up of the lecture and preparation of the exercises and the exam (150)

**Literature**

Textbooks on Quantum Mechanics
6.21 Module: Module Wildcard Electives [M-PHYS-103403]

**Organisation:** University  
**Part of:** Compulsory Electives

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**Prerequisites**

None
6.22 Module: Numerical Methods [M-MATH-105831]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Reichel
Organisation: KIT Department of Mathematics
Part of: Compulsory Electives (Usage from 10/1/2021)

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Competence Certificate
Success control takes the form of a written examination (120 minutes).

Prerequisites
none

Competence Goal
Students who pass the module are familiar with basic concepts and ways of thinking on the topic of numerical mathematics. They know different procedures for solving linear and nonlinear problems in numerical mathematics. They are furthermore able to use numerical methods for solving problems from applications in an independent, critical, and needs-based way.

Content
In the lecture basic ideas and numerical methods for the following topics will be presented:

- systems of linear equations, Gauss-algorithm, LR-decomposition, Cholesky decomposition
- eigenvalue problems, von-Mises iteration
- linear optimization (also called linear programming)
- error analysis
- Newton’s method
- quadrature, Newton-Cotes formulas
- numerical solution of initial value problems, Runge-Kutta methods
- finite difference method for solving boundary value problems
- finite elements

Module grade calculation
The module grade is the grade of the written exam.

Workload
Approximately 150h workload. The workload includes:

- 45h - attendance in lectures, exercises and examination
- 105h – self studies:
  - follow-up and deepening of the course content
  - solving problem sheets
  - literature study and internet research on the course content
  - preparation for the module examination
6.23 Module: Physics of Planetary Atmospheres [M-PHYS-104488]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Thomas Leisner

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** Compulsory Electives (Usage until 9/30/2024)

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**Competence Certificate**

**Prerequisite:** Coursework (“Studienleistung”)

For type of Coursework see Course description (“Teilleistungsbeschreibung”)

→ successful completion of the prerequisites entitles to exam

**Examination:** Assessment (“Prüfungsleistung”)

T-PHYS-109180 Exam on Physics of Planetary Atmospheres

Exam (approx. 60 minutes, oral, written or otherwise) in accordance with § 4 (2) SPO Master's Meteorology

**Prerequisites**

None

**Competence Goal**

The students acquire the basic knowledge of atmospheric physics.

On the basis of concrete case studies from current research, the students learn to understand the concepts and are empowered to apply the learned methods independently.

Emphasis is placed on the basic physical and chemical principles, so that knowledge can be generally applied to planetary atmospheres and not limited to the earth. This is supported by correspondingly created exercises.

One focus is the experimental methods of atmospheric remote sensing.

Methods Learning:

- Understanding the basics of atmospheric physics
- Acquisition of the ability to present a current research topic independently as well as in a team
- Acquisition of the ability to apply the concepts and experimental methods in an experimental
  To implement a master's thesis

**Content**

The topics covered include a general introduction to the field of work with its fundamental questions, theoretical concepts and experimental methods.

One of the focal points is radiation transport in atmospheres, which is of central importance for the energy budget as well as for remote sensing. Clouds and aerosols are a central factor in many planetary atmospheres, their nucleation and their properties are treated in generalized form.

**Module grade calculation**

Grade is earned through the associated exam (oral, written or otherwise).

**Workload**

240 hours consisting of attendance times (42 hours), follow-up of the lecture and editing exercises (138 hours) and exam preparation (60 hours).

**Recommendation**

Basic knowledge of physics, physical chemistry and fluid dynamics at Bachelor level

**Learning type**

Lectures (2 Ch) and Exercises (2Ch)

**Literature**

Raymond T. Pierrehumbert: Principles of Planetary Climate, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2010

Augustin Sanchez-Lavega: An Introduction to Planetary Atmospheres, Taylor&Francis, 2010

Frédéric J. Pont: Alien Skies: Planetary Atmospheres from Earth to Exoplanets, Springer, 2014


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### Competence Certificate

- T-BGU-110304 Satellite climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite

For details on the individual performance reviews, see the respective "Teilleistungen".

### Prerequisites

M-BGU-103313 Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate must not have started

### Competence Goal

Students explain the contribution of remote sensing to the assessment of climate change and its consequences in time and space. They relate how remote sensing assessments help further the understanding of processes driving global change. Students independently choose and apply methods and data sets suited for the analysis of specific aspects of global change.

### Content

- **Basics** of global change: Mechanisms and patterns
  - Remote sensing approaches to analysing **patterns** of global change:
    - Land and ocean surface
    - Atmosphere
  - Remote sensing approaches to analysing **mechanisms** of global change
    - Land and ocean surface
    - Atmosphere
- **Links** between remote sensing and other methods in global-change research

### Module grade calculation

The grade of the module is the grade of the exam in T-BGU-110305 Satellite climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate

### Annotation

Knowledge in geosciences/climate and statistics are helpful.

### Workload

**Total workload: 120 hours**

- **Contact hours: 30 hours**
  - courses plus course-related examination

- **Self-study: 90 hours**
  - consolidation of subject by recapitulation of lectures
  - consolidation of subject by use of references and by own inquiry – preparation of the monitoring project
  - data analysis and data processing
  - preparations for exam
Module: Specialization Phase [M-PHYS-105719]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: Scientific Work

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| T-PHYS-111548 | Scientific Concept Development | 30 CR | Hoose |

Competence Certificate
Module examination: Coursework (“Studienleistung”)
Coursework in accordance to §4(3) SPO Master's Meteorology and Climate Physics:
Final presentation (20-25 minutes) in the Seminar on Specialization Phase, followed by a short discussion with the audience (15 minutes). Afterwards a short feedback meeting with the examiners and the supervisor about the progress and next steps will take place.

Prerequisites
Students need to have successfully completed all four module exams in the subjects Atmospheric and Climate Processes and Applied and Experimental Meteorology.
Soft skills and compulsory elective can still be incomplete.

Modeled Conditions
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:
1. The field Atmospheric and Climate Processes must have been passed.
2. The field Applied and Experimental Meteorology must have been passed.

Competence Goal
Students are able to work on a meteorological or interdisciplinary research project using scientific methods.
They can, with guidance, plan, structure, prepare, conduct a study and document their results complete and comprehensible. In doing so, they follow the rules of citing their own or others' prior work or previously published results.
They can select appropriate methods for the solution of the given problem.
Students are able to work self-organized and structured. They possess skills in the field of project management and presentation, both orally and in writing.

Content
Conducting a meteorological, interdisciplinary project work. This may be of a theoretical and/or experimental type. The focus is on the development of conclusions using scientific methods, project management and presentation of the results.
Students are invited to make suggestions for topics.
It is possible to conduct the project in cooperation with external partners.

Annotation
It should be noted that this seminar must be given in the “Studierendenseminar” that usually takes place during the lecture period on Wednesdays from 15:45-17:15 o'clock. After booking a date in the respective Ilias course dates and seminar titles should be sent to Kathi Maurer. Please follow further instructions in Ilias.

Workload
Independent scientific work: 820 hours
Preparation Lecture and presence in the accompanying seminar: 80 hours
6.26 Module: Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society [M-ZAK-106235]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke  
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**

Part of: Additional Examinations (Usage from 4/1/2023)

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**Election notes**

With the exception of the final oral exam and the practice module, students have to self-record the achievements obtained in the Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society in their study plan. ZAK records the achievements as "non-assigned under "UQ/ SQ-Leistungen". Further instructions on self-recording of achievements can be found in the FAQ at https://campus.studium.kit.edu/ and on the ZAK homepage at https://www.zak.kit.edu/begleitstudium-bak.php. The title of the examination and the amount of credits override the modules placeholders.

If you want to use ZAK achievements both for your interdisciplinary qualifications and for the supplementary studies, please record them in the interdisciplinary qualifications first. You can then get in contact with the ZAK study services (stg@zak.kit.edu) to also record them in your supplementary studies.

In the in-depth module, achievements have to be obtained in three different areas. The areas are as follows:

- Technology & Responsibility
- Doing Culture
- Media & Aesthetics
- Spheres of Life
- Global Cultures

You have to obtain two achievements with 3 credits each and one achievement with 5 credits. To self-record achievements in the in-depth module, you first have to elect the matching partial achievement.

**Note:** If you registered for the Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development before April 1st, 2023, self-recording an achievement in this module counts as a request in the sense of §20 (2) of the regulations for the Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society. Your overall grade for the supplementary studies will thus be calculated as the average of the examantion grades, not as the average of the module grades.

**Mandatory**

| T-ZAK-112653 | Basics Module - Self Assignment BAK | 3 CR | Mielke, Myglas |

**In-depth Module (Electives: 3 items)**

| T-ZAK-112654 | In-depth Module - Technology & Responsibility - Self Assignment BAK | 3 CR | Mielke, Myglas |
| T-ZAK-112655 | In-depth Module - Doing Culture - Self Assignment BAK | 3 CR | Mielke, Myglas |
| T-ZAK-112656 | In-depth Module - Media & Aesthetics - Self Assignment BAK | 3 CR | Mielke, Myglas |
| T-ZAK-112657 | In-depth Module - Spheres of Life - Self Assignment BAK | 3 CR | Mielke, Myglas |
| T-ZAK-112658 | In-depth Module - Global Cultures - Self Assignment BAK | 3 CR | Mielke, Myglas |

**Mandatory**

| T-ZAK-112660 | Practice Module | 4 CR | Mielke, Myglas |
| T-ZAK-112659 | Oral Exam - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society | 4 CR | Mielke, Myglas |

**Competence Certificate**

The monitoring is explained in the respective partial achievement.

They are composed of:

- minutes
- presentations
- a seminar paper
- an internship report
- an oral examination

After successful completion of the supplementary studies, the graduates receive a graded certificate and a KIT certificate.
Prerequisites
The offer is study-accompanying and does not have to be completed within a defined period of time. Enrolment or acceptance for graduation must be present when registering for the final examination.

KIT students register for the supplementary studies by selecting this module in the student portal and self-checking a performance. In addition, registration for the individual courses is necessary, which is possible shortly before the beginning of each semester.

The course catalogue, statutes (study regulations), registration form for the oral exam, and guides for preparing the various written performance requirements can be found as downloads on the ZAK homepage at www.zak.kit.edu/begleitstudium-bak.

Competence Goal
Graduates of the Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society demonstrate a sound basic knowledge of conditions, procedures and concepts for analysing and shaping fundamental social development tasks in connection with cultural topics. They have gained a well-founded theoretical and practical insight into various cultural studies and interdisciplinary topics in the field of tension between culture, technology and society in the sense of an expanded concept of culture.

They are able to place the contents selected from the specialization module in the basic context as well as to analyse and evaluate the contents of the selected courses independently and exemplarily and to communicate about them scientifically in written and oral form. Graduates are able to analyse social topics and problem areas and critically reflect on them in a socially responsible and sustainable perspective.

Content
The Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society can be started from the 1st semester and is not limited in time. It comprises at least 3 semesters. The supplementary studies are divided into 3 modules (basics, in-depth studies, practice). A total of 22 credit points (ECTS) are earned.

The thematic elective areas of the supplementary studies are divided into the following 5 modules and their sub-topics:

**Block 1Technology & Responsibility**
Value change / ethics of responsibility, technology development / history of technology, general ecology, sustainability

**Block 2Doing Culture**
Cultural studies, cultural management, creative industries, cultural institutions, cultural policy

**Block 3Media & Aesthetics**
Media communication, cultural aesthetics

**Block 4Spheres of Life**
Cultural sociology, cultural heritage, architecture and urban planning, industrial science

**Block 5Global Cultures**
Multiculturalism / interculturalism / transculturalism, science and culture

Module grade calculation
The overall grade of the supplementary studies is calculated as an average of the grades of the examination performances weighted with credit points.

**In-depth Module**

- presentation 1 (3 ECTS)
- presentation 2 (3 ECTS)
- seminar paper incl. presentation (5 ECTS)
- oral examination (4 ECTS)

Annotation
With the Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society, KIT provides a multidisciplinary study offer as an additional qualification, with which the respective specialized study program is supplemented by interdisciplinary basic knowledge and interdisciplinary orientation knowledge in the field of cultural studies, which is becoming increasingly important for all professions.

Within the framework of the supplementary studies, students acquire in-depth knowledge of various cultural studies and interdisciplinary subject areas in the field of tension between culture, technology and society. In addition to high culture in the classical sense, other cultural practices, common values and norms as well as historical perspectives of cultural developments and influences are considered.

In the courses, conditions, procedures and concepts for the analysis and design of fundamental social development tasks are acquired on the basis of an expanded concept of culture. This includes everything created by humans - also opinions, ideas, religious or other beliefs. The aim is to develop a modern concept of cultural diversity. This includes the cultural dimension of education, science and communication as well as the preservation of cultural heritage. (UNESCO, 1982)

According to § 16 of the statutes, a reference and a certificate are issued by the ZAK for the supplementary studies. The achievements are also shown in the transcript of records of the degree program and, upon request, in the certificate. They can also be recognized in the interdisciplinary qualifications (see elective information).
Workload
The workload is made up of the recommended number of hours for the individual modules:

- basic module approx. 90 h
- in-depth module approx. 340 h
- practical module approx. 120 h

total: approx. 550 h

Learning type
- lectures
- seminars
- workshops
- practical course

Literature
Recommended reading of primary and specialized literature will be determined individually by each instructor.
6.27 Module: Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development [M-ZAK-106099]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke  
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**  
Part of: Additional Examinations (Usage from 4/1/2023)

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**Election notes**

With the exception of the final oral exam, students have to self-record the achievements obtained in the Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development in their study plan. ZAK records the achievements as "non-assigned" under "ÜQ/SQ-Leistungen". Further instructions on self-recording of achievements can be found in the FAQ at [https://campus.studium.kit.edu/](https://campus.studium.kit.edu/) and on the ZAK homepage at [https://www.zak.kit.edu/begleitstudium-bene](https://www.zak.kit.edu/begleitstudium-bene). The title of the examination and the amount of credits override the modules placeholders.

If you want to use ZAK achievements **both for your interdisciplinary qualifications and for the supplementary studies**, please record them in the interdisciplinary qualifications first. You can then get in contact with the ZAK study services (stg@zak.kit.edu) to also record them in your supplementary studies.

In the elective module, you need to obtain 6 credits worth of achievements in two of the four areas:

- Sustainable Cities & Neighbourhoods
- Sustainable Assessment of Technology
- Subject, Body, Individual: The Other Side of Sustainability
- Sustainability in Culture, Economy & Society

Usually, two achievements with 3 credits each have to be obtained. To self-record achievements in the elective module, you first have to elect the matching partial achievement.

**Note:** If you registered for the Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development before April 1st, 2023, self-recording an achievement in this module counts as a request in the sense of §19 (2) of the regulations for the Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development. Your overall grade for the supplementary studies will thus be calculated as the average of the examination grades, not as the average of the module grades.

**Mandatory**

| T-ZAK-112345 | Basics Module - Self Assignment BeNe | 3 CR | Myglas |

**Elective Module (Elective: at least 6 credits)**

| T-ZAK-112347 | Elective Module - Sustainable Cities and Neighbourhoods - Self Assignment BeNe | 3 CR |
| T-ZAK-112348 | Elective Module - Sustainability Assessment of Technology - Self Assignment BeNe | 3 CR |
| T-ZAK-112349 | Elective Module - Subject, Body, Individual: The Other Side of Sustainability - Self Assignment BeNe | 3 CR |
| T-ZAK-112350 | Elective Module - Sustainability in Culture, Economy and Society - Self Assignment BeNe | 3 CR |

**Mandatory**

| T-ZAK-112346 | Specialisation Module - Self Assignment BeNe | 6 CR | Myglas |
| T-ZAK-112351 | Oral Exam - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development | 4 CR |

**Competence Certificate**

The monitoring is explained in the respective partial achievement.

They are composed of:

- protocols
- a reflection report
- presentations
- a project work
- an individual term paper

Upon successful completion of the supplementary studies, graduates receive a graded report and a certificate issued by ZAK.
Prerequisites
The course is offered during the course of study and does not have to be completed within a defined period of time. Enrolment is required for all performance assessments of the modules of the supplementary studies. Participation in the supplementary studies is regulated by § 3 of the statutes.

KIT students register for the supplementary studies by selecting this module in the student portal and self-booking a performance. Registration for courses, performance assessments and examinations is regulated by § 6 of the Statutes and is usually possible shortly before the beginning of the semester.

The course catalogue, statutes (study regulations), registration form for the oral exam and guidelines for preparing the various written performance requirements can be found as downloads on the ZAK homepage at http://www.zak.kit.edu/begleitstudium-bene.

Competence Goal
Graduates of the supplementary studies in sustainable development acquire additional practical and professional competencies. Thus, the supplementary study program enables the acquisition of basics and initial experience in project management, trains teamwork skills, presentation skills and self-reflection, and also creates a fundamental understanding of sustainability that is relevant for all professional fields.

Graduates are able to analyse social topics and problem areas and critically reflect on them in a socially responsible and sustainable perspective. They are able to place the contents selected from the modules "Elective" and "Advanced" in the basic context as well as to independently and exemplarily analyse and evaluate the contents of the selected courses and to scientifically communicate about them in written and oral form.

Content
The supplementary study program Sustainable Development can be started from the 1st semester and is not limited in time. The wide range of courses offered by ZAK makes it possible to complete the program usually within three semesters. The supplementary studies comprise 19 credit points (LP). It consists of three modules: Basic Module, Elective Module and Advanced Module.

The thematic elective areas of the supplementary studies are divided into the following 4 modules and their subtopics in Module 2 (elective module):

Block 1  Sustainable Cities and Neighbourhoods
The courses provide an overview of the interaction of social, ecological, and economic dynamics in the microcosm of the city.

Block 2  Sustainability Assessment of Technology
Mostly based on ongoing research activities, methods and approaches of technology assessment are elaborated.

Block 3  Subject, Body, Individual: The other Side of Sustainability
Different approaches are presented to the individual perception, experience, shaping and responsibility of relationships to the environment and to oneself.

Block 4  Sustainability in Culture, Economy & Society
Courses usually have an interdisciplinary approach, but may also focus on one of the areas of culture, economics or society, both in application and in theory.

The core of the supplementary studies is a case study in the specialization area. In this project seminar, students conduct sustainability research with practical relevance themselves. The case study is supplemented by an oral examination with two topics from module 2 (elective module) and module 3 (in-depth module).

Module grade calculation
The overall grade of the supplementary studies is calculated as an average of the grades of the examination performances weighted with credit points.

Elective module
- Presentation 1 (3 ECTS)
- Presentation 2 (3 ECTS)

Advanced module
- individual term paper (6 ECTS)
- oral examination (4 ECTS)
Annotation
The Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development at KIT is based on the conviction that a long-term socially and ecologically compatible coexistence in the global world is only possible if knowledge about necessary changes in science, economy and society is acquired and applied.

The interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary Studies on Sustainable Development enables diverse access to transformation knowledge as well as basic principles and application areas of sustainable development. According to the statutes § 16, a certificate is issued by the ZAK for the complementary studies.

The achievements are also shown in the transcript of records of the degree program and, upon request, in the certificate. They can also be recognized in the interdisciplinary qualifications (see elective information).

In the specialised studies, modules and partial achievements can be recognised within the framework of the additional achievements or e.g. the interdisciplinary qualifications. This must be regulated via the respective subject study programme.

The focus is on experience- and application-oriented knowledge and competences, but theories and methods are also learned. The aim is to be able to represent one's own actions as a student, researcher and later decision-maker as well as an individual and part of society under the aspect of sustainability.

Sustainability is understood as a guiding principle to which economic, scientific, social and individual actions should be oriented. According to this, the long-term and socially just use of natural resources and the material environment for a positive development of global society can only be addressed by means of integrative concepts. Therefore, "education for sustainable development" in the sense of the United Nations programme plays just as central a role as the goal of promoting "cultures of sustainability". For this purpose, practice-centred and research-based learning of sustainability is made possible and the broad concept of culture established at ZAK is used, which understands culture as habitual behaviour, lifestyle and changing context for social actions.

The supplementary study programme conveys the basics of project management, trains teamwork skills, presentation skills and self-reflection. Complementary to the specialised studies at KIT, it creates a fundamental understanding of sustainability, which is important for all professional fields. Integrative concepts and methods are essential: in order to use natural resources in the long term and to shape the global future in a socially just way, not only different disciplines, but also citizens, practitioners and institutions must work together.

Workload

The workload is made up of the number of hours of the individual modules:

- Basic module approx. 180 h
- Elective module approx. 150 h
- Consolidation module approx. 180 h

Total: approx. 510 h

Learning type

- lectures
- seminars
- workshops

Literature

Recommended reading of primary and specialist literature is determined individually by the respective lecturer.
# 7 Courses

## 7.1 Course: Advanced Fluid Mechanics [T-BGU-106612]

| Responsible: | Prof. Dr. Olivier Eiff |
| Organisation: | KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences |
| Part of: | M-BGU-105504 - Fluid Mechanics and Turbulence |

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Legend: Online, Blended (On-Site/Online), On-Site, Cancelled

### Competence Certificate
written exam, 90 min.

### Prerequisites
none

### Recommendation
none

### Annotation
none
7.2 Course: Advanced Numerical Weather Prediction [T-PHYS-111429]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Peter Knippertz
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: M-PHYS-105718 - Applied Meteorology

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Competence Certificate

Students must achieve 50% of the points on the exercise sheets.

Prerequisites

None

Recommendation

None

Annotation

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

Advanced Numerical Weather Prediction

4052051, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

Content

- Introduction
- Parametrizations
- Data assimilation
- Ensemble predictions
- Verification
- Post-processing

Organizational issues

- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information
7.3 Course: Advanced Practical Course [T-PHYS-111421]

**Responsible:** PD Dr. Michael Höpfner  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-105717 - Experimental Meteorology

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**Events**

| ST 2023 | 4052103 | Advanced Meteorological Practical Course | 5 SWS | Practical course / ❌ | Knippertz, Wagner, Höpfner, Kohler |

**Exams**

| ST 2023 | 7800026 | Advanced Meteorological Practical Course | Sinnhuber |

Legend: 🖥 Online, 🧩 Blended (On-Site/Online), ❌ On-Site, ✗ Canceled

**Competence Certificate**

Active participation in the experiments and timely submission of the practical course report. The practical course is passed as soon as both reports have been accepted by the lecturers. In case of non-acceptance of the report, the student has the possibility to improve it once. If the correction is also not accepted, the entire internship is considered "failed". In this case, both experiments must be repeated.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Advanced Meteorological Practical Course**  
4052103, SS 2023, 5 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

**Content**

Available experiments include:
- surface energy balance (IMK-TRO)
- infrared spectroscopy (IMK-ASF)
- AIDA cloud and aerosol chamber (IMK-AAF)

**Organizational issues**

- AIDA: 24.07. - 28.07.23
- Energy balance: 29.05. - 03.06.23
- FTIR: May/June (TBD)

Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information.
7.4 Course: Applied Meteorology (Module Exam) [T-PHYS-111430]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Joaquim José Ginete Werner Pinto

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105718 - Applied Meteorology

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**Competence Certificate**

oral exam (see module description)

**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-111426 - Methods of Data Analysis must have been passed.
2. The course T-PHYS-111427 - Turbulent Diffusion must have been passed.
3. The course T-PHYS-111428 - Energy Meteorology must have been passed.
4. The course T-PHYS-111429 - Advanced Numerical Weather Prediction must have been passed.

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None
7.5 Course: Arctic Climate System [T-PHYS-111273]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Björn-Martin Sinnhuber

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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**Courses**

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Björn-Martin Sinnhuber

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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**Competence Certificate**

The assessment consists of a coursework according to §4 (3) SPO MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics in the form of a short lecture (approx. 10 minutes) on a topic relevant to the lecture. The detailed conditions will be discussed in the lecture.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Annotation**


**Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:**

**Arctic Climate System**

4052101, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

**Lecture (V)**

Blended (On-Site/Online)

**Content**

- Basic climatic features of the Arctic
- Arctic atmospheric and ocean energy budgets
- Atmospheric circulation
- Energy exchange at the surface
- Sea ice
- Arctic ocean – sea ice – climate interactions
- Arctic amplification and Arctic change
- Modelling the Arctic climate system

**Literature**

7 COURSES

Course: Atmospheric Aerosols [T-PHYS-111418]

7.6 Course: Atmospheric Aerosols [T-PHYS-111418]

**Responsible:** Dr. Ottmar Möhler

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105716 - Atmospheric Processes

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**Competence Certificate**
The students participating in the lecture on Atmospheric Aerosols with Exercises are expected to regularly participate in the Exercises. To pass the course, each student has to submit a solution for at least 50% of all exercises, and to present at least one solution to the tutor and the other participants.

**Prerequisites**
None

**Recommendation**
None

**Annotation**
None

*Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:*

### Atmospheric Aerosols

**Code:** 4052041, **WS 23/24**, 2 SWS, **Language:** English, [Open in study portal]

**Lecture (V)**

**Blended (On-Site/Online)**

**Content**
Gas particle processes (kinetics, diffusion, condensation), aerosol properties (diffusion, coagulation, sedimentation, impaction), aerosol thermodynamics (chemical potential, solubility, crystallization), aerosol cloud processes (Köhler theory, ice nucleation).

**Organizational issues**
Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
**7.7 Course: Atmospheric Processes (Module Exam) [T-PHYS-111420]**

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-105716 - Atmospheric Processes

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**Competence Certificate**  
Oral exam (see module description).

**Prerequisites**  
All module courses must be passed.

**Modeled Conditions**  
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-111416 - Cloud Physics must have been passed.
2. The course T-PHYS-111417 - Energetics must have been passed.
3. The course T-PHYS-111418 - Atmospheric Aerosols must have been passed.
4. The course T-PHYS-111419 - Atmospheric Radiation must have been passed.

**Recommendation**  
None

**Annotation**  
None
Course: Atmospheric Radiation [T-PHYS-111419]

Legend: 🖥 Online, 🧩 Blended (On-Site/Online), 🗣 On-Site, ✗ Cancelled

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

Content
• Relevance: Weather/Climate, Chemistry, Remote Sensing
• Short history of light
• Properties of electromagnetic radiation
• Radiometric quantities
• The electromagnetic spectrum
• Boundary conditions: Sun, Earth's surface; reflection and emission
• Radiative transfer in the thermal infrared region: black body radiation, local/non-local thermodynamic equilibrium, transmission, radiative transfer, application in remote sensing
• Molecular spectroscopy, line-broadening
• Radiative transfer in the UV/Visible: absorption and scattering by particles
• Single scattering properties: Rayleigh, Mie-approximations
• Optical phenomena: rainbows, halos
• Radiative transfer with multiple scattering: why are clouds white?, two-stream approximation
• Radiative budget, climate engineering

Organizational issues
Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
7 COURSES
Course: Atmospheric Remote Sensing Infrastructures, Prerequisite [T-BGU-111185]

7.9 Course: Atmospheric Remote Sensing Infrastructures, Prerequisite [T-BGU-111185]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak
Organisation: KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences
Part of: M-PHYS-105717 - Experimental Meteorology

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Competence Certificate
The assessment consists of a coursework according § 4 para. 3 SPO M.Sc. Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics based on successfully completed exercises wrt Atmospheric Remote Sensing Infrastructures.

Prerequisites
none
7.10 Course: Basics Module - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112653]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke  
Christine Myglas  

**Organisation:**  
Part of: M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

**Type**  
Completed coursework

**Credits**  
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**Grading scale**  
pass/fail

**Version**  
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**Competence Certificate**
The monitoring in this module includes a course credit according to § 5 section 4 in the form of minutes of which two are to be handed in freely chosen topics of the lecture series "Introduction to Applied Studies on Culture and Society". Length: approx. 6,000 characters each (incl. spaces).

**Self service assignment of supplementary studies**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale  
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Recommendation**

**Annotation**
The Basic Module consists of the lecture "Introduction to Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society", which is offered only in the winter semester. It is therefore recommended that students start their studies in the winter semester and complete them before module 2.
7.11 Course: Basics Module - Self Assignment BeNe [T-ZAK-112345]

**Responsible:** Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**

**Part of:** M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

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**Competence Certificate**
The monitoring in this module includes a course credit according to § 5 section 4:

**Introduction to Sustainable Development** in the form of minutes of which two are to be handed in freely chosen topics of the lecture series "Introduction to Sustainable Development". Length: approx. 6,000 characters each (incl. spaces).

or

**Sustainability Spring Days at KIT** in the form of a reflection report on all components of the project days "Sustainability Spring Days at KIT". Length approx. 12,000 characters (incl. spaces).

**Prerequisites**
None

**Self service assignment of supplementary stdues**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Recommendation**


**Annotation**
Module Basics consists of the lecture "Introduction to Sustainable Development ", which is only offered in the summer semester or alternatively of the project days " Sustainability Spring Days at KIT ", which is only offered in the winter semester. It is recommended to complete the course before Elective Module an Specialisation Module.

In exceptional cases, Elective Module or Specialisation Module can also be completed simultaneously with Basics Module. However, the prior completion of the advanced modules Elective and Specialisation should be avoided.

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Hinz  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-103422 - Basics of Estimation Theory and its Application in Geoscience Remote Sensing

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**Modeled Conditions**
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-106821 - Basics of Estimation Theory, Prerequisite must have been passed.
2. The course T-BGU-106633 - Data Analysis in Geoscience Remote Sensing Projects, Prerequisite must have been passed.
**7.13 Course: Basics of Estimation Theory, Prerequisite [T-BGU-106821]**

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Hinz

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** M-BGU-103422 - Basics of Estimation Theory and its Application in Geoscience Remote Sensing

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7.14 Course: Building and Environmental Aerodynamics [T-BGU-111060]

**Responsible:** Dr.-Ing. Christof-Bernhard Gromke

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** M-BGU-105504 - Fluid Mechanics and Turbulence

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**Events**

| WT 23/24 | 6221905 | Building and Environmental Aerodynamics | 2 SWS | Lecture / Practice (VÜ) / Gromke |

**Exams**

| WT 23/24 | 824411060 | Building and Environmental Aerodynamics | Gromke |

**Legend:** Online, Blended (On-Site/Online), On-Site, Cancelled

**Competence Certificate**
oral exam, appr. 30 min.

**Prerequisites**
none

**Recommendation**
none

**Annotation**
none

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Building and Environmental Aerodynamics**

6221905, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)

**Lecture / Practice (VÜ)**

**On-Site**

**Content**
The fundamentals of natural wind and its interaction with the built and natural environment are addressed in Building and Environmental Aerodynamics. Focus is on structural loads induced by wind, wind-induced vibrations of buildings and structures, and on flow phenomena in the natural and built environment, like wind shelter, cold air drainage and ventilation, urban air quality, and wind comfort.

**Organizational issues**
Registration in ILIAS is open till 15.11.2023. However, for planning purposes please register as soon as possible.
7 COURSES

Course: Climate Modeling & Dynamics with ICON [T-PHYS-111412]

7.15 Course: Climate Modeling & Dynamics with ICON [T-PHYS-111412]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Joaquim José Ginete Werner Pinto
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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Competence Certificate
Successful participation in the exercis.es.

Prerequisites
None

Recommendation
None

Annotation
None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

Climate Modeling & Dynamics with ICON
4052151, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal]

Lecture (V)
Blended (On-Site/Online)

Content
Introduction to the ICON model, baroclinic life cycles, cloud impact on large-scale circulation of the atmosphere, climate change response of extra tropical jet stream, aerosol impact on tropical rain belts.
Numerical modeling and analysis of climate and climate change (climate system, conceptual models for processes and feedback, chaotic dynamic systems, numerical climate models (EMICS, Global models, regional models), (statistical) analysis methods.

Organizational issues
Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
### 7.16 Course: Cloud Physics [T-PHYS-111416]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-105716 - Atmospheric Processes

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**Competence Certificate**

At least 50% of the points of the exercises have to be reached. At least once, a solution to one of the exercises has to be presented in class.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Cloud Physics**

4052081, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)

**Lecture (V)**

Blended (On-Site/Online)

**Content**

Phenomenology, cloud dynamics of stratiform and convective clouds, microphysics of warm and cold clouds, collision and coalescence, primary and secondary ice formation, condensational and depositional growth.

**Organizational issues**

Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
Course: Components of the Climate System (Module Exam) [T-PHYS-111415]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Andreas Fink

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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**Competence Certificate**

Oral exam (see module description).

**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. You have to fulfill 2 of 4 conditions:
   1. The course T-PHYS-111410 - Seminar on IPCC Assessment Report must have been passed.
   2. The course T-PHYS-111414 - Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions must have been passed.
   3. The course T-PHYS-111413 - Middle Atmosphere in the Climate System must have been passed.
   4. The course T-PHYS-111273 - Arctic Climate System must have been passed.

2. The course T-PHYS-111411 - Tropical Meteorology must have been passed.
3. The course T-PHYS-111412 - Climate Modeling & Dynamics with ICON must have been passed.

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None
7.18 Course: Data Analysis in Geoscience Remote Sensing Projects, Prerequisite [T-BGU-106633]

**Responsible:** Hendrik Andersen  
Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak  

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  

**Part of:** M-BGU-103422 - Basics of Estimation Theory and its Application in Geoscience Remote Sensing

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**Exams**

| WT 23/24 | 8297106633 | Data Analysis in Geoscience Remote Sensing Projects, Prerequisite | Andersen |

**Competence Certificate**

The assessment consists of a coursework according § 4 para. 3 SPO M.Sc. Geodäsie und Geoinformatik based on a successful data analysis to address a geoscientific question. The analysis and the discussion of the results are submitted in a Jupyter Notebook. The detailed conditions will be announced in the lecture.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None
### 7.19 Course: Data Science 1 [T-INFO-111622]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Klemens Böhm  
Dr.-Ing. Edouard Fouché

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** M-INFO-102980 - Informatics for Meteorology Students

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7.20 Course: Database Systems [T-INFO-101497]

Responsible: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Klemens Böhm
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-102980 - Informatics for Meteorology Students

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7 COURSES

Course: Distributed Computing [T-INFO-101298]

7.21 Course: Distributed Computing [T-INFO-101298]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Achim Streit
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-102980 - Informatics for Meteorology Students

Type: Written examination  Credits: 4  Grading scale: Grade to a third  Recurrence: Each winter term  Version: 2

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Competence Certificate
The assessment is carried out as a written examination (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 1 SPO) lasting 60 minutes. Depending on the number of participants it will be announced six weeks before the assessment (§3 Abs. 3 SPO) if the assessment is done
• as an oral examination according to § 4 Abs. 2 No. 2 SPO or
• as a written examination according to § 4 Abs. 2 No. 1 SPO.

Prerequisites
none.

Recommendation
Knowledge in the area of computer networks helpful.
7.22 Course: Elective Module - Subject, Body, Individual: the Other Side of Sustainability - Self Assignment BeNe [T-ZAK-112349]

Organisation:
Part of: M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

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**Prerequisites**
Prerequisite for the 'Oral Examination' is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.

**Self service assignment of supplementary studies**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:
- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Recommendation**
The content of the Basics Module is helpful.
7.23 Course: Elective Module - Sustainability Assessment of Technology - Self Assignment BeNe [T-ZAK-112348]

Organisation:
Part of: M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

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- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Recommendation**
The content of the Basics Module is helpful.
7.24 Course: Elective Module - Sustainability in Culture, Economy and Society - Self Assignment BeNe [T-ZAK-112350]

**Organisation:**
- **Part of:** M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

**Competence Certificate**
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**Prerequisites**
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**Self service assignment of supplementary stdues**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:
- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Recommendation**
The content of the Basics Module is helpful.
7.25 Course: Elective Module - Sustainable Cities and Neighbourhoods - Self Assignment BeNe [T-ZAK-112347]

Organisation: University

Part of: M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

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Competence Certificate
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Prerequisites
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Self service assignment of supplementary studies
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

Recommendation
The content of the Basics Module is helpful.
7.26 Course: Energetics [T-PHYS-111417]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Andreas Fink
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: M-PHYS-105716 - Atmospheric Processes

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Competence Certificate
Active participation

Prerequisites
None

Recommendation
None

Annotation
None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

Energetics

4052131, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

Lecture (V)
Blended (On-Site/Online)

Content
Mean meridional circulation, stationary and transient eddies; basic forms, budget equations and transport processes of energy in the atmosphere; principle of available potential energy; Lorenz cycle: energy reservoirs and transformation processes, eddy and thermally driven jets (EP flux vectors).

Table of content:
- Literature & Learning goals
- The Climate System
- Basic Equations of the Climate System
- Decomposition of the general circulation
- Radiation budget and energy transports
- Consequences of the radiation and surface energy budgets
- Atmospheric water budget
- Atmospheric and oceanic energy budget
- Concept of „Available Potential Energy (APE)”

Organizational issues
Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
7 COURSES

Course: Energy Meteorology [T-PHYS-111428]

7.27 Course: Energy Meteorology [T-PHYS-111428]

Responsible: apl. Prof. Dr. Stefan Emeis
Prof. Dr. Joaquim José Ginete Werner Pinto

Organisation: KIT Department of Physics

Part of: M-PHYS-105718 - Applied Meteorology

Type
Completed coursework

Credits
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Grading scale
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Recurrence
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Competence Certificate

The students work in small groups on a task chosen at the beginning of the course on the topics of wind, solar or electricity grids. At the end, each student presents his or her results in a short presentation (max. 5 slides) followed by a discussion.

Prerequisites

None

Recommendation

None

Annotation

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Energy Meteorology**
4052191, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

Lecture (V) On-Site

Content

- Overview Energy Meteorology
- Physical basics – Wind energy
- Physical basics of energy supply
- Economic basics of energy supply
- Onshore and offshore wind parks
- Wind energy siting – complex terrain
- Physical basics – Solar energy
- Tracking and concentrating solar systems
- Wind measurements
- Radiation forecasts
- Wind energy – yield forecasts
- Climate change & energy system
- Community energy meteorology and where to work

Organizational issues

- Block Course 31.07. - 04.08.23
- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information
Course: Exam on Physics of Planetary Atmospheres [T-PHYS-109180]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Thomas Leisner

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-104488 - Physics of Planetary Atmospheres

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**Prerequisites**

None

**Modeled Conditions**
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-109177 - Physics of Planetary Atmospheres must have been passed.
7.29 Course: Experimental Meteorology (Module Exam) [T-PHYS-111425]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Björn-Martin Sinnhuber

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105717 - Experimental Meteorology

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**Competence Certificate**

Oral exam (see module description).

**Prerequisites**

In the Module "Experimental Meteorology" all offered courses must be passed.

**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-111421 - Advanced Practical Course must have been passed.
2. The course T-PHYS-111422 - Field Trip must have been passed.
3. The course T-PHYS-111424 - Remote Sensing of Atmosphere and Ocean must have been passed.
4. The course T-BGU-111185 - Atmospheric Remote Sensing Infrastructures, Prerequisite must have been passed.
7.30 Course: Field Course Soil Science [T-BGU-107486]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wilcke

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** M-BGU-103398 - Geocology

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**Prerequisites**
None

**Recommendation**
None

**Annotation**
None
7.31 Course: Field Trip [T-PHYS-111422]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Joaquim José Ginete Werner Pinto
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: M-PHYS-105717 - Experimental Meteorology

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Competence Certificate

Presentations on specific topics about the excursion

Prerequisites

None

Recommendation

None

Annotation

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

Field Trip

4052263, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal]

Content

The course comprises a one-week excursion to research institutes and observatories in Germany and neighbouring countries.

Organizational issues

- The date for the field trip will be arranged in the semester opening on April 17th,
- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information
7 COURSES

Course: Flow Measurement Techniques [T-BGU-110411]

7.32 Course: Flow Measurement Techniques [T-BGU-110411]

Responsible: Dr.-Ing. Christof-Bernhard Gromke
Organisation: KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences
Part of: M-BGU-105504 - Fluid Mechanics and Turbulence

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Competence Certificate
oral exam, appr. 30 min.

Prerequisites
none

Recommendation
none

Annotation
none

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

Flow Measurement Techniques
6221907, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

Content
The course teaches the basics of flow measurement techniques as they are used in a wide variety of technical applications today. Measurement methods based on mechanical, electrical and optical principles are addressed in detail. Furthermore, methods of signal processing related to Fluid Mechanics and flow measurement techniques are presented, whereby basic evaluation procedures are explained.

Organizational issues
Registration in ILIAS is open till 15.11.2023. However, for planning purposes please register as soon as possible.
### 7.33 Course: Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows [T-BGU-110841]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Markus Uhlmann  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-105504 - Fluid Mechanics and Turbulence

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| ST 2023 | 6221806 | Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows | 4 SWS | Lecture / Practice ( / ) Uhlmann |

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| ST 2023 | 8244110841 | Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows | Uhlmann |
| WT 23/24 | 8244110841 | Fluid Mechanics of Turbulent Flows | Uhlmann |

**Legend:** 🖥 Online, 🧩 Blended (On-Site/Online), 🗣 On-Site, ☑ Cancelled

**Competence Certificate**
oral exam, appr. 45 min.

**Prerequisites**
none

**Recommendation**
none

**Annotation**
none
7.34 Course: Geo Data Infrastructures and Web Services [T-BGU-101756]

**Responsible:** Dr.-Ing. Sven Wursthorn  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-102760 - GIS and Geo Data Infrastructures

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| ST 2023  | 6026204 | Geodateninfrastrukturen und Webdienste | 1 SWS | Lecture / 👤 | Wursthorn |
| ST 2023  | 6026205 | Geodateninfrastrukturen und Webdienste, Übung | 2 SWS | Practice / 👤 | Wursthorn |

**Exams**

| ST 2023  | 8296101756 | Geo Data Infrastructures and Web Services | Wursthorn |

Legend: 🖥 Online, 🎁 Blended (On-Site/Online), 👤 On-Site, ✗ Cancelled

**Prerequisites**
The part T-BGU-101757 Geodateninfrastrukturen und Web-Dienste, Vorleistung has to be passed.

**Modeled Conditions**
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-101757 - Geodata Infrastructures and Web-Services, Prerequisite must have been passed.
7.35 Course: Geodata Infrastructures and Web-Services, Prerequisite [T-BGU-101757]

Responsible: Dr.-Ing. Sven Wursthorn
Organisation: KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences
Part of: M-BGU-102760 - GIS and Geo Data Infrastructures

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| ST 2023 | 8296101757 | Geodata Infrastructures and Web-Services, Prerequisite | Wursthorn |

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**Prerequisites**

None
### 7.36 Course: Geological Hazards and Risk [T-PHYS-103525]

**Responsible:** Dr. Andreas Schäfer  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-101833 - Geological Hazards and Risk

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7.37 Course: Geomorphology and Soil Science [T-BGU-107487]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wilcke
Organisation: KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences
Part of: M-BGU-103398 - Geocology

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**Prerequisites**
None

**Recommendation**
None

**Annotation**
None
### 7.38 Course: Image Processing and Computer Vision [T-BGU-101732]

**Responsible:** Dr.-Ing. Uwe Weidner  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-102757 - Computer Vision and GIS  
M-BGU-102759 - Computer Vision and Remote Sensing

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### Competence Certificate

The assessment consists of an oral exam (ca. 30 min). according § 4 para. 2 No. 2 SPO M.Sc. Geodäsie und Geoinformatik.

### Prerequisites

The parts T-BGU-106333 und T-BGU-106334 must not have started.

### Modeled Conditions

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-106333 - Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite must not have been started.
2. The course T-BGU-106334 - Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Examination must not have been started.
Course: In-depth Module - Doing Culture - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112655]

**7.39 Course: In-depth Module - Doing Culture - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112655]**

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke  
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**  
Part of: M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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**Competence Certificate**
At least two presentations must be given: An examination of another kind according to § 5 section 3 (3) in the form of a presentation in one of the chosen courses (3 ECT).
In a third seminar, either (a) a presentation is held (preliminary study achievement) which remains not graded and a topic-related term paper is submitted or (b) a written exam is taken.
The three courses can be selected individually from the 5 thematic blocks or – in exceptional cases and according to the agreement with the responsible lecturer – all three courses can be selected from one block in the sense of a specialization.
In addition, an oral examination is taken, which relates to the content of two of the chosen three courses.

**Prerequisites**
Prerequisite for the ‘Oral Examination’ is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.

**Self service assignment of supplementary studies**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Annotation**
The content of the Basic Modul is helpful.
7.40 Course: In-depth Module - Global Cultures - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112658]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**
Part of: M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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**Prerequisites**
Prerequisite for the ‘Oral Examination’ is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.

**Self service assignment of supplementary stdues**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Annotation**
The content of the Basic Modul is helpful.
### 7.41 Course: In-depth Module - Media & Aesthetics - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112656]

**Responsible:**  
Dr. Christine Mielke  
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**  
Part of: M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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**Competence Certificate**  
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In addition, an oral examination is taken, which relates to the content of two of the chosen three courses.

**Prerequisites**  
Prerequisite for the ‘Oral Examination’ is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.

**Self service assignment of supplementary studies**  
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade aquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Annotation**  
The content of the Basic Modul is helpful.
### Course: In-depth Module - Spheres of Life - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112657]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**
- **Part of:** M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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**Competence Certificate**

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The three courses can be selected individually from the 5 thematic blocks or – in exceptional cases and according to the agreement with the responsible lecturer – all three courses can be selected from one block in the sense of a specialization.

In addition, an oral examination is taken, which relates to the content of two of the chosen three courses.

**Prerequisites**

Prerequisite for the ‘Oral Examination’ is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.

**Self service assignment of supplementary stdues**

This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Annotation**

The content of the Basic Modul is helpful.
7.43 Course: In-depth Module - Technology & Responsibility - Self Assignment BAK [T-ZAK-112654]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**
- Part of: M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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In addition, an oral examination is taken, which relates to the content of two of the chosen three courses.

**Prerequisites**
Prerequisite for the ‘Oral Examination’ is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.

**Self service assignment of supplementary stdues**
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade acquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

**Annotation**
The content of the Basic Modul is helpful.
### 7.44 Course: Introduction into Classification Methods of Remote Sensing [T-BGU-105725]

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**Competence Certificate**
oral exam (approx. 20 min.)

**Prerequisites**
None

**Recommendation**
None

**Annotation**
None
### Course: Introduction to GIS for Students of Natural, Engineering and Geo Sciences [T-BGU-101681]

**Responsible:** Dr. Ing. Sven Wursthorn

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:**
- M-BGU-102757 - Computer Vision and GIS
- M-BGU-102758 - GIS and Remote Sensing
- M-BGU-102760 - GIS and Geo Data Infrastructures

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#### Modeled Conditions

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-103541 - Introduction to GIS for Students of Natural, Engineering and Geo Sciences, Prerequisite must have been passed.
### 7.46 Course: Introduction to GIS for Students of Natural, Engineering and Geo Sciences, Prerequisite [T-BGU-103541]

**Responsible:** Dr.-Ing. Sven Wursthorn  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:**  
- M-BGU-102757 - Computer Vision and GIS  
- M-BGU-102758 - GIS and Remote Sensing  
- M-BGU-102760 - GIS and Geo Data Infrastructures

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**Competence Certificate**  
The achievement control takes place via accepted exercises.

**Prerequisites**  
none

**Recommendation**  
none

**Annotation**  
none
7.47 Course: Introduction to Volcanology, Exam [T-PHYS-103644]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Thomas Bohlen  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-103336 - Geophysical analysis of natural hazards

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**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-103553 - Introduction to Volcanology, Prerequisite must have been passed.
7.48 Course: Introduction to Volcanology, Prerequisite [T-PHYS-103553]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Thomas Bohlen  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-103336 - Geophysical analysis of natural hazards

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### 7.49 Course: Machine Learning for Natural Sciences [T-INFO-110822]

**Responsible:** TT-Prof. Dr. Pascal Friederich  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** M-INFO-105630 - Machine Learning for Natural Sciences with Exercises

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### Competence Certificate

**Lecture:** The assessment is carried out as a written examination (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 1 SPO) lasting 90 minutes.

**Exercise:** The assessment is carried out in form of course work (German Studienleistung, § 4 Abs. 3 SPO). Students must regularly submit exercise sheets. The number of exercise sheets and the scale for passing will be announced at the beginning of the course. The assessment can only be repeated once.

### Prerequisites

none.

### Recommendation

- Knowledge of the basics of machine learning is helpful but not required
- Interest in natural science topics is required
- Basic knowledge of python is recommended. It has to be acquired during the semester through self-study
7.50 Course: Machine Learning for Natural Sciences - Pass [T-INFO-111259]

**Responsible:** TT-Prof. Dr. Pascal Friederich

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics

**Part of:** M-INFO-105630 - Machine Learning for Natural Sciences with Exercises

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**Competence Certificate**

Lecture: The assessment is carried out as a written examination (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 1 SPO) lasting 90 minutes.

Exercise: The assessment is carried out in form of course work (German Studienleistung, § 4 Abs. 3 SPO). Students must regularly submit exercise sheets. The number of exercise sheets and the scale for passing will be announced at the beginning of the course. The assessment an only be repeated once.

**Prerequisites**

none.

**Recommendation**

- Knowledge of the basics of machine learning is helpful but not required
- Interest in natural science topics is required
- Basic knowledge of python is recommended. It has to be acquired during the semester through self-study
### 7.51 Course: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences [T-INFO-113083]

**Responsible:** TT-Prof. Dr. Peer Nowack  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** M-INFO-106470 - Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences

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### Competence Certificate

The assessment of the lectures is likely carried out as a written examination (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 1 SPO) lasting 60-120 minutes (exact duration to be confirmed).

Depending on the class size, this might be changed to an oral examination (lasting around 20 minutes, § 4 Abs. 2 No. 2 SPO). The exact type of assessment will be confirmed at least six weeks prior to the assessment.

### Prerequisites

No strict prerequisites but several strong recommendations (see below).

### Recommendation

- Previous programming experience, e.g. in scientific contexts or in computer science, is required.
- Knowledge of fundamentals about machine learning is an advantage.
- Knowledge of the Python programming language is an advantage.
- Good knowledge of mathematical concepts such as linear algebra is an advantage.
- An interest in scientific questions important for the climate- and environmental sciences.

### Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences**

- **2400151, WS 23/24, 4 SWS, Language: English**, [Open in study portal](#)  
- **Lecture / Practice (VÜ)**  
- **On-Site**
Content

Content:
This module covers key concepts for real-world applications of machine learning, focusing on environmental data science. These include:

- foundations of machine learning (e.g., curse of dimensionality, cross-validation, cost functions, feature engineering)
- several widely applied regression, classification, and unsupervised learning algorithms (e.g., LASSO, random forests, Gaussian processes, neural networks, LSTMs, transformers, self-organizing maps)
- time series forecasting and causal inference.
- explainable AI (e.g., SHAP value analyses, feature permutation methods, intrinsically interpretable methods).

These concepts will be discussed in applied contexts, using current research examples from the climate and environmental sciences, including: climate change modelling, machine learning emulation of numerical models, forecasting air pollution and wildfires, understanding coupled dynamical systems such as global teleconnections in climate science, challenges in modelling non-stationary systems (e.g., predicting extreme weather events under global warming), and anomaly detection in measurement data.

The lectures are accompanied by computer exercises in which students learn how to implement and modify machine learning modelling pipelines first-hand.

Workload:

Concerning in-person events, this is a 4 SWS module: 2 SWS for lectures, 2 SWS for exercises

Overall:

(2 SWS lectures + 2 SWS exercises + 1.5 x 4 SWS preparation and homework) x 15 +30 h preparation for the exam = 180 h = 6 ECTS

Competency/Goals:

Learning objectives:

Students will be able to effectively address complex data science challenges. They can design and use robust strategies/modelling pipelines for machine learning applications in the climate and environmental sciences, which are transferable to other disciplines.

Their acquired knowledge will include major classes of machine learning techniques, how to choose and differentiate among algorithms in a variety of problem settings, ways of assessing important data properties that could for example help or interfere with modelling goals, and methods to combine data-driven modelling with prior scientific system understanding to increase performance and trustworthiness of machine learning.

Students will learn how to implement these approaches in Python, using major machine learning software packages.
7.52 Course: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences - Pass [T-INFO-113085]

Responsible: TT-Prof. Dr. Peer Nowack  
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics  
Part of: M-INFO-106470 - Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences

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**Competence Certificate**
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**Prerequisites**
No strict prerequisites but several strong recommendations (see below).

**Recommendation**
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**Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:**

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**Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences**
2400151, WS 23/24, 4 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal  
Lecture / Practice (VÜ)  
On-Site
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Content:
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Students will learn how to implement these approaches in Python, using major machine learning software packages.
7.53 Course: Master's Thesis [T-PHYS-109616]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105720 - Master's Thesis

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**Prerequisites**
see module information

**Final Thesis**
This course represents a final thesis. The following periods have been supplied:

- **Submission deadline:** 6 months
- **Maximum extension period:** 3 months
- **Correction period:** 8 weeks

This thesis requires confirmation by the examination office.
7.54 Course: Methods of Data Analysis [T-PHYS-111426]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Joaquim José Ginete Werner Pinto  
Prof. Dr. Peter Knippertz

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105718 - Applied Meteorology

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**Competence Certificate**

Successful participation in the exercises.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Methods of Data Analysis**

4052171, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

**Content**

1. Basics  
2. Significance testing  
3. Regression  
4. Time series  
5. Fourier wavelet analysis  
6. Spatial analysis  
7. Clustering  
8. Machine Learning  
9. Summary

**Organizational issues**

- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information

**Exercises to Methods of Data Analysis**

4052172, SS 2023, 1 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

**Content**

Following the lecture.
Course: Middle Atmosphere in the Climate System [T-PHYS-111413]

**Responsible:** PD Dr. Michael Höpfner  
Dr. Miriam Sinnhuber

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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- **WT 23/24**: 7800008 - Middle Atmosphere in the Climate System (Prerequisite)
  - **Fink**

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Middle Atmosphere in the Climate System**

- Code: 4052061, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal]
- **Lecture (V)**: Blended (On-Site/Online)

**Content**

- History of science of the middle atmosphere (MA)
- Mean state of the MA: temperature, wind, chemical composition
- Radiation: sun, radiative transfer, energy budget, photolysis
- Measurements: in-situ/remote sounding, ground-based, airborne/balloon, satellite
- Aerosols: stratospheric background aerosol layer, volcanic enhancement, polar stratospheric clouds, polar mesospheric clouds, meteoric dust
- Chemistry: general concepts, global ozone layer, polar ozone chemistry
- Dynamics: fundamental description, meridional circulation, equatorial circulation, waves and tides, stratospheric warmings, tracer and age-of-air, upper troposphere/lower stratosphere, cross-tropopause transport
- Coupling and climate: chemistry-climate coupling, trends,

**Organizational issues**

Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
### 7.56 Course: Mobile Computing and Internet of Things [T/INFO-102061]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** M/INFO-102980 - Informatics for Meteorology Students

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**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T/INFO-113119 - Mobile Computing and Internet of Things - Exercise must have been started.
7.57 Course: Modern Theoretical Physics for Teaching Degree Students [T-PHYS-103204]

**Responsible:** PD Dr. Robert Eder

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-101664 - Modern Theoretical Physics for Teaching Degree Students

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**Competence Certificate**

Oral exam, approx. 45 min

**Prerequisites**

Successful completion of the exercises

**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-103203 - Modern Theoretical Physics for Teaching Degree Students - Prerequisite must have been passed.
## 7.58 Course: Modern Theoretical Physics for Teaching Degree Students - Prerequisite [T-PHYS-103203]

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### Type
- Completed coursework: 4 SWS
- Lecture: Gieseke
- Practice: Gieseke, Agarwal

### Credits
- 0

### Grading scale
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### Recurrence
- Each winter term

### Version
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**Competence Certificate**
- Course achievement, successful completion of the exercises

**Prerequisites**
- none
7.59 Course: Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics
[T-PHYS-112848]

**Responsible:** Studiendekan Physik  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-106333 - Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics

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**Exams**

| ST 2023  | 7800140 | Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics-Examiner: A.Metelmann | Metelmann |

**Competence Certificate**
Oral exam, approx. 45 min

**Prerequisites**
Successful completion of the exercises

**Modeled Conditions**
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-PHYS-112848 - Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics must have been passed.
7 COURSES

Course: Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics, Prerequisite 1 [T-PHYS-112728]

7.60 Course: Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics, Prerequisite 1 [T-PHYS-112728]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Anja Metelmann
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics
Part of: M-PHYS-106333 - Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics

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| ST 2023  | 4010142 | Übungen zu Moderne Theoretische Physik I | 2 SWS | Practice / 🗣 | Metelmann, Böhling, Orr, Stangier |

Exams

| ST 2023  | 7800064 | Modern Theoretical Physics I, Foundations of Quantum Mechanics, Prerequisite 1 - Tutorial | Metelmann |

Legend: 🖥 Online, ⌘ Blended (On-Site/Online), 🗣 On-Site, ✗ Cancelled

Competence Certificate
Course achievement, successful completion of the exercises

Prerequisites
none
7.61 Course: Numerical Methods - Exam [T-MATH-111700]

**Responsible:** apl. Prof. Dr. Peer Kunstmann  
Prof. Dr. Michael Plum  
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Reichel  

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Mathematics  
**Part of:** M-MATH-105831 - Numerical Methods  

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**Competence Certificate**
Success control takes the form of a written examination (120 minutes).

**Prerequisites**
none
7 COURSES

Course: Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions [T-PHYS-111414]

7.62 Course: Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions [T-PHYS-111414]

- **Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Andreas Fink
- **Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics
- **Part of:** M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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**Competence Certificate**
Active participation

**Prerequisites**
None

**Recommendation**
None

**Annotation**
None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions**
4052121, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

Legend:
🖥 Online,
🧩 Blended (On-Site/Online),
🗣 On-Site,
🗙 Cancelled
Content

- Literature
- Learning goals
- Physical and chemical properties of the upper ocean layers
  - Properties of ocean waters
  - Salinity content and density
  - Temperature distribution in the ocean
  - Horizontal salinity distribution in the ocean
  - Vertical salinity distribution
  - Horizontal and vertical density distribution
  - Characteristic water masses in the oceans
  - Dissolved gases in the ocean
  - Molecular transport
  - Properties of humid air
  - Ocean surface and its immediate environment
- Wind-driven ocean surface currents
  - Equation of motion
  - Ekman’s solution of the equation of motion
  - Mass transport associated with the Ekman current
  - Up-welling in the ocean
  - Sverdrup regime
  - Westerly boundary current: Stommel’s contribution
  - Munk’s solution
- Ocean waves
  - Generation of ocean waves by wind
  - Description of ocean waves
  - Global view on ocean wave climates
  - Ocean wave modeling
  - Ocean wave measurements
- Summary

Organizational issues
Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
7.63 Course: Oral Exam - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society [T-ZAK-112659]

**Responsible:** Dr. Christine Mielke
Christine Myglas

**Organisation:**
- **Part of:** M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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**Competence Certificate**
An oral examination according to § 7 section 6 of approx. 45 minutes on the contents of two courses from In-depth Module.

**Prerequisites**
Prerequisite for the 'Oral Examination' is the successful completion of Modules 1 and 3 and the required elective sections in Module 2.
7.64 Course: Oral Exam - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development [T-ZAK-112351]

Organisation:
Part of: M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

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Competence Certificate
An oral examination according to § 7 section 6 of approx. 45 minutes on the contents of two courses from Elective Module.

Prerequisites
A requirement for the Supplementary Course: Oral examination is the successful completion of the modules Basics Module and Specialisation Module and the required electives of Elective Module.
7.65 Course: Parallel Computer Systems and Parallel Programming [T-INFO-101345]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Achim Streit

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics

**Part of:** M-INFO-102980 - Informatics for Meteorology Students

**Type:** Oral examination

**Credits:** 4

**Grading scale:** Grade to a third

**Recurrence:** Each summer term

**Version:** 1

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7.66 Course: Physics of Planetary Atmospheres [T-PHYS-109177]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Thomas Leisner  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-104488 - Physics of Planetary Atmospheres

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**Events**

| WT 23/24   | 4052161 | Physics of Planetary Atmospheres | 2 SWS | Lecture / Online | Leisner, Sinnhuber, Reddmann |
| WT 23/24   | 4052162 | Exercises to Physics of Planetary Atmospheres | 2 SWS | Practice / Online | Leisner, Duft |

**Exams**

| WT 23/24   | 7800091 | Physics of Planetary Atmospheres (Prerequisite) | | |

**Competence Certificate**

- If this module is part of the Specialization or Compulsory Subject, credits are earned through the associated exam (oral, written or otherwise).
- Otherwise, the exercises, computer exercises, internships or, if necessary, graduation lectures must be successfully completed.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

Basic knowledge of physics, physical chemistry and fluid dynamics at Bachelor level.

**Annotation**

180 hours consisting of attendance times (42 hours), follow-up of the lecture and editing exercises (138 hours).

**Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:**

**Physics of Planetary Atmospheres**

4052161, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal  
Lecture (V)  
Blended (On-Site/Online)

**Content**

The module gives a broad introduction into the formation and properties of planets and their atmospheres and tries to constrain possible planetary atmospheres by applying fundamental principles of physics. In this respect, the module will focus on the planetary atmospheres in our solar system. Moreover, recently developed methods for the remote sensing of extra solar planets are introduced and the current understanding of their atmospheres is presented. A focus is the energy budget of planetary atmospheres, where clouds play a central role. Their formation and growth will be covered in a generalized fashion.

**Organizational issues**

Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
7.67 Course: Placeholder [T-PHYS-113508]

**Responsible:** Studiendekan des KIT-Studienganges

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105717 - Experimental Meteorology

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7.68 Course: Practice Module [T-ZAK-112660]

Responsible: Dr. Christine Mielke
Christine Myglas

Organisation:
Part of: M-ZAK-106235 - Supplementary Studies on Culture and Society

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Competence Certificate
Internship (3 ECT)
Report within the framework of the practical training (Length approx. 18,000 characters (incl. spaces) (1 ECT)

Prerequisites
none

Annotation
Knowledge from the Basic Module and the Elective Module is helpful.
**7.69 Course: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Examination [T-BGU-106334]**

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-102759 - Computer Vision and Remote Sensing

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### Competence Certificate

Oral exam of about 20 min.

### Prerequisites

T-BGU-106333 (Remote Sensing in a Changing Climate, Vorleistung) passed  
T-BGU-101732 (Image Processing and Computer Vision) must not have been started.

### Modeled Conditions

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-106333 - Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite must have been passed.  
2. The course T-BGU-101732 - Image Processing and Computer Vision must not have been started.

### Recommendation

None

### Annotation

None
7.70 Course: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite [T-BGU-106333]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-102759 - Computer Vision and Remote Sensing

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| ST 2023 | 6043107 | Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Exercises | 1 SWS | Practice / 🤧 | Cermak, Andersen |

Legend: 🖥 Online, 🧩 Blended (On-Site/Online), 🗣 On-Site, ✗ Cancelled

**Modeled Conditions**
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-101732 - Image Processing and Computer Vision must not have been started.
7.71 Course: Remote Sensing of Atmosphere and Ocean [T-PHYS-111424]

Responsible: Prof. Dr. Björn-Martin Sinnhuber  
Organisation: KIT Department of Physics  
Part of: M-PHYS-105717 - Experimental Meteorology

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- Cancelled

**Competence Certificate**

More than 50% of the points from the exercises must be achieved.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None

**Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:**

**Remote Sensing of Atmosphere and Ocean**

4052151, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

**Content**

- physical basics  
- radiation transfer  
- inverse methods  
- basics of satellite remote sensing  
- techniques and applications

**Organizational issues**

- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information

**Exercises to Remote Sensing of Atmosphere and Ocean**

4052152, SS 2023, 1 SWS, Language: English, Open in study portal

**Content**

Following the lecture.

**Organizational issues**

- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information
# Course: Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Examination [T-BGU-110305]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences  
**Part of:** M-BGU-105095 - Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate  

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## Competence Certificate

Oral exam (about 20 min.) according § 4 para. 2 No. 2 SPO M.Sc. Geodäsie und Geoinformatik.

## Prerequisites

The part T-BGU-106334 - Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prüfung must not have started.

The part T-BGU-110304 - Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite must be passed.

## Modeled Conditions

You have to fulfill one of 2 conditions:

1. The course T-BGU-110304 - Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite must have been passed.
2. The course T-BGU-101732 - Image Processing and Computer Vision must not have been started.
7.73 Course: Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite [T-BGU-110304]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Jan Cermak

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

**Part of:** M-BGU-105095 - Satellite Climatology: Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate

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**Competence Certificate**

Elaboration (data analysis and evaluation) in the form of a commented Jupyter notebook. Success is assessed in the form of a coursework (§ 4 (3) SPO). The detailed conditions will be announced in the lecture.

**Prerequisites**

The parts T-BGU-106333 - Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Vorleistung and T-BGU-101732 - Image Processing and Computer Vision must not have started.

**Modeled Conditions**

The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The course T-BGU-106333 - Remote Sensing of a Changing Climate, Prerequisite must not have been started.
2. The course T-BGU-101732 - Image Processing and Computer Vision must not have been started.
Course: Scientific Concept Development [T-PHYS-111548]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-105719 - Specialization Phase

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**Prerequisites**

see module information or module handbook

**Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:**

**Seminar on Specialization Phase**  
4052904, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)  
**Seminar (S)**  
Blended (On-Site/Online)

**Content**

In the Seminar on Specialization Phase students present their final theses in the context of the TL T-PHYS-109617 "Scientific Concept Development" (Master)  
The registration takes place via Ilias and by mail to katharina.maurer@kit.edu

**Organizational issues**

- The organization will still take place online. Therefore please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information
### 7.75 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics (graded) [T-PHYS-111771]

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**Version**: 1

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- Sprachenzentrum
- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- Studienkolleg
- MINT-Kolleg
- Personalentwicklung und Berufliche Ausbildung
### 7.76 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics (graded) [T-PHYS-111772]

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7.77 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics (ungraded) [T-PHYS-111770]

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# 7.79 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics 1 CP (graded) [T-PHYS-112132]

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7.82 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics 1 CP (ungraded) [T-PHYS-112134]

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### 7.83 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics 3 CP (graded) [T-PHYS-112135]

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7.84 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics 3 CP (ungraded) [T-PHYS-112136]

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Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics 4 CP (graded) [T-PHYS-112137]

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7.86 Course: Self Assignment MSc Meteorology and Climate Physics 4 CP (ungraded) [T-PHYS-112138]

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# 7 COURSES

## 7.87 Course: Seminar on IPCC Assessment Report [T-PHYS-111410]

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### Responsible
Prof. Dr. Joaquim José Ginete Werner Pinto

### Organisation
KIT Department of Physics

### Part of
M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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### Competence Certificate
Study of a chapter of the current IPCC report with subsequent presentation (~ 20-25 min) and submission of a written summary (1 page).

### Prerequisites
none

### Recommendation
none

### Annotation
none

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

### Seminar on IPCC Assessment Report

4052194, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)

### Content
Causes of climate change and paleoclimate (external and internal influence factors on the climate, results and structure of simple climate models with and without feedbacks, radiation effect and importance of greenhouse gases, results of model projections of the global climate, IPCC process structure and importance for the life on earth).
The objectives of this Seminar are to provide an overview of the last IPCC Report (currently 2013) and to develop scientific presentation and discussion skills.

### Organizational issues
Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
### 7.88 Course: Seminar on Recent Topics of Risk Science [T-PHYS-107673]

- **Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Andreas Rietbrock
- **Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics
- **Part of:** M-PHYS-103336 - Geophysical analysis of natural hazards

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7.89 Course: Specialisation Module - Self Assignment BeNe [T-ZAK-112346]

Responsible: Christine Myglas
Organisation: M-ZAK-106099 - Supplementary Studies on Sustainable Development

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Competence Certificate
The monitoring occurs in the form of several supplementary courses, which usually comprise a presentation of the (group) project, a written elaboration of the (group) project as well as an individual term paper, if necessary with appendices (examination performances of other kind according to statutes § 5 section 3 No. 3 or § 7 section 7). The presentation is usually with the accompanying practice partners, as well as the written paper.

Prerequisites
Active participation in all three mandatory components.

Self service assignment of supplementary studies
This course can be used for self service assignment of grade aquired from the following study providers:

- Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft und Studium Generale
- ZAK Begleitstudium

Recommendation
Knowledge from 'Basic Module' and 'Elective Module' is helpful.
7.90 Course: Tropical Meteorology [T-PHYS-111411]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Peter Knippertz  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  
**Part of:** M-PHYS-105715 - Components of the Climate System

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**Competence Certificate**
Students must achieve 50% of the points on the exercise sheets.

**Prerequisites**
None

**Recommendation**
None

**Annotation**
None

Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:

**Tropical Meteorology**  
4052111, WS 23/24, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)  
Lecture (V) Blended (On-Site/Online)

**Content**

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Climatology
- Chapter 3: Theoretical Concepts
- Chapter 4: Equatorial Waves
- Chapter 5: Madden-Julian Oscillation
- Chapter 6: Easterly Waves
- Chapter 7: Tropical Cyclones
- Chapter 8: Mesoscale Convective Systems

**Organizational issues**

Please sign up for more information in the Ilias course.
### 7.91 Course: Turbulent Diffusion [T-PHYS-111427]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr. Corinna Hoose  
Dr. Gholamali Hoshariipour  

**Organisation:** KIT Department of Physics  

**Part of:** M-PHYS-105718 - Applied Meteorology  

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**Competence Certificate**

There are 7 exercises with 100 points in total.  
To pass the prerequisite students must:

- Obtain at least 50 points from exercises.  
- Present and explain at least one of the ICON-ART exercises in the class.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Recommendation**

None

**Annotation**

None

**Below you will find excerpts from events related to this course:**

#### Turbulent Diffusion

4052081, SS 2023, 2 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)

**Lecture (V)**  
On-Site

**Content**

1. Life cycle of air pollutants  
2. Relevant processes and substances  
3. Quantification of trace substances  
4. Emissions  
5. Turbulence and averaging  
6. The diffusion equation  
7. Chemical Transformations  
8. Aerosol processes  
9. Atmospheric models: ICON-ART modeling system  
10. Parametrisation of turbulent fluxes  
11. Aerosol interactions

**Organizational issues**

- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information

#### Exercises to Turbulent Diffusion

4052082, SS 2023, 1 SWS, Language: English, [Open in study portal](#)

**Practice (Ü)**  
On-Site
Content
There are 7 exercises with 100 points in total. To pass the prerequisite the students must:

- Obtain at least 50 points from exercises.
- Present and explain at least one of the ICON-ART exercises in the class.

Organizational issues

- Please register for the ILIAS course to receive further information.
# 7.92 Course: Visualization [T-INFO-101275]

**Responsible:** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Carsten Dachsbacher  
**Organisation:** KIT Department of Informatics  
**Part of:** M-INFO-102980 - Informatics for Meteorology Students

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### 7.93 Course: Wildcard [T-PHYS-108286]

**Organisation:** University  
**Part of:** M-BGU-102759 - Computer Vision and Remote Sensing

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Guidelines to Master’s Thesis

In the following, the most important steps and necessary formalities related to the compilation and submission of the Master’s thesis are described. The description comprises the closely interlinked modules “Specialization Phase” and “Master’s Thesis”, thus two semesters or a 12-month period. It is a guideline, not a legally binding regulation document. Questions can be directed to Andreas Fink (andreas.fink@kit.edu) or Kathi Maurer (kathi.maurer@kit.edu).

4. Finding a topic and supervisor

The “standard” case is that you will obtain a topic and supervisor from the list at our homepage. Please approach the respective supervisor(s) for more details in case you are interested. Please note that it is possible to choose topics that were not listed under the above-mentioned URL. In this case, approach professors, “Privatdozenten”, and group leaders directly.

In this context, it shall be noted that the Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research (IMK) has three departments: TRO focuses on the troposphere, AAF on aerosols, ASF on atmospheric trace gases and remote sensing. Master theses can be written in all three departments.

5. Registration and Deadlines

Before the start of the module Specialization Phase, students need to personally visit the Examination Office of the KIT Faculty of Physics:

Prüfungssekretariat, Ms. Anja Müller

Physics Building 30.21, 9th floor, Room 9-13;

email: pruefungssekretariat@physik.kit.edu

Phone 0721 608-43438

If all requirements are met, a signed and stamped form will be issued.

Students use this form to contact their Advisor to discuss and fill in, amongst others, the fields "Advisor/Co-Advisor", "Preliminary title of thesis", and "Start of the thesis".

The Advisor signs the form and sends it back to the Examination Office.

The Examination Office will register the start of the Specialization Phase in the Campus Management System. As soon as the module Specialization Phase is passed by presenting a talk in the Seminar on Specialization Phase (6 months after starting date) the thesis is registered in Campus Management System with the preliminary working title, the advisors and the start date. The deadline for submission of the thesis is calculated by the system and monitored by the Examination Office (12 months after starting date). These information are visible for the student in the Campus student portal.
The following points are worthy of note:

- The application for the Specialization Phase will be accepted by Ms. Müller, if all four meteorology modules of the 1st and 2nd MSc semester are entered in the Campus Management System. The modules Soft Skills and Complementary Elective may still be incomplete and should be completed in the course of the Specialization Phase.

- If the oral module exam has already been passed in one or more of the meteorological modules but has not yet been entered, an e-mail from the Responsible Lecturer to Ms. Müller, confirming the successful completion of the module, is sufficient.

- Important: If one of the four Master modules has not been passed because course components ("Teilleistungen") have not yet been completed and therefore the prerequisites for the oral examination have not yet been met, please speak to the study advisor Prof. Dr. Andreas H. Fink, to prevent an unnecessary delay of the study by one semester.

- Deadline extensions are handled very restrictively and are only possible in justified individual cases.

6. The module Specialization Phase

Formally, the first six months of final thesis work belong to the module Specialization Phase. In these six months, a seminar will be given in the Seminar on the Specialization Phase ("Studierendenseminar") in the context of the Scientific Concept Development. It should be noted that this seminar must be given in the "Studierendenseminar" that usually takes place during the lecture period on Wednesdays from 16:00-17:30 o’clock. After booking a date in the respective Ilias course dates and seminar titles should be sent to Kathi Maurer.

Important: Please register in the Campus Management System before the seminar on the Specialization Phase. Formally, this is possible when all of the 4 master modules in meteorology in the Campus Management System have been passed.

The seminar talk should take 20-25 minutes, followed by a discussion. The total duration should not exceed 45 minutes. After the seminar, there should be a feedback discussion with the Advisors and the Supervisor, in which the progress made so far is evaluated and next steps are discussed.

Advisors or Supervisors sign a form, which documents the presentation of the lecture with date and title.

Please forward the signed form to Prof. Hoose or Kathi Maurer, who will enter the Specialization Phase in the Campus Management System.
7. The module Master’s Thesis

Within the 12-month period, the Master’s thesis is to be submitted to Ms. Müller as a written scientific paper. Five bound copies must be made, with three copies being submitted to Ms. Müller, all three signed by the first Examiner with a text like for example:

„Accepted as an examination copy. “

Please note: With this signature the first examiner declares that the work is graded at least with a mark of 4.0! If doubts as to the latter grading exists, the examiner will write on all three copies a text like:

„Inspection copy. “

Ms. Müller confirms the receipt of the copies, which are then submitted to the first and second Examiners and on the basis of which the reports are prepared. This delivery is relevant for the 12-month deadline.

Please give the fourth and fifth bound copy to Frau Gräbner for the library at Campus South and the DWD library. Please send a PDF of the submitted work to Mr. Becker, the IT administrator at Campus South. This PDF file is available for free download on the IMK website pending on the consent of the Advisor.

After submission, a 20-25-minute seminar must be held in the respective seminars of the department TRO, ASF, or AAF (cf. Section 4.1), where the thesis was written. This seminar can be held after the 12-month period and should take place at one of the next possible dates. Note: This final seminar can only take place during the lecture period.

After the seminar, a form must be completed, signed by the Advisor and the Co-Advisor or Supervisor and sent to Ms. Müller for recognition. The reports will be prepared by the Advisors only after the final presentation, as this is part of the assessment and is included in the evaluation.

8. Glossary

Advisor ("Berichterstatter or” Gutachter"): This is usually a professor or a “Privatdozent” who acts as the first examiner.

Co-Advisor ("Zweitgutachter"): This is usually a professor or a “Privatdozent” who acts as the second examiner.

Supervisor ("Betreuer"): He/she supervises the Master Student, is often the Advisor or Co-Advisor, but can also be research staff (see also “group leader”).

“Privatdozent”: This is an habilitated staff member. He can act as an Advisor. However, the second examiner must be a full professor in this case. This is also true for so-called “apl. Professor”.

Group Leader ("Gruppenleiter"): Group leaders in Campus North are senior scientists. They can act as Supervisors, but not as Advisors if they are not habilitated or are an “apl. Professor” (please see “Privatdozent”).

“Responsible Lecturer”: This is the “Modulverantwortliche” who enters the final grade of his/her module into the Campus Management System.
“Examination Office” ("Prüfungssekretariat"): This is the “Prüfungssekretariat” of the Faculty of Physics. The Examination Office is currently managed by Ms. Müller.

Campus Management System (CAS): Amongst others, results of modules are entered in CAS.

“Course Component”: This is the so-called “Teilleistung”, often a lecture.

“Seminar on the Specialization Phase”: This is also referred to as “Studierendenseminar”, in which also BSc students give their talks. It is currently scheduled on Wednesdays 16:00-17:30 hours. Registration takes place via booking a timeslot in the respective Ilias course and by sending a mail with the booked date at Kathi Maurer.