

Guideline for recognition of external electives in MEG

This applies to those students enrolled under the 14. June 2023 Study Regulations.

The MEG Study Regulations ([Prüfungsordnung](#)) stipulates that a total of 30 ECTS points must be earned by taking *elective* courses. Up to 20 ECTS points can be earned by completing suitable courses from other Master's programs at the Freiburg University or other universities in Germany or abroad. The Board of Examiners (*Fachprüfungsausschuss*) decides on the suitability of the courses in coordination with the MEG programme director.

There are three types of elective modules, for which different procedures apply:

1) Elective modules that are listed in the MEG Module Handbook

Here, the student does not have to take any additional steps besides, of course, registering for the module exam in the HisInOne system.

2) Modules of other Master programmes within Freiburg University
(either at our Faculty or at any other Faculty of the University)

If a student takes a module from another Master programme at Freiburg University (be at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources or any other Faculty of our University) the following procedures apply:

- a) The student has to contact the module coordinator of the desired module in advance to ask if he/she fulfils, if applicable, the necessary requirements (e.g. as regards special technical skills or pre-knowledge) and if there are still places left in the module.
- b) The student needs to get in contact with the MEG Programme Coordinator (Seirra Römmermann, meg.coordinator@envgov.uni-freiburg.de) so that she can check and testify vis-à-vis the Examination Office the appropriateness of the chosen module with the MEG curriculum.
- c) The student has to register for the examination via HisInOne, if possible, or otherwise submit an application form to the Examination Office in advance¹, i.e.

¹ “In advance” specifically means: (i) within the framework of official registration deadlines at the respective Faculty (if there are such deadlines); (ii) in any event, *before* taking the examination for the course in question; (iii) at the very latest, by February 1st for the respective winter semester or July 1st for the respective summer semester.

- d) before the deadline for exam registration. This form has to be signed by the student; no other signature is required on this form.²

3) Modules of other Master programmes at another University
(either in Germany or abroad)

If a student takes a module at another University (either in Germany or abroad) the following procedures apply:

- a) The student should contact the programme director (Michael Pregernig) in advance to ask if the desired course(s) can be recognized as a MEG elective.
- b) After finishing the external elective module(s), the student has to submit the following documents to the MEG programme director,
 - transcript/certificate of the external module(s);
 - grading scale applied (if not included in the transcript)
 - explanation of the credit system (if it is not ECTS)
 - Separate sheet / e-mail with
 - name of the university
 - address of the university
 - duration of stay (dates)
 - name of the MSc programme from which the module was taken
- c) The programme director will carry out the process of recognition and forward title and grade of the external module(s) to the Examination Office.

² The “*Application form to register for exam of an external elective module*” can be downloaded from the webpage of the Faculty’s Examination office under “Forms and Guidelines”
(URL: https://www.unr.uni-freiburg.de/dokumente/master/pruefungsangelegenheiten/MSc%20Geographie_Zulassungsantrag_ext%20WP-Modul_D_Engl_Neu%20Sept13.pdf)