

Module: M1	Module title: Sustainability and Transformation Studies I: Basics	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Winter	Module type: compulsory
Credit points: 14 ECTS	Total workload: 350 h	of which contact time: 10 SCH/150 h
		of which self-study: 200 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know developments, concepts and theories of social sustainability and transformation , • Have gained an overview of social and socio-ecological problems and challenges and an understanding of their interconnections, multidimensionality and dynamics, • Know various inter- and transdisciplinary approaches and perspectives on their socio-scientific analysis, • Recognise the differences between descriptive system knowledge, normative orientation knowledge and operative action knowledge • And have developed an enhanced understanding of sustainable development and related social and socio-ecological transformation processes. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module provides an introduction to social sustainability and transformation research as well as an overview of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments, concepts and theories of social and scientific sustainability and transformation discourse, • Models and concepts of sustainable development and socio-ecological transformation, • Central societal and socio-ecological crises, problems and challenges on different levels (e.g. individual, organisational, societal) and in different areas (e.g. social affairs, politics, economy, culture, environment), • Different approaches towards their socio-scientific analysis from inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives. <p>In addition, the module serves to accompany the content of the project workshop.</p>	
Type of course(s):	Lecture, seminars	
Forms of learning:	Lecture, discussion, individual and group work	

Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses totalling 10 SCH • Passing a preliminary examination (ungraded) in the context of a lecture • Passing a course assessment (ungraded) within the framework of a seminar • Passing an oral module examination (approx. 30 minutes, graded)
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately

Module: M2	Module title: Methodology I: Fundamentals	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Winter	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 10 ECTS	Total workload: 250 h	of which contact time: 6 SCH/90 h
		of which self-study: 160 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the scientific-theoretical and methodical foundations of social sciences and social sustainability and transformation research, • Have gained an overview of designs and formats of research and transformation processes as well as corresponding methods and techniques, • Know the differences between transformation and transformative research and be able to read, interpret and assess the significance of studies and empirical analyses from social sustainability and transformation research, • Be able to critically reflect on the role of research in the context of sustainable development and socio-ecological transformation. • 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module provides an introduction to the fundamentals of theory of knowledge and epistemology and methodology of social sustainability and transformation research and an overview of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Epistemological, historical and sociological) fundamentals of social sciences, • Designs, formats and methods of research and transfer processes in the context of social sustainability and transformation research (in particular, transformation and transformative research), • Introduction to methods and techniques of empirical social research. <p>In addition, the module serves to accompany the project workshop methodically.</p>	
Type of course(s):	Lecture, seminar	
Forms of learning:	Lecture, discussion, individual and group work	

Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 6 SCH • Passing a preliminary examination (ungraded) in the context of a lecture • Passing a course assessment (ungraded) in the context of a seminar • Passing an oralmodule examination (approx. 30 minutes, graded)
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately

Module: M3	Module title: Project Workshop I: Planning	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Winter	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 6 ECTS	Total workload: 150 h	of which contact time: 2 SCH/30 h
		of which self-study: 120 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know methodical basics of project management and be able to apply them. • Will be able to develop and conceptualise the content of a sustainability- and transformation-oriented research or practical project on the basis of their theoretical and methodical knowledge. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>Applying and testing the knowledge acquired in modules 1 and 2, the module serves to develop and conceive a project in an exemplary research or practical context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students develop a concept for a project that can be implemented in the following semesters in groups or individually and present it in the form of a scientific poster.. • Methods of project work and project management • Guidance in developing project concepts; evaluation and reflection of project concepts 	
Type of course(s):	Seminar/exercise	
Forms of learning:	Practical project work, coaching, counselling, supervision	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 2 SCH • Passing of an oral module examination (approx. 30 minutes, graded) 	
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately	

Module: M4	Module title: Social Sustainability and Transformation Studies II: Analyses	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Summer	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 14 ECTS	Total workload: 350 h	of which contact time: 8 SCH/120 h
		of which self-study: 230 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have in-depth inter- and transdisciplinary knowledge of different theoretical concepts and empirical analyses in social sustainability and transformation research, • Know findings, analyses and theories on the causes/reasons of non-sustainable developments and the resulting socio-ecological crises, problems and challenges, • Be able to relate problems from commonplace problems to the context and perspectives of social sustainability and transformation research, • Be able to translate such problems into research problems and describe and analyse them from the perspective of social sustainability and transformation research in an inter- and transdisciplinary manner, • Have an initial overview of approaches and concepts for sustainability- and transformation-oriented response and solution strategies for crises, problems and challenges they have identified. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module serves to impart enhanced knowledge in social transformation research, focusing on the analysis of non-sustainable developments and the social and socio-ecological crises, problems and challenges associated with them. Contents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-scientific analyses and empirical findings from different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives on social and socio-ecological crises, problems and challenges, • On different levels (e.g. individual, organisational, social) and in different fields (e.g. social affairs, politics, economy, culture, environment), • Considering the interdependencies, complexity and dynamics of related challenges and • The importance and role of different actors/groups of actors, • Introduction to approaches and concepts to respond to the crises, problems and challenges that have been analysed. <p>The module also serves to accompany the contents of the project workshop.</p>	
Type of course(s):	Lecture, seminars	
Forms of learning:	Lecture, discussion, individual and group work	

Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 8 SCH • Passing a preliminary examination (ungraded) within the framework of a lecture • Passing a course assessment (ungraded) within the framework of a seminar • Passing an oral module examination (approx. 30 minutes, graded)
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately

Module: M5	Module title: Methodologies II: Specialisation	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Summer	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 10 ECTS	Total workload: 250 h	of which contact time: 6 SCH/90 h
		of which self-study: 160 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1 x annually	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have acquired in-depth knowledge of the methods and techniques of empirical social research, • Be able to develop subject-specific research and transfer designs and make justified decisions on the selection and use of methods and techniques for data collection and analysis, • Be able to plan and monitor complex research and transfer processes and prepare and conduct empirical data analyses using suitable methods and techniques, • Be able to apply socio-scientific methods and techniques for empirical data collection and analysis. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module serves to impart in-depth knowledge and competences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the methods and techniques of empirical social research as the foundation of social sustainability and transformation research, • In conducting research and transfer processes in the context of social sustainability and transformation research, • In the methods and techniques of empirical social research, especially for the collection and analysis of empirical data. <p>The module also serves to accompany the project workshop methodically.</p>	
Type of course(s):	Lecture, seminars	
Forms of learning:	Lecture, discussion, individual and group work	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 6 SCH • Passing a preliminary examination (ungraded) within the framework of a lecture • Passing a course assessment (ungraded) within the framework of a seminar • Passing a written module examination (written examination, graded, approx. 90 minutes) 	

(Basic) literature:	will be published separately
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Module: M6	Module title: Project Workshop II –Implementation	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Summer	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 6 ECTS	Total workload: 150 h	of which contact time: 2 SCH/30 h
		of which self-study: 120 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: successful completion of module M3	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to independently plan and conduct research and transfer projects in the context of application-oriented social sustainability and transformation research, • Be able to select and apply appropriate methods and techniques and overcome challenges arising from the practical implementation in the field, • Have acquired practice-oriented know-how in dealing with various stakeholders in projects, • Have enhanced their knowledge and experience in project management and project work, especially with regard to cooperation with external partners. 	
Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The projects that were previously conceived and planned are carried out by the students using appropriate methods and techniques. Enhancing knowledge of project management methods, • Implementing the planned research and transfer project, • Reflection on the practical project work. 	
Type of course(s):	Seminar/exercise	
Forms of learning:	Practical project work, coaching, counselling, supervision	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 2 SCH • Passing a written module examination (term paper, graded) 	
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately	

Module: M7	Module title: Social Sustainability and Transformation Studies III: Design	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Winter	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 14 ECTS	Total workload: 350 h	of which contact time: 8 SCH/120 h
		of which self-study: 230 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have in-depth knowledge on approaches and concepts for sustainability- and transformation-oriented management and design strategies with regard to social and socio-ecological crises, problems and challenges, • And will be able to critically analyse and assess them with regard to their potentials, problems and perspectives against the background of theoretical concepts and empirical findings of social sustainability and transformation research, • Have acquired the descriptive system knowledge, normative orientation knowledge and operational action knowledge to implement appropriate concepts in terms of transformation research in a practical and transdisciplinary manner, to develop them further and to identify and develop new starting points for sustainability- and transformation-oriented approaches. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module serves to further enhance the competences in the field of social sustainability and transformation research, focusing on approaches to overcoming the crises, problems and challenges that have been analysed and on concepts to design social and socio-ecological transformation processes in accordance with sustainable development. As part of the module, we will analyse and critically reflect on the potentials and perspectives of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourses, concepts and models of the practical design of sustainable social developments and socio-ecological transformation, • In different fields (e.g., social affairs, politics, economy, culture, environment) and on different levels (e.g., individual, organisational, societal) • Considering the interdependency, complexity and dynamics of the resulting developments • And the significance and roles of different stakeholders and stakeholder groups. <p>The module also serves to accompany the contents of the project workshop.</p>	
Type of course(s):	Lecture, seminars	
Forms of learning:	Lecture, discussion, individual and group work	

Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 8 SCH • Passing a preliminary examination (ungraded) within the framework of a lecture • Passing a course assessment (ungraded) within the framework of a seminar • Passing an oral module examination (approx. 30 minutes, graded)
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately

Module: M8	Module title: Methodologies III: Transfer	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Winter	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 10 ECTS	Total workload: 250 h	of which contact time: 6 SCH/90 h
		of which self-study: 160 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have sound knowledge and competences on methods and techniques of empirical social, sustainability and transformation research, • Be able to apply these, • And to develop, implement and evaluate scientifically sound, transdisciplinary and transformative research and transfer designs.. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module serves to further enhance the competences of empirical social, sustainability and transformation research, focusing on the collection and analysis of empirical data and on aspects of research and knowledge transfer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced designs, formats and methods of research and transfer processes in the context of social sustainability and transformation research, • Methods and techniques of empirical social research, in particular for the collection and analysis of empirical data. <p>The module also serves to accompany the project workshop methodically.</p>	
Type of course(s):	Lecture, seminars	
Forms of learning:	Lecture, discussion, individual and group work	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 6 SCH • Passing a preliminary examination (ungraded) within the framework of a lecture • Passing a course assessment (ungraded) within the framework of a seminar • Passing an oral module examination (approx. 30 minutes, graded) 	
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately	

Module: M9	Module title: Project Workshop III – Evaluation	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Winter	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 6 ECTS	Total workload: 150 h	of which contact time: 2 SCH/30 h
		of which self-study: 120 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 1x per year	Participation requirements: successful completion of module M6	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to critically reflect on and evaluate the course and results of projects from both a scientific and a practical perspective, • Be able to communicate project results in a target-oriented manner with different stakeholders and develop scientifically and socially compatible concepts for further interventions and measures, • Be able to write a project report that meets scientific standards and • To reflect on their experiences in the project and integrate them into the master thesis. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>This module marks the end of the project workshop and serves to evaluate the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will write a project report in accordance with scientific standards, • Present and communicate results in a target group-oriented manner • And reflect on their project experiences critically. 	
Type of course(s):	Seminar/exercise	
Forms of learning:	Practical project work, coaching, counselling, supervision	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 2 SCH • Passing of a written module examination (term paper, graded) 	
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately	

Module: M10	Module title: Practice-Based Project	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Summer	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 5 ECTS	Total workload: 155 h	of which contact time (practice): 125 h, practice, 2 SCH/30 h
		of which self-study: -
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 2x per year	Participation requirements: none	Language: German
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>After successful completion of the module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have enhanced, reflected and expanded their previously acquired system, orientation and operative knowledge within the framework of a practical activity. • Be able to competently contribute to existing project, organisational and institutional contexts, • Or to participate in the initiation, establishment and design of such contexts • And to communicate and cooperate with different stakeholders in a goal-oriented manner. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>This module serves to gain practical experience in a project-based or organisational framework concerned with the analysis and design of sustainability-oriented transformation processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional action in projects, organisations and institutions, • Cooperation and communication with different stakeholders, • Reflection on practical challenges experienced in the design and implementation of sustainability-oriented transformation processes and their management 	
Type of course(s):	Practical, seminar	
Forms of learning:	Practical project and organisational work, coaching, supervision, consulting	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in courses amounting to 2 SCH • Practical activity of at least 20 working days • Passing an oral module examination (approx. 30 minutes, ungraded) 	
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately	

Module: M11	Module title: Master Thesis and Colloquium	
Module coordinator: published separately		
Qualification level: Master	Semester: Summer	Module type: compulsory
Credit points (credits): 25 ECTS of which 20 ECTS master thesis; of which 5 ECTS colloquium	Total workload: 595 h	of which contact time:
		of which self-study: 595 h
Duration and frequency: 1 semester, 2x per year	Participation requirements: at least 84 CP	Language: German/English
Qualification goals/skills:	<p>With the successful completion of the module, students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prove that they are able to work independently on a scientific issue in the context of social sustainability and transformation research lege artis and to present the results. • They demonstrate sound and advanced scientific knowledge in the field and prove that they have acquired the descriptive-analytical system knowledge, normative orientation knowledge and operative knowledge required for the analysis and design of sustainability-oriented transformation processes. • They are also able to summarise the central results of their written master thesis and to discuss and reflect on them critically. 	
Contents of the module:	<p>The module marks the end of the programme and consists of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preparation of the master thesis, • The continuous supervision of the research and writing process and • The preparation for the colloquium 	
Type of course(s):		
Forms of learning:	Coaching, counselling, professional discourse	
Conditions for the award of credits (module examination, scope and duration of the examination):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing the written master thesis (60–80 pages, graded) • Passing the oral colloquium (approx. 30 minutes, graded) 	
(Basic) literature:	will be published separately	