ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD (EGAF)

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STUDENTS MEETING

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Transition phase AgEcon → EGAF

- Hard cut from WiSe 2026/27:
  - All new students will start under EGAF-regulations
  - No Ag. Econ Modules will be thought anymore
- Soft landing:
  - Credit transfer tables
  - Possibility of finishing under Ag Econ regulations until end of September 2028
  - Option to switch into EGAF programme

What is going to change?

- The name of the programme:
  - *Economics and Governance of Agriculture and Food* (EGAF)
  - → Emphasise more the food-system perspective and governance aspects
- Condensation of Thaer-MSc-programmes from 7 to 4
  - Agricultural Economics → EGAF
  - INRM + Fish Biology+ PQM → INRM (Integrated Natural Resource Management)
  - MaHS+ PQM → HOPLA (Horticulture and Plant Sciences)
  - IMRD → IMRD (International Master in Rural Development)

What is going to change?

- The modular structure
  - 6 ECTS (4 SWS) → 10 ECTS (composed of 2 seminars with 3 SWS each)
  - Some modules are shared between study programmes
  - Seminaristic modules: students can choose 2 seminars
    - Titles of modules are fixed, but flexibility regarding the seminars offered
  - Often including special working tasks
    - Defined by lecturers
    - Precondition for completion of module
- MSc-Thesis:
  - Oral defence will make up for 50% of total grade
  - Still the thesis is a pass, if the defence takes place

Nr. d. Moduls	Name des Moduls	1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester	4. Semester
Pflichtbereich (insgesamt 60 LP)					
CM 1	Institutional Economics and Political Economy	Lecture, Seminar 4 SWS 6 LP			
CM 2	Public Policy Analysis: Agriculture and Food Policy	Lecture, Seminar, 4 SWS 6 LP			
CM 3	Microeconomics: Theory and Policy Analysis	Lecture, Exercise 6 SWS 6 LP			
CM 4	Econometrics	Lecture, Exercise 4 SWS 6 LP			
CM 5	Quantitative Methods in Agricultural Business Economics	Lecture, Exercise 4 SWS 6 LP			
Masterarbeit/Master Thesis					30 LP
Fachlicher Wahlpflichtbereich (insgesamt 30 LP)					
FM	5 FM-Module alternativ 3 FM-Module und ein Studienprojekt		Insgesamt 30 LP		
Überfachlicher Wahlpflichtbereich (30 LP)					
ÜF	Module aus den hierfür vorgesehenen Modulkatalogen anderer Fächer oder zentraler Einrichtungennach freier Wahl		Insgesamt 30 LP		
Gesamt (120 LP)					
LP je Semester		30 LP	30 LP	30 LP	30 LP

Ag Econ (2017)

EGAF (2026)

No.	Title of module	1st term (winter)	2nd term (summer)	3rd term (winter)	4th term (summer)
Compulsory modules (80 credits)					
INRM CM 1	Public Policy Analysis and Institutional Economics	6 hours/week 10 credits			
EGAF CM 1	Transdisciplinary Research on Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	4 hours/week 10 credits			
EGAF CM 2	Microeconomics and Business Economics	6 hours/week 10 credits			
EGAF CM 3	Empirical Methods of Social and Economic Sciences		6 hours/week 10 credits		
EGAF CM 4	Internship			300 hours (2 hours/week plus internship) 10 credits	
EGAF CM 5	Final Module / Master thesis				30 credits
Elective compulsory modules (30 credits)					
EGAF FM 1, EGAF FM 3, INRM FM 2			2 modules: 12 hours/week 20 credits		
EGAF FM 2, EGAF FM 4, INRM FM 1				6 hours/week 10 credits	
Interdisciplinary elective area (üWP)					
				10 credits	
Total hours/week credits per semester		16 hours/week 30 credits	18 hours/week 30 credits	8 hours/week plus internship plus üWP 30 credits	30 credits

EGAF CM 4: Internship

- Compulsory module
  - → Often precondition for internships at public authorities
- Option to do in-house
  - → Participation in research project
  - → Requires offers by research groups
- Tasks:
  - Definition of learning objectives,
  - self reflection report
  - presentation
- Module coordinator: Jonas Luckmnann

EGAF CM 4: Internship

Credits: 10
Total workload: 300 hours

Learning objectives:

After completion of the internship, students are able to:

- apply knowledge and skills acquired during the course of study, i.e. apply theoretical insights and models from agricultural governance and economics in practice;
- assess and evaluate the agricultural governance and economics practices (both formal and informal) in an organisation;
- work independently and plan their professional activities;
- reflect on the decision-making culture in an organisation;
- perform general professional skills, such as cooperation with colleagues and dealing with clients;
- expand and maintain their professional network.

In addition, students formulate more specific, personal learning outcomes in conversation with the internship supervisor of the master's programme. These might, for example, relate to the acquisition of particular skills such as writing a policy memo, developing extension materials or planning and running a workshop. Of course, students define their learning objectives in line with the aims of the 'client', that is, their internship provider. Students discuss with the supervisor of the host organisation how they can achieve their specific, personal learning outcomes through the agreed activities during the internship, and how they receive feedback on their progress towards their general and personal learning outcomes.

The internship may take place in an external organisation (e.g. private sector, public organizations, civil society, research institutions), or as a research internship at Humboldt-University.

Preconditions: none

Teaching formats	Hours per week, workload in hours	Credits and preconditions for granting	Topics, Content
Internship	240 hours The internship may be full-time or part-time.	8 credits, participation	• The internship can take place at a private sector organization (e.g. an agri-food business), a public organization (e.g. a ministry or public agency), a civil society organization or a research organization. Internships abroad are encouraged. Internships in the context of a research project at Humboldt-University are possible. • Application of knowledge and skills from the course to problems and tasks agreed with the host organization; • Independent professional work on tasks agreed with the host organization; • Development and expansion of professional network

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  - → Participation in research project
- Tasks:
  - Definition of learning objectives,
  - Self reflection report
  - Presentation
- Module coordinator: Jonas Luckmnann

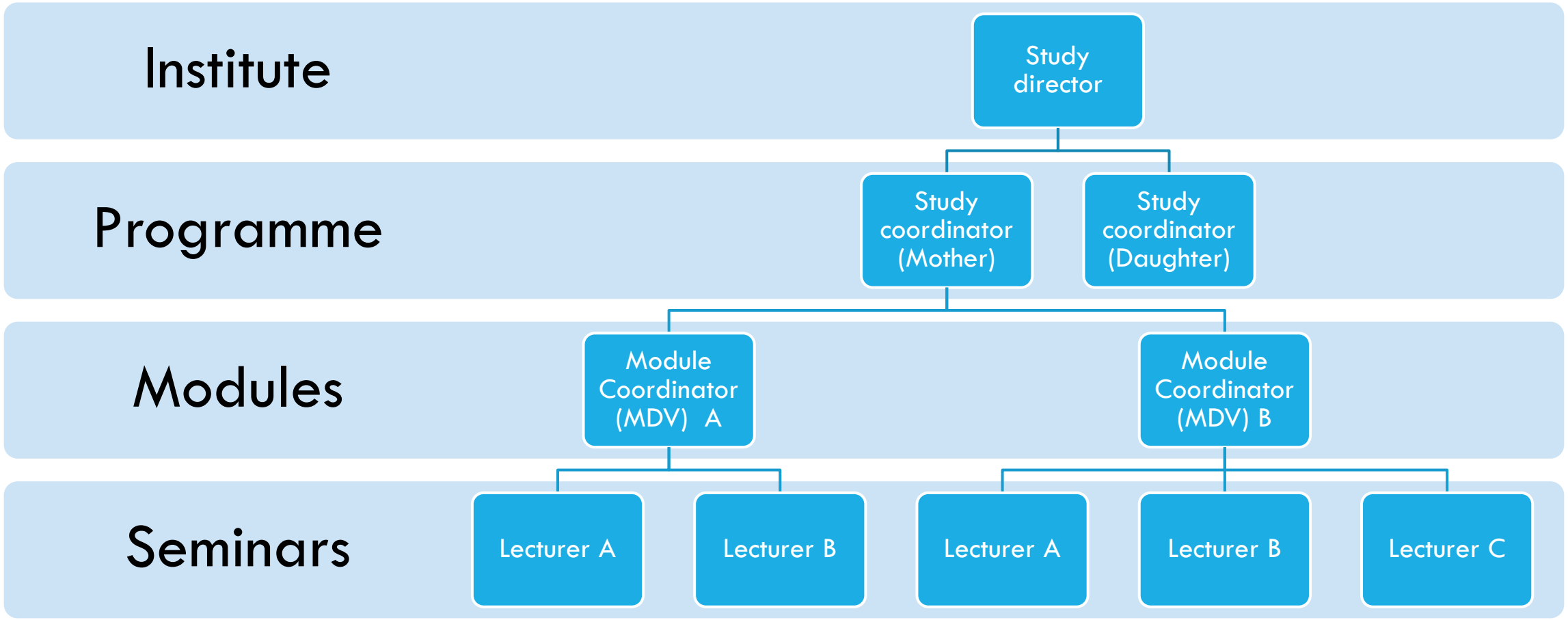
CO	2 SWS 60 hours 25 hours presence in class, 35 hours preparation and learning, special working tasks	2 credits, participation and special working tasks 1 and 2: Special working task 1: definition of learning objectives (500 words = 3.600 characters incl. spaces) - 0,5 credits Special working task 2: self-reflection report and oral presentation (2.000 words = 14.400 characters incl. spaces) - 0,5 credits	• Preparation and writing of a statement on individual learning objectives of the student and expectations on how these objectives would be achieved. • Reflection on the achievement of the learning goals; • Reflection on own and other's performance during the internship with regard to general professional skills, such as cooperation with colleagues and dealing with clients; • Reflection on the development of the professional network. • Presentation of self-reflection report, discussion. • Development and application of presentation and communication skills.
Final exam	none		
Duration of module	☒ 1 semester	☐ 2 semesters	
Start of module	☒ winter semester	☒ summer semester	
Applicability of module	M.Sc. Economics and Governance of Agriculture and Food		

EGAF CM 1: Transdisciplinary Reasearch on Agriculture, Horticulture, Food and Natural Resources

- Shared among all MSc-programmes
- General introduction lectures
- Transdisciplinary research projects
  - 10-15 students
  - Inderdisciplinary co-supervision
- Project report and presentation
- Module coordinator: Matteo Roggero

EGAF CM 1: Transdisciplinary Research on Agriculture, Horticulture, Food and Natural Resources			Credits: 10 **Total workload: 300 hours**
Learning objectives: Students understand: • the role of agricultural, horticultural and food systems in the global sustainability transition. • basic concepts of philosophies of sciences and epistemological backgrounds of different scientific disciplines. • concepts, research strategies and methods of inter- and transdisciplinary research. Students are able to: • apply concepts, research strategies and methods of inter- and transdisciplinarity to research questions in agriculture, food and natural resources, • critically reflect upon the epistemological foundations of disciplinary as well as inter- and transdisciplinary research, • critically reflect upon the potential and limits of inter- and transdisciplinary research, • cooperate in an inter- and transdisciplinary research team.			
Preconditions: none			
Teaching formats	Hours per week, workload in hours	Credits and preconditions for granting	Topics, Content
L	2 SWS 120 hours 25 hours presence in class, 95 hours preparation and learning	4 credits, participation	• The role of agriculture, horticulture, natural resources and food in the global sustainability transition • Philosophies of Sciences • Concepts of inter- and transdisciplinarity • Strategies of inter- and transdisciplinary research • Transdisciplinary methods
SE	2 SWS 120 hours 25 hours presence in class, 95 hours preparation and learning	4 credits, participation	• Conducting a transdisciplinary research project in small student groups (10-15 students) co-supervised by an interdisciplinary team of supervisors. • Application of concepts, research strategies and methods of inter- and transdisciplinarity to applied research questions in agriculture, food and natural resources
Final exam	60 hours Project report and presentation: project report as a group (about 15.000 characters including spaces) and presentation as a group (about 15 minutes) and preparation	2 credits, pass	
Duration of module	☒ 1 semester	☐ 2 semesters	
Start of module	☒ winter semester	☐ summer semester	
Applicability of module	M.Sc. Economics and Governance of Agriculture and Food, M.Sc. Integrated Natural Resource Management, M.Sc. Horticultural and Plant Sciences		

General management structure



Modules & MDVs

Term	No.	Module	MDV	ECTS
Compulsory Modules				
winter (1*)	INRM CM 1	Public Policy Analysis and Institutional Economics	Prof. Feindt	10
	EGAF CM 1	Transdisciplinary Research on Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Dr. Roggero	10
	EGAF CM 2	Microeconomics and Business Economics	Prof. Grethe	10
summer (2)	EGAF CM 3	Empirical Methods of Social and Economic Sciences	Prof. Mußhoff	10
winter and summer (3 and 4)	EGAF CM 4	Internship	Dr. Luckmann	10
	EGAF CM 5	Master thesis	NA	30
			Total	**80**
Elective compulsory modules (seminaristic modules)				
summer (2)	EGAF FM 1	Business and Management	Prof. Mußhoff	10
	INRM FM 2	Environmental and Resource Economics	Prof. Eisenack	10
	EGAF FM 3	Governance and Policy	Prof. Feindt	10
winter (3)	EGAF FM 2	Development	Prof. Mithöfer	10
winter and summer (2 or 3)	EGAF FM 4	Free Choice	NA	10
	INRM FM 1	Quantitative and Qualitative Methods	PD Dr. Gygax	10
			Total required	**30**
Interdisciplinary elective area				
winter and summer (2 or 3)		Master modules of other subjects/faculties/central institutions/other Berlin Universities		10
			Total	**10**

*: numbers in brackets refer to the semester according to the ideal study plan

Modules - Compulsory

Term		Module	Mother	Daughters	IMRD	MDV	Lecturers	Seminars	in Ag Econ	
Compulsory Modules										
1 (winter)	INRM CM 1	Public Policy Analysis and Institutional Economics	INRM	EGAF	X	Feindt	Feindt, Grohmann Eisenack	Public Policy Analysis Institutional Economics and Political Economy	CM 2 CM 1	WiSe WiSe
	EGAF CM 1	Transdisciplinary Research on Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	EGAF	INRM HOPLA	X	Roggero	Roggero Grethe Feindt Eisenack Bellingrath-Kimura Hillmann Kautz			
	EGAF CM 2	Microeconomics and Business Economics	EGAF		X	Grethe	Grethe, Kinkpe Mußhoff, Filler	Microeconomics and Business Economics Quantitative Methods in Agricultural Business Economics	CM 3 CM 5	WiSe WiSe
2 (summer)	EGAF CM 3	Empirical Methods of Social and Economic Sciences	EGAF		X	Mußhoff	Ölkers Feindt, Grohmann, Hönle	Econometrics Qualitative Research Methods	CM 4 -	WiSe
any (winter/summer)	EGAF CM 4	Internship	EGAF			Luckmann		NA		
	EGAF CM 5	Master thesis	EGAF			NA		NA		

Modules – Seminaristic I

Term	Module		Mother	Daughters	IMRD	MDV	Lecturers	Seminars	in Ag Econ	
Elective compulsory modules (seminaristic modules)										
2 (summer)	EGAF FM 1	Agribusiness and Management	EGAF		X	Mußhoff	Mithöfer	Strategic Management in Agriculture	FM 1	SoSe
							Mußhoff	Risk Management in Agriculture		
							Malvido-Perez, Martens, Hanisch, Robischon	Co-operation and Cooperative Organisations		
	INRM FM 2	Environmental and Resource Economics	INRM	EGAF		Eisenack	Eisenack	Environmental and Resource Economics		
							Hinkel, Roggero	Institutional Analysis of Social-Ecological-Technical Systems		
	EGAF FM 3	Governance and Policy	EGAF	INRM	X	Feindt	Kinkpe, Grethe	International Macroeconomics and Agricultural Trade	FM 5	SoSe
							FG Feindt	European and International Agricultural Policy	FM 2	SoSe
							FG Bauhardt	Gender and Sustainability	FM 7	SoSe
							FG Mithöfer	Sustainability Management and Information Systems		
							Gottwald	Environmental and bioethics	FM 23	SoSe
							FG Feindt und FG Grethe	Excursion to centers of agricultural and food system governance (Brussels, Rome)	FM 26	SoSe
3 (winter)	EGAF FM 2	Development	EGAF		X	Mithöfer	Mithöfer	Agri-Food Chains and Development		
							Brück	Human Development	FM 4	SoSe
							Sumpf	Institutions and Instruments of Development Co-operation (from WiSe 27/28)	FM 14	SoSe

Modules – Seminaristic II

Term	Module	Mother	Daughters	IMRD	MDV	Lecturers	Seminars	in Ag Econ	
Elective compulsory modules (seminaristic modules)									
any	EGAF FM 4	Free Choice	EGAF						
winter		INRM	EGAF	X	Gygax	Lotze-Campen	Integrated Assessment and Land Use Change Modelling		
						Luckmann, Elnour, Kinkpe, Grethe	Intermediate Computable General Equilibrium Modelling	FM 13	WiSe
			HOPLA			Gygax	Mixed Methods in R		
						Mithöfer, Adetoyinbo	Survey Research		
						Ölkers	Econometrics (only WiSe 26/27)	CM4	WiSe
summer	INRM FM 1	Quantitative and Qualitative Methods				Feindt, Grohmann, Höhnle	Conducting a qualitative research project	FM 22	SoSe
						Luckmann, Elnour, Kinkpe, Grethe	Introduction to Simulation Models in Market and Policy Analysis	FM 11	
						Gocht, Stepanyan	Applied Data Analysis	FM 28	SoSe
						Hamidov/Kasymov	Advanced empirical methodology for SES		
						Hillmann	Applied Ethology		
						Mehner, Stöck	Methods of aquatic ecology and evolution		
						Krause	Experimental Fish Biology		

Special working tasks

- Part of most seminars
- Usually group A
- Free choice: Group B (no exam)

Anlage 2: Übersicht über die speziellen Arbeitsleistungen

Group A (corresponds to 2 credits):

- Preparation of an elaborated performance (e.g. presentation, lecture, written homework), if necessary including presentation during the attendance time or
- Literature study, including a test during attendance time (e.g. oral quiz, multiple-choice tests) or outside attendance time (e.g. answering study questions) or
- Project work in individual or group work, including presentation or documentation in report form or
- Practical exercises as part of the course

Scope: written work (up to 16.000 characters including spaces), oral work or practical exercises (up to 20 minutes or up to 30 minutes as a group). Written assignments can be divided into several individual assignments as long as the total length remains within the specified framework. If special working tasks are completed in group work, the individual work must be recognisable as such and correspond to the required scope.

Group B (corresponds to 3 credits):

- Preparation of an elaborated performance (e.g. presentation, lecture, written homework), if necessary including presentation during the attendance time or
- Literature study, including a test during attendance time (e.g. oral quiz, multiple-choice tests) or outside attendance time (e.g. answering study questions) or
- Project work in individual or group work, including presentation or documentation in report form or
- Practical exercises as part of the course

Scope: written work (up to 18.000 characters including spaces), oral work or practical exercises (up to 25 minutes or up to 35 minutes as a group). Written assignments can be divided into several individual assignments as long as the total length remains within the specified framework. If special working tasks are completed in group work, the individual work must be recognisable as such and correspond to the required scope.

Language: Special working tasks are completed in English.

EGAF FM 4: Free Choice — Credits: 10 — **Total workload: 300 hours**

Learning objectives:

Students understand:
- selected theories, methods and applications in economics and governance of agriculture and food.

Students are able to:
- apply selected theories and methods in the field of agriculture and food to real world problems/situations of enterprises, development processes, governance and policy challenges in agricultural and food systems.
- critically reflect strengths and weaknesses of different theories, methods and analyses in economics and governance of agriculture and food.

This is a seminaristic module. Students can choose any seminars from the compulsory elective area which they have not yet completed. Seminars from the compulsory elective area that have already been completed cannot be used as part of the free choice module. It is not permitted to take the same course twice, even if it is offered on a different topic.

Preconditions: none

Teaching formats	Hours per week, workload in hours	Credits and preconditions for granting	Topics, Content
SE 1	3 SWS 150 hours 35 hours presence in class, 115 hours preparation and learning and specific working task	5 credits, participation and specific working task of group B according to annex 2	• Theory and application of selected theories and methods in economics and governance of agriculture and food. • Critical reflection of the strengths and weaknesses of different theories, methods and analyses in the field of economics and governance of agriculture and food.
SE 2	3 SWS 150 hours 35 hours presence in class, 115 hours preparation and learning and specific working task	5 credits, participation and specific working task of group B according to annex 2	• Theory and application of selected theories and methods in economics and governance of agriculture and food not covered in seminar 1. • Critical reflection of the strengths and weaknesses of different theories, methods and analyses in the field of economics and governance of agriculture and food.
Final exam	none		
Duration of module	☒ 1 semester ☐ 2 semesters		
Start of module	☒ winter semester ☒ summer semester		
Applicability of module	M.Sc. Economics and Governance of Agriculture and Food		

Free choice module

Focal modules / Compulsory elective modules:

Guidelines for seminar attendance in the compulsory elective modules and in the free choice module:

If students attend more than two seminars within a compulsory elective module, these seminars are included in the compulsory elective module in chronological order (semester of attendance). Additional seminars can be included in the free choice module in chronological order (semester of enrolment), if the corresponding special working task (5 credits) has been completed in accordance with the module description.

If students take more than two seminars within a compulsory elective module within the same semester, the Examinations Office must be informed which seminars are to be included in the compulsory elective module and which seminars are to be included in the free choice module. This notification must be made in writing to the Examinations Office and is irrevocable.

It is not permitted to transfer surplus seminars to the interdisciplinary compulsory elective area (üWP).

Staying in AgEcon

- Complete your studies by September 2028
- Choose courses from the new EGAF programme and use equivalency tables to get the respective credits for the respective Ag Econ courses:

  https://www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/de/lehre/msc/maoe

- Option 1: do a reduced module (one seminar) to get 6 ECTS
- Option 2: do full module + 2 ECTS special working task to get 12 ECTS

→ Inform module coordinator at the beginning of the semester

Switching to EGAF

- Submit a written request to the Examinations Office
- The change is irrevocable and cannot be withdrawn
- Previous study and examination credits will be recognised in accordance with the equivalence tables
- "Equivalence Assignment Master"-form for change and for recognition:
- https://fakultaeten.hu-berlin.de/de/lewi/studiumlehre/PrfAng/az/aequivalenztabellen-2
- Option 1: use two AgEcon Modules (12 ECTS) to get one EGAF Module (10 ECTS) + 2 ECTS in IEA/free choice
- Option 2: use one AgEcon Module (6 ECTS) and take part in one seminar of the EGAF Module

→ Inform module coordinator at the beginning of the semester

Questions?