

Valid from 2025.HS

Module description: Bioeconomy / Materials	
Module Code	w.MA.XX.BIMA.23HS
ECTS Credits	3
Language of Instruction/Examination	English
Module Description	In this module, students are introduced to the concept of bioeconomy, a transformation from a market-based petroleum economy to a market economy in which fossil resources are replaced by various renewable raw materials. The module covers forms of development and processing of renewable raw materials, for example, the chemical and packaging industry, as well as the description of new supply chains and business models. Natural cycles with and without anthropogenic influence and the foundations for raw materials and materials for a renewable economy are discussed.
Organizational Unit	Zurich CTR f Sustainability Leadership
Module Coordinator	Christof Brändli
Deputy Module Coordinator	Selçuk Yildirim
Program and Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy Management
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations MSc in Circular Economy Management dated 02.06.2022, Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the degree program in Circular Economy Management, first adopted on 23.09.2022
Module Category	Module Type Compulsory
Prerequisite Knowledge	
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Competence • Methodological Competence • Social Competence • Self-Competence
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Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and basics of bioeconomy• Concept of mass balance• Introduction to platform chemicals• Raw materials from renewable sources• Biopolymers• Carbon capture and utilization• Recycling• Applications in the packaging industry																																	
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules:																																	
Digital Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reader• Teaching Materials																																	
Methods of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literature Review• Case Studies• Interactive Instruction• Lecture		Social Settings Used: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group Work• Individual Work																															
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