

Valid from 2025.HS

Module description: Master Thesis	
Module Code	w.MA.XX.MTCEM.23HS
ECTS Credits	15
Language of Instruction/Examination	English
Module Description	By completing a Master's thesis, students prove that they are capable of dealing on their own with a demanding subject-related problem within a given time frame and in a manner that is scientifically founded, appropriate, and solution-oriented. Students are encouraged to submit their own topic or can select a given problem. Students carry out an in-depth analysis of the situation and, on the basis of this analysis, they derive recommendations for the procedure to be followed in order to solve the problem. Students use the knowledge or skills gained through their studies effectively and efficiently and acquire additional specialized knowledge.
Organizational Unit	Zurich CTR f Sustainability Leadership
Module Coordinator	Christian Vögtlin
Deputy Module Coordinator	Rolf Krebs
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	Prerequisites for this module are the methodological and professional skills students have acquired so far while completing the MSc in Circular Economy Management program. The relevance of each module varies depending on the topic of the Master's thesis. Statistical knowledge, the processing and research of scientific literature, and a structured approach are essential. In addition, the Master's thesis builds on the specialist knowledge acquired in the other modules of this Master's program.
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">Scientifically well-founded familiarization with a topic of the specialization of the study programComposing a thesis proposal for the selected topicSystematic development of a problem analysis based on the knowledge structures taught in the study programDocumentation of the procedure within the framework of the problem-solving processDevelopment and evaluation of solution approachesApplication of the methods for the preparation of a scientific thesis (information gathering, information analysis and evaluation, scientific methodologies, qualitative and quantitative research etc.)Writing an independent scientific paper on a topic related to the circular economyDefending the thesis																																	
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules:																																	
Digital Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None																																	
Methods of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explorative LearningProject WorkLiterature Review		Social Settings Used: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individual Work																															
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