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## Directive

### Restrictions on study programme selection, change of degree programme, re-entry to ETH Zurich and recognition of study achievements

*The Executive Board of ETH Zurich,*

at the request of the Rector and pursuant to Art. 40 Para. 4, Art. 41 Para. 6, Art. 42 Para. 5 and Art. 43 Para. 8 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich (*Zulassungsverordnung ETH Zürich*) of 30 November 2010<sup>1</sup>,

*decrees the following:*

#### Overview

1. Restrictions on study programme selection following exclusion from a degree programme
2. Change of degree programme
3. Re-entry to ETH Zurich
4. Recognition of study achievements and waiving of performance assessments
5. Final clauses

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## 1. Restrictions on study programme selection following exclusion from a degree programme

(Reference: Art. 40 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich)

### Art. 1 Restrictions on study programme selection after exclusion at ETH Zurich

<sup>1</sup> Exclusion due to failure to respect programme deadlines

Persons who have been irrevocably excluded from continuing a particular degree programme at ETH Zurich because they have not respected programme deadlines remain excluded from matriculating in the Bachelor's or Master's degree programme in this discipline at ETH Zurich.

*Example: A person who has been excluded from the ETH Bachelor's degree programme in Physics for failure to respect programme deadlines will not be granted further admission to the Bachelor's or Master's degree programme in Physics at ETH Zurich.*

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<sup>1</sup> RSETHZ 310.5

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<sup>2</sup> Exclusion due to failure of performance assessments

Persons who have been irrevocably excluded from continuing a particular degree programme at ETH Zurich because they have failed performance assessments remain excluded from matriculating in the Bachelor's or Master's degree programme in this or a comparable discipline at ETH Zurich.

<sup>3</sup> Comparable disciplines as under Para. 2 are:

- a. at Bachelor's degree level: Bachelor's degree programmes in comparable disciplines (= comparable Bachelor's degree programmes) are listed in Appendix 1.
- b. at Master's degree level: Master's degree programmes of comparable disciplines (= comparable Master's degree programmes) are all those Master's degree programmes offered by the same department, including Master's degree programmes offered in cooperation with other departments or other universities (joint sponsorship)<sup>2</sup>. Comparable Master's degree programmes are listed in Appendix 2.

Implementation: Pursuant to Para. 2 and 3:

- 1) *Exclusion from a Bachelor's degree programme:*  
A person excluded from a particular Bachelor's degree programme at ETH Zurich due to failure of performance assessments is no longer granted admission to the following degree programmes at ETH Zurich:
  - a. The same Bachelor's degree programme and all the Master's degree programmes offered by the department in question, including Master's degree programmes offered in cooperation with other departments or universities (joint sponsorship)
  - b. Comparable Bachelor's degree programmes, as listed in the appendix to this directive
- 2) *Exclusion from a Master's degree programme:*  
A person excluded from a particular Master's degree programme at ETH Zurich due to failure of performance assessments is no longer granted admission at ETH Zurich to the same Master's degree programme or any Master's degree programmes offered by the department in question, including Master's degree programmes offered in cooperation with other departments or universities (joint sponsorship).

<sup>4</sup> Exclusion according to Para. 1 and 2 is perpetual and also applies to persons who after exclusion from a degree programme at ETH acquire a degree in the same or a comparable discipline at another university<sup>3</sup> and wish to re-matriculate at ETH Zurich.

## **Art. 2 Restrictions on study programme selection after exclusion from another university**

Persons who have been irrevocably excluded from continuing a particular degree programme at another university because they have failed performance assessments or not respected programme deadlines, and who apply for admission to ETH Zurich, are subject to the following restrictions:

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<sup>2</sup> Joint sponsorship is always recorded in the respective Programme Regulations.

<sup>3</sup> The term 'university' covers universities, universities of applied sciences and Swiss teacher training colleges (*Pädagogische Hochschulen*).

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- a. They are not granted admission to any degree programme from which they have been excluded at the home university.
  - b. They are not granted admission to comparable Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes. The principles of Art. 1, Para. 3 apply analogously to the comparability of degree programmes. If a person has been excluded from a Swiss university Bachelor's degree programme which at ETH Zurich either does not exist or does not exist under the same name, comparability is established according to the CRUS classification of disciplines (list published at [www.uni-programme.ch](http://www.uni-programme.ch)).
  - c. Persons excluded from degree programmes in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine can be admitted to any ETH Zurich degree programme. Study programme selection is not subject to any restrictions.

### **Art. 3 Didactic education**

The principles of Art. 1, Para. 1, 2 and 4 and Art. 2 apply analogously to degree programmes in didactic education.

## **2. Change of degree programme**

(Reference: Art. 41 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich)

### **Art. 4 The term 'change of degree programme'**

A change of degree programme is when a student, before acquiring a degree, transfers to a different programme at the same level and remains matriculated at ETH.

### **Art. 5 Recognition and non-recognition of a change of degree programme**

Every change of degree programme is recognised. The only exceptions are changes made during the first semester of the first year of Bachelor's degree studies undertaken: here changes made before the 'final deadline for change of study programme'<sup>4</sup> are not recognised.

### **Art. 6 Restrictions on study programme selection**

Every change of study programme is subject to the restrictions on study programme selection set out in Art. 1 – 3.

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<sup>4</sup> The 'final deadline for change of study programme' is published in the academic calendar and at [www.rektorat.ethz.ch/calendar/students](http://www.rektorat.ethz.ch/calendar/students).

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**Art. 7 Change of degree programme on the basis of admission with a foreign matriculation certificate**

<sup>1</sup> If a student was granted admission to ETH Zurich on the basis of a foreign matriculation certificate, a change of degree programme may be subject to verification of a place on a study programme in the desired discipline in the country of origin.

<sup>2</sup> This verification is no longer required if said student passes the ETH Zurich first-year examinations with an average grade of 4.5.

**Art. 8 Change of degree programme at the Bachelor's degree level**

<sup>1</sup> After entering a Bachelor's degree programme at ETH Zurich a student may change his/her study programme twice before acquiring a Bachelor's degree.

<sup>2</sup> If a student changes to another degree programme after failing the first-year examinations said student will always be required to sit the first-year examinations in the new Bachelor's degree programme.

<sup>3</sup> Students who fail their first-year examinations once and then change to a comparable Bachelor's degree programme are only entitled to sit the respective new first-year examinations once. The comparable Bachelor's degree programmes are listed in Appendix 1.

<sup>4</sup> The normal programme deadlines apply to the new Bachelor's degree programme<sup>(5)</sup>, with the following exceptions:

- a. If ECTS credits for previous study achievements are recognised, the maximum permitted duration of studies is reduced by one semester per every 20 credits recognised.
- b. If a student is only entitled to sit the new first-year examinations once he/she must sit said examinations within the first two semesters following the change of degree programme.

**Art. 9 Change of degree programme at the Master's degree level**

<sup>1</sup> After entering a Master's degree programme at ETH Zurich a student may change his/her study programme once before acquiring a Master's degree, provided that

- a. said student has not been irrevocably excluded from the original degree programme<sup>(6)</sup>, and
- b. the prerequisites for admission to the new Master's degree programme have been satisfied.

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<sup>5</sup> The term 'programme deadlines' comprises all study programme deadlines. In this directive it is applied in the sense used in Art. 3 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich (RSETHZ 310.5).

<sup>6</sup> Irrevocable exclusion from a Master's degree programme always results in dematriculation; a change of degree programme is not possible. However, affected persons may re-matriculate in an ETH Zurich degree programme (re-entry to ETH Zurich) as long as they satisfy the corresponding prerequisites.

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<sup>2</sup> Any student at Master's degree level who wishes to change his/her degree programme and who satisfies the corresponding prerequisites must submit an application for admission to the new Master's degree programme. The normal ETH dates, deadlines and documentation required for admission apply. Exceptions are listed in Para. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Students who hold an ETH Bachelor's degree which guarantees admission to the new consecutive Master's degree programme without additional requirements ("Master's degree programmes subject to regulated transfer from other disciplines") should inform the Registrar's Office of the change of degree programme at an early stage in writing or by email. The normal ETH dates and deadlines apply.

<sup>4</sup> In the new Master's degree programme the normal programme deadlines apply if no credits from previous study achievements are recognised. If credits are recognised, the maximum permitted duration of studies is reduced by one semester per every 20 credits recognised.

### **3. Re-entry to ETH Zurich**

(Reference: Art. 42 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich)

#### **Art. 10 Policy**

Students who have withdrawn or who have been dematriculated from ETH Zurich may re-matriculate in an ETH Zurich degree programme as long as they satisfy the corresponding prerequisites.

#### **Art. 11 Restrictions on study programme selection**

Every re-entry to ETH Zurich is subject to the restrictions on study programme selection set out in Art. 1 – 3.

#### **Art. 12 Programme deadlines pertaining to re-entry to the same degree programme**

<sup>1</sup> The programme deadlines pertaining to re-entry to the same degree programme are stipulated in Art. 42, Para. 3 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich.

<sup>2</sup> In the calculation of the remaining study duration it is immaterial whether revised or new Programme Regulations entered into effect between withdrawal/dematriculation and re-entry.

<sup>3</sup> Re-entry is not possible, even if superficially feasible according to credit numbers (a maximum of 30 per semester), if the curriculum of the respective degree programme would necessitate more than the remaining permitted number of semesters.

*Example: The remaining length of studies is one semester, and to complete the Bachelor's degree 25 credits must be acquired. If, however, the respective Bachelor's programme offers the course units involved in different semesters, or as a year course, acquiring the required 25 credits would take longer than one semester and hence re-entry is not possible.*

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<sup>4</sup> Repeating a failed performance assessment does not entitle the respective student to an extension of the remaining length of studies. If the repetition of a failed performance assessment is required to complete the degree but is impossible within the remaining period of studies, the student will be regarded as having failed the degree programme in question and will be excluded from it.

<sup>5</sup> Persons who were enrolled in an untiered Diploma programme prior to re-entry to a degree programme in the same discipline are subject to special regulations. These are set out in Appendix 3.

### **Art. 13 Programme deadlines pertaining to re-entry to a different degree programme**

If re-entry is to a different degree programme the normal programme deadlines apply. Exceptions are:

- a. If credits for previous study achievements are recognised in the new degree programme, the maximum permitted duration of studies is reduced by one semester per every 20 credits recognised.
- b. If re-entry takes place following failure of the first-year examinations once in a comparable Bachelor's degree programme (see the Appendix to this directive), the student in question is only entitled to sit the first-year examinations in the new Bachelor's degree programme once, and must do so within two semesters of re-entry.

## **4. Recognition of study achievements and waiving of performance assessments**

(Reference: Art. 43 – 45 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich)

### **1. Subsection: General regulations**

#### **Art. 14 Policy**

In the context of changes of degree programme, re-entry to ETH Zurich, and student admissions from other universities credits for previous study achievements may be recognised and performance assessments may be waived. The relevant policies are set out in Art. 43 – 45 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich. The particulars of these are provided in the following articles.

#### **Art. 15 Procedure regarding recognition of study achievements**

<sup>1</sup> A student submits a request for recognition of credits for previous study achievements. The department responsible examines the request and applies to the Rector for recognition/non-recognition of said credits. The Rector decides whether said credits will be recognised or not.

<sup>2</sup> Departments may not themselves apply to the Rector regarding recognition of credits, but only on the request of the student.

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## **Art. 16 Reduction of the maximum permitted duration of studies**

If credits for previous study achievements are recognised, the maximum permitted duration of studies is reduced in the new degree programme by one semester per every 20 credits recognised. The exception is re-entry to the same degree programme (see in this instance Art. 42, Para. 3 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich).

## **Art. 17 Partial waiver not allowable**

Waiving of a performance assessment always applies to all components of the performance assessment. Partial waivers (e.g. from year courses or practicals) are not permitted.

## **Art. 18 The form in which study achievements are recognised**

<sup>1</sup> If study achievements are recognised they are to be recorded in the corresponding documentation (transcript of records, academic record) only in the form of credits, without details of the university, corresponding course units or grades. Exceptions are listed in Para. 2.

<sup>2</sup> If the recognised study achievements were undertaken at ETH Zurich and have not already been counted towards another degree they are generally detailed in full (title of course unit(s), grades, number of credits) in the corresponding documentation (transcript of records, academic record). The stipulations of the Rectorate apply.

## **Art. 19 Recognition of credits for compulsory GESS electives**

Credits already acquired for compulsory GESS electives may be recognised towards changes of degree programme and re-entry to ETH Zurich provided that the stipulations of the pertaining directive<sup>7</sup> regard the respective course units as allowable compulsory GESS electives. At Master's degree level the further restriction applies that only credits acquired at ETH Zurich which have not yet been counted towards a degree may be recognised.

## **2. Subsection: Particular stipulations at the Bachelor's and Master's degree levels**

### **Art. 20 Bachelor's degree level: Limitations on the number of allowable credits**

<sup>1</sup> Credits for previous study achievements may be recognised when students are admitted to the Bachelor's degree programme. It is immaterial whether these credits have already counted towards a degree. The maximum allowable number of credits comprises

- a. 120 credits, if acquired at ETH Zurich or ETH Lausanne
- b. 60 credits, if acquired at a further university

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<sup>7</sup> Directive 'Compulsory Electives in Humanities, Social and Political Sciences'. See [www.rektorat.ethz.ch/directives](http://www.rektorat.ethz.ch/directives).

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<sup>2</sup> The restriction set out in Para. 1, Subpara. a does not apply to re-entry to the same Bachelor's degree programme.

<sup>3</sup> The restriction set out in Para. 1, Subpara. b does not apply to universities with which ETH Zurich has a corresponding agreement.

#### **Art. 21 Bachelor's degree level: Recognition of credits on change of degree programme or re-entry**

The following special stipulations apply to the recognition of credits for previous study achievements on a change of degree programme or re-entry at Bachelor's degree level:

- a. Performance assessments from failed first-year examinations are not recognised. It is immaterial whether a pass grade was obtained in any single performance assessment belonging to these.
- b. Performance assessments from failed examination blocks are recognised, provided that pass grades were obtained in the respective performance assessments.
- c. Credits already acquired outside the context of the first-year examinations may be recognised.
- d. If recognition of credits leads to waiving of performance assessments which form part of the first-year examinations or examination blocks of the target degree programme, the average grade achieved in the respective examinations is calculated without taking into account the grades associated with the recognised credits.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Art. 22 Master's degree level: Restrictions on the recognition of credits**

<sup>1</sup> No credits for previous study achievements are recognised for students admitted to Master's degree programmes. The exceptions are credits acquired only at ETH Zurich which have not yet been counted towards a degree.

<sup>2</sup> In well-founded exceptional cases credits already recognised in the context of an ETH Zurich Master's degree may be counted towards a second Master's degree at the discretion of the Rector. If exceptional permission is granted the details are provided in the respective Programme Regulations.

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<sup>8</sup> Average grades are calculated according to the stipulations of Art. 11, Para. 2 of the General Rules on Performance Assessments at ETH Zurich (AVL ETHZ, RSETHZ 322.021).

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### **3. Subsection: Particular stipulations regarding the recognition of credits for students admitted from other universities**

#### **Art. 23 Restrictions on the recognition of credits**

<sup>1</sup> The restrictions on the recognition of credits are set out in Art. 20 (Bachelor's degree level) and Art. 22 (Master's degree level).

<sup>2</sup> Exceptions are stipulated in Art. 25.

#### **Art. 24 First-year examinations and recognition of credits**

If students admitted from other universities are required to sit the first-year examinations of the ETH Zurich Bachelor's degree programme, the following special stipulations apply to the first-year examinations and the recognition of credits for previous study achievements.

- a. Students from other universities who have once failed the performance assessments at the original university which correspond to ETH Zurich's first-year examinations, and who attend a degree programme at ETH Zurich in the same discipline,
  - 1) are only entitled to sit the first-year examinations once, and
  - 2) must sit the first-year examinations within the first two semesters at ETH Zurich.
- b. A waiver of the performance assessments of the first-year examinations is only possible if at least 30 credits were acquired during the first year of study at the original university.
- c. Failed performance assessments at the original university which correspond to ETH Zurich's first-year examinations cannot be recognised. It is immaterial whether a pass grade was obtained in any single performance assessment belonging to these.
- d. Credits acquired via pass grades in performance assessments which neither correspond to the examination level mentioned in (c) nor belong to the ETH Zurich first-year examinations may be recognised. This applies regardless of the original-university examination results at the level mentioned in (c) and regardless of the condition set out in (b).
- e. If recognition of credits acquired at the original university leads to waiving of performance assessments which form part of the first-year examinations or examination blocks in the ETH Zurich Bachelor's degree programme, the average grade achieved in the respective examinations will be calculated without taking into account the average grades acquired at the original university.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Art. 25 Compulsory GESS electives**

When students from other universities transfer to ETH Zurich the credits which they must acquire via compulsory GESS electives are added proportionally to the total number of credits still to be acquired before obtaining the degree. Waiving of credits pending from compulsory GESS electives is not possible.

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<sup>9</sup> Average grades are calculated according to the stipulations of Art. 11, Para. 2 of the AVL ETHZ (RSETHZ 322.021).

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## **5. Final clauses**

### **Art. 26 Rescindment of previous directives**

The following directives are rescinded:

- a. Directive of 1 May 2005 'Change of degree programme and restrictions on study programme selection after failing Bachelor's degree level examinations'
- b. Directive of 1 March 2009 'Restrictions on study programme selection after failing examinations'

### **Art. 27 Entry into effect**

This directive enters into effect on 18 February 2011.

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## Appendix 1

### Comparable Bachelor's degree programmes

(Reference: Art. 1, Para. 3, Subpara. a of this directive)

Groups A – F below each comprise comparable Bachelor's degree programmes. If a subject direction is specified next to a degree programme, the following stipulations apply only to the respective subject direction in the degree programme mentioned.

Stipulations applying to these groups:

- If a student is excluded from a Bachelor's degree programme due to failure of the respective performance assessments he/she is not permitted to commence or re-enter any Bachelor's degree programme in the same group. This applies analogously to the admission of students from other universities (vgl. Art. 2, Subpara. b of this directive).
- Students who fail the first-year examinations once and change to a different Bachelor's degree programme in the same group are only entitled to sit the respective new first-year examinations once.
- Students who fail the first-year examinations once and re-enter the same Bachelor's degree programme or change to a different Bachelor's degree programme in the same group are only entitled to sit the respective new first-year examinations once.
- The Bachelor's degree programmes in Biology and Interdisciplinary Sciences each have two subject directions. A change from one subject direction to the other within the same degree programme is by definition not a change of degree programme. Whoever fails the first-year examinations once in one subject direction and then changes to the other subject direction within the same degree programme is only entitled to sit the respective new first-year examinations once.

**Group A** Bachelor's degree programmes:

- Civil Engineering
- Geomatic Engineering and Planning
- Environmental Engineering

**Group B** Bachelor's degree programmes:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Interdisciplinary Sciences (physico-chemical direction only)

**Group C** Bachelor's degree programmes:

- Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
- Computational Science and Engineering

- Group D** Bachelor's degree programmes:
- Biology (chemical direction only)
  - Biotechnology (D-CHAB only; see Programme Regulations 2006)
  - Chemistry
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Interdisciplinary Sciences (biochemical-physical direction only)

- Group E** Bachelor's degree programmes:
- Human Movement Sciences
  - Biology (biological direction only)
  - Health Sciences and Technology
  - Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Group F** Bachelor's degree programmes:
- Agricultural Science
  - Food Science
  - Environmental Sciences

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## Appendix 2

### Comparable Master's degree programmes

(Reference: Art. 1, Para. 3, Subpara. b of this directive)

Comparable Master's degree programmes are Master's degree programmes which are offered by the same department, including those offered in cooperation with other departments or universities (joint sponsorship). The following list indicates the Master's degree programmes offered by each department, including those with joint sponsorship.

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**All Master's degree programmes offered by the respective department, including those with joint sponsorship, listed alphabetically**

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D-ARCH – Architecture

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D-BAUG – Civil Engineering  
 – Geomatic Engineering and Planning  
 – Spatial Development and Infrastructure Systems  
 – Environmental Engineering

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D-MAVT – Biomedical Engineering (*with D-ITET*)  
 – Energy Science and Technology (*with D-ITET*)  
 – Mechanical Engineering  
 – Micro and Nanosystems (*with D-ITET*)  
 – Nuclear Engineering (*with ETH Lausanne*)  
 – Robotics, Systems and Control (*with D-ITET and D-INFK*)  
 – Process Engineering

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 – Electrical Engineering and Information Technology  
 – Energy Science and Technology (*with D-MAVT*)  
 – Micro and Nanosystems (*with D-MAVT*)  
 – Robotics, Systems and Control (*with D-MAVT and D-INFK*)

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**All Master's degree programmes offered by the respective department, including those with joint sponsorship, listed alphabetically**

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D-INFK      – Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (*with the University of Zurich*<sup>(1)</sup>)  
 – Computer Science  
 – Robotics, Systems and Control (*with D-MAVT and D-ITET*)

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D-MATL      – Materials Science

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D-MTEC      – Management, Technology and Economics

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D-MATH      – Mathematics  
 – Quantitative Finance (*with the University of Zurich*)  
 – Statistics  
 – Computational Science and Engineering

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D-PHYS      – High Energy Physics (*with Ecole Polytechnique Paris*)  
 – Neural Systems and Computation (*with the University of Zurich*<sup>(2)</sup>)  
 – Physics

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D-CHAB      – Biotechnology  
 – Chemistry  
 – Chemical and Bioengineering  
 – Interdisciplinary Sciences  
 – Medicinal and Industrial Pharmaceutical Sciences  
 – Pharmaceutical Sciences

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D-BIOL      – Human Movement Sciences  
 – Biology

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D-BSSE      – Biotechnology

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<sup>1</sup> This programme will become an ETH/University of Zurich Joint Master's degree programme in Autumn Semester 2011.

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**All Master's degree programmes offered by the respective department, including those with joint sponsorship, listed alphabetically**

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- D-ERDW
- Applied Geophysics (*with TU Delft and RWTH Aachen*)
  - Atmospheric and Climate Science
  - Earth Sciences
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- D-UWIS
- Environmental Sciences
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- D-AGRL
- Agroecosystem Science
  - Food Science
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- D-GESS
- Comparative and International Studies (*with the University of Zurich*)
  - History and Philosophy of Knowledge
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## Appendix 3

### Programme deadlines pertaining to re-entry to a degree programme in the same discipline

(Reference: Art. 12, Para. 3 of this directive)

<sup>1</sup> Regulated here are programme deadlines in cases where persons have withdrawn from an untiered Diploma programme and wish to enter a degree programme in the same discipline. The stipulations set out in Art. 43, Para. 6 of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich also apply.

*Example: A person has dropped out of an untiered Diploma programme in Physics before graduating and wishes to enter the Bachelor's or Master's degree programme in Physics.*

<sup>2</sup> The following stipulations apply:

**a. Withdrawal before the first intermediate examinations**

Pursuant to Art. 42, Para. 3, Subpara. d of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich, re-entry is only possible if withdrawal has taken place by the end of the fourth semester at the latest. Re-entry to the corresponding Bachelor's degree programme may proceed; the normal programme deadlines apply.

**b. Withdrawal after failing the first intermediate examinations once**

Re-entry is no longer possible (Art. 42, Para. 3, Subpara. c of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich).

**c. Withdrawal after passing the first intermediate examinations**

If re-entry takes place it is to the corresponding Bachelor's degree programme. The maximum permitted duration of said Bachelor's degree programme determines the remaining length of studies. The stipulations set out in Art. 42, Para. 3, Sub-para. a and b of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich apply. Exceptions are listed in Para. 3 of this Appendix.

**d. Withdrawal after passing the second intermediate examinations**

If re-entry takes place it is to the corresponding Bachelor's degree programme, but the determinant of the remaining length of studies is the sum of the maximum permitted duration of the Bachelor's programme plus that of the immediately following Master's programme. The stipulations set out in Art. 42, Para. 3, Subpara. a and b of the Ordinance on Admission to Studying at ETH Zurich also apply here. The remaining length of studies is distributed between the Bachelor's and Master's levels according to the number of credits still to be acquired towards each degree. Exceptions are listed in Para. 3 of this Appendix.

<sup>3</sup> Re-entry as per Para. 2, Sub-para. c and d is not possible, even if superficially feasible according to credit numbers (a maximum of 30 per semester), if the curriculum of the respective degree programme would necessitate more than the remaining permitted number of semesters.

*Example, Para. 2, Sub-para. c: The remaining length of studies is one semester, and to complete the Bachelor's degree 25 credits must be acquired. If, however, the respective Bachelor's programme offers the course units involved in different semesters, or as a year course, acquiring the required 25 credits would take longer than one semester and hence re-entry is not possible.*

*Example, Para. 2, Sub-para. d: The remaining length of studies is three semesters, and for the Bachelor's degree 25 and for the Master's degree 59 credits must be acquired. If, however, the respective Bachelor's programme offers the course units involved in different semesters, or as a year course, it would take two semesters to acquire the 25 Bachelor's degree credits, and leave only one semester for the student to acquire the 59 Master's degree credits. In this case re-entry to neither the Bachelor's nor the Master's degree programme is possible.*

<sup>4</sup> Repeating a failed performance assessment does not entitle the respective student to an extension of the remaining length of studies. If the repetition of a failed performance assessment is required to complete the degree but is impossible within the remaining period of studies, the student will be regarded as having failed the degree programme in question and will be excluded from it.