

Important Dates 2025-2026 Master's program in Life Sciences (MSLS)

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		Who	Date / Calendar Week (CW) Autumn Semester 2025	Date / Calendar Week (CW) Spring Semester 2026
Registration for modules	Publication module descriptions	Zuei	Friday, 18.04.2025 / CW16	Friday, 26.09.2025 / CW39
	Module registration in myZHAW according to the individual study agreement (ISA)	Admin	Friday, 27.06.2025 / CW26	Friday, 31.10.2025 / CW44
	Viewing module registrations on myZHAW for students and lecturers	Stud / Lecturers	Monday, 30.06.2025 / CW27	Monday, 03.11.2025 / CW45
	Activation ISA tool for changes	Admin	Tuesday, 01.07.2025 / CW27	Tuesday, 04.11.2025 / CW45
	Requests for dispensations based on already provided performances	Stud	Sunday, 17.08.2025 / CW33	Sunday, 18.01.2026 / CW03
	Publication weekly plans (ZHAW specialisation skills)	Admin	Monday, 18.08.2025 / CW34	Monday, 19.01.2026 / CW04
	Submission of ISA changes without joker via ISA tool (for students starting from autumn semester 2020) or ISA changes form (for students starting before autumn semester 2020)	Stud	Monday, 11.08.2025 / CW33	Monday, 12.01.2026 / CW03
	Disabling of the planning option in the ISA tool (planning must be completed)	Admin	Tuesday, 12.08.2025, 12.00 o'clock / CW33	Tuesday, 13.01.2026, 12.00 o'clock / CW03
ISA changes with one-time joker; request by mail to msc-ls@zhaw.ch	Stud	until Monday, 08.09.2025 / CW37	until Monday, 09.02.2026 / CW07	
Cooperation	Mailing enrolment key & start module preparations on the moodle platform of the cooperation: https://mslscommunitycentre.ch/	Zuei / Stud	4 weeks before start of the module	
	Grade publication of the cooperation modules on myZHAW	Zuei	5-7 weeks after end of the module	
Process grades and exams	Publication of examination schedule (incl. dates for amendments/Nachbesserungen) for cooperation modules on MSLS Community Centre	Zuei	Friday, 15.08.2025 / CW33	Friday, 23.01.2026 / CW04
	Entry of grades by ZHAW lecturers on myZHAW for the specialisation modules in Food and Beverage Innovation. The grades are published the following day by the Administration Office.	Lecturers / Admin	V1_1: Sunday, 15.02.2026 / CW07 V1_3: Sunday, 15.02.2026 / CW07 V1_5: Sunday, 15.02.2026 / CW07	V1_2: Monday, 11.05.2026 / CW20 V1_4: Sunday, 12.07.2026 / CW28
	Entry of grades by ZHAW lecturers on myZHAW for the specialisation modules in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. The grades are published the following day by the Administration Office.	Lecturers / Admin	V2_1 & V2_2: Sunday, 15.02.2026 / CW07	V2_3 & V2_4: until Sunday, 12.07.2026 / CW28
	Entry of grades by ZHAW lecturers on myZHAW for the specialisation modules in Chemistry for the Life Sciences. The grades are published the following day by the Administration Office.	Lecturers / Admin	V3_1 & V3_4: Sunday, 15.02.2026 / CW07	V3_2, V3_3 & V3_5: until Sunday, 12.07.2026 / CW28
	Entry of grades by ZHAW lecturers on myZHAW for the specialisation modules in Applied Computational Life Sciences. The grades are published the following day by the Administration Office.	Lecturers / Admin	V5_1, V5_2, V5_3, V5_5, V5_8 & V5_9: Sunday, 15.02.2026 / CW07	V5_4, V5_6 & V5_7: until Sunday, 12.07.2026 / CW28
	Processing of missing grades	Admin	Monday, 16.02.2026 / CW08	Monday, 13.07.2026 / CW29
	Preparation transcript of records (ToR)	Admin	CW09 & CW10	CW30 & CW31
	Publication Transcript of records (ToR)	Admin	Thursday, 05.03.2026 / CW10 (excl. cooperation modules F1, F2, BP3, BP4, BP7, C3, E3 und E4 - these grades follow about 2-3 weeks later)	Thursday, 06.08.2026 / CW32 (excl. cooperation modules C6, F1 & F5 - these grades follow about 2-3 weeks later)
Master's Thesis	Call for the submission of the master's thesis topic form & activation access to Completis (the call is sent to the corresponding students via e-mail by the administration office).	Admin	end of June, 2025	end of November, 2025
	Submission deadline for the master's thesis topic form (Aufgabenstellung) via Completis (two weeks before the beginning of the semester in which the master's thesis is submitted).	Stud	Monday, 01.09.2025 / CW36	Monday, 02.02.2026 / CW06
	Official deadline for the submission of the Master's thesis via Completis (regular case)	Stud	Monday, 05.01.2026 / CW02 until 12.00 o'clock	Friday, 03.07.2026 / CW27 until 12.00 o'clock
	Deadline for the request for extension of the master's thesis submission date via Completis	Stud	Friday, 12.12.2025 / CW50	Friday, 19.06.2026 / CW25
	Case 1: Extension without semester fee (grace period/Kulanzfrist)	Stud / Lecturers	Master's thesis submission and defense: until Friday in CW06 Grade submission by correctors: until Friday in CW08 Grade publication on myZHAW: Monday CW09	Master's thesis submission and defense: until Friday in CW32 Grade submission by correctors: until Friday in CW34 Grade publication on myZHAW: Monday CW35
	Case 2: Extension with reduced semester fee into the following semester	Stud / Lecturers	Master's thesis submission and defense: Submission date and defense from CW07 until the end of CW30 Grade submission by correctors: until Friday in CW30 Grade publication on myZHAW: Monday CW31	Master's thesis submission and defense: Submission date and defense from CW33 until the end of CW04 Grade submission by correctors: until Friday in CW04 Grade publication on myZHAW: Monday CW05
	Case 3: Extension and regular module registration in the following semester (corresponds to the regular case from the corresponding semester), full semester fee	Stud	Friday, 03.07.2026 / CW27 until 12.00 o'clock	Monday, 11.01.2027 / CW02 until 12.00
	Submission of grades in Completis by the correctors (regular case)	Lecturers	Friday, 23.01.2026 / CW04	Friday, 24.07.2026 / CW30
Grade publication master's thesis on myZHAW (regular case)	Admin	Monday, 26.01.2026 / CW05	Monday, 27.07.2026 / CW31	
Payment of semester fees (RMV)	Opening payment window on my.zhaw portal (request for payment of semester fees will be sent by e-mail).	Admin	Tuesday, 17.06.2025 / CW25	Tuesday, 15.12.2025 / CW51
	Application for semester leave (fee CHF 300.00 plus ASVZ and VSZHAW contribution), change, from full-time to part-time studies and vice versa and semester abroad (e-mail to msc-ls@zhaw.ch)	Stud	Sunday, 17.08.2025 / CW33	Sunday, 18.01.2026 / CW03
	Withdrawal from studies (send the complete withdrawal form by e-mail to msc-ls@zhaw.ch)	Stud	Tuesday, 19.08.2025 / CW34	Tuesday, 03.02.2026 / CW06
	End of payment period	Stud	Monday, 15.09.2025 / CW38	Monday, 16.02.2026 / CW08
Archiving	Archiving of all MSLS performance records (exams) with corresponding cover sheet in archive room GA 110.1 (according to the e-mail from Erika Wassmer: wasm@zhaw.ch)	Lecturers	in CW06- CW14	in CW36-CW44

Graduation

Graduation Ceremony 2026	Foreseen 2nd Friday in May (exact date tba.).
Graduation tranches	Graduations between the diploma ceremonies are carried out in several tranches. Dates can be found out on request at the Administration Office Master Life Sciences (e-mail to: msc-ls@zhaw.ch).

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