

Plan of Studies for ZHAW Students

1st year for ZHAW students at ZHAW

Semesters 1 to 2 (September to July)	US Credits	ECTS
All modules in each theme (4.5 Credits/9 ECTS per theme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Theme 1: Sustainability and Resources – Theme 2: Technology and Design – Theme 3: Businesses and Organizations – Theme 4: Politics, Law and Transformation – Theme 5: Behavior and Behavior Change 	22.5	45
One specialization cluster (6 Credits/12 ECTS per cluster in sem. 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Technology Assessment – Communication and Consulting – Data Analysis and Monitoring – Systems and Potential Analysis 	6	12
Total Credits Semesters 1 and 2	28.5	57

2nd year for ZHAW students at RIT

Semester 3 (RIT Fall Term) (September to January)	US Credits	ECTS
3 modules (all 3 credits/6 ECTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fundamentals of Sustainability Science – Economics of Sustainable Systems – Risk Analysis 	9	18
ZHAW Master's Thesis	7.5	15
Credits Semester 3	16.5	33
Semesters 4 and 5 (RIT Spring and Summer Terms) (February to August)	US Credits	ECTS
3 modules (all 3 credits/6 ECTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Technology, Policy and Sustainability (or approved substitute) – Multicriteria Sustainable Systems – Industrial Ecology 	9	18
Capstone Project (June – August)	6	12
Credits Semester 4 – 5	15	30
Total Credits Semesters 3 – 5	31.5	63
Total Credits Double Degree	60	120