

Part-time Master's degree programs at the Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering now offers the option of studying several Master's degree programs part time. This enables students to reduce the number of hours per semester for either the entire duration of their degree or parts of it.

The contents and study goals of these programs are identical with the full-time programs but the workload per semester is halved and the course stretches over a longer period of time.

The part-time Master's degree programs complement the range of courses offered by the Faculty of Engineering in terms of family-friendliness, lifelong learning and equality.

Who can apply for these programs?

Introducing part-time programs and offering students the opportunity to switch from full-time to part-time studies or vice versa once per academic year allows students to react flexibly to changes in their personal life. While the workload per semester for a full-time Master's degree amounts to approx. 900 hours, it is reduced by half in the part-time program. The program is predominantly aimed at students who have family or care duties, who suffer from physical ailments, or who have to deal with financial problems, etc.

The part-time program is not an evening or weekend degree course. However, employed students can take part in the program if they are in a position to schedule their working hours flexibly and can fit them in around lecture times.

In general, the new program is open to all students interested in doing a Master's degree as well as all students already enrolled in one of the Faculty's Master's degree programs.

Prospective and current international students who hold a student visa have to contact the authorities responsible before taking up a part-time degree, since student visas are usually exclusively granted for full-time programs.

Degree program structure

The part-time degree program covers half of the regular course achievements per semester. The standard duration of the part-time Master's program is extended from 4 semesters to 8 semesters, with the period for writing the Master's thesis being extended to a maximum of 12 months.

The maximum number of credits to be earned per year is limited: In the part-time Master's degree program, a maximum of 35 ECTS credits can be completed per year of study. The Examinations Committee can approve an exception if a request is submitted in writing with sufficient reasons. The request should be filed before starting the examination phase.

Further information is available in the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs at the Faculty of Engineering at (ABMPO/TechFak) [\[1\]](#).

Which Master's programs are offered by the Faculty of Engineering as part-time programs?

The Faculty of Engineering offers the following Master's degree programs with a part-time option:

Artificial Intelligence (MSc)
Technical Vocational Education and Training (MSc)
Chemical and Biological Engineering (MSc)
Chemical Engineering – Sustainable Chemical Technologies (MSc)
Clean Energy Processes (MSc)
Communications and Multimedia Engineering (MSc)
Electromobility – ACES (MSc)

Electrical Engineering (MSc)
Energy Technology (MSc)
Computer Science (MSc)
Information and Communication Technology (MSc)
Life Science Engineering (MSc)
Mechanical Engineering (MSc)
Mechatronics (MSc)
Medical Engineering (MSc)

The study plans for part-time degree programs are stated in the relevant degree program and examination regulations for the degree programs [1] and on the web pages for the relevant subjects [2].

What do I have to do if I want to switch from full-time to part-time or vice versa?

The type of course is chosen on enrollment, not during the application process. If you plan to switch from a full-time to a part-time program, you should consult your subject advisor [3] or the Student Advice and Career Service [4].

You can switch between a full-time and a part-time program once per academic year on written application. You do not have to submit a special justification along with your application.

It is possible to change from a full-time Master's degree to a part-time program after the first and the second semester. A change to a part-time degree program from the third full-time semester shall only be permitted in justified exceptional cases; the decision rests with the Examinations Committee.

The change is governed by the provisions regulating changes of degree program and accreditation.

What regulations apply with regard to BAföG funding?

Due to legal regulations, you are unfortunately not eligible for BAföG funding in the part-time program.

Whom can I contact if I have any further questions?

If you have any further questions regarding the part-time program, especially regarding switching between full-time and part-time, please consult your subject advisor [3] or the Student Advice and Career Service (IBZ)[4]. Follow the links below for addresses and office hours.

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Further information:

- [1] <https://www.fau.de/fau/rechtsgrundlagen/pruefungsordnungen/technische-fakultaet/>
Degree program and examination regulations for the Faculty of Engineering
- [2] <https://www.tf.fau.de/studium/studieninteressierte/studiengaenge/> Degree programs at the Faculty of Engineering
- [3] <https://www.tf.fau.de/studium/im-studium/studienberatung/> Study advisors at the Faculty of Engineering
- [4] <https://www.fau.de/education/beratungs-und-servicestellen/studienberatung/>
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