

# Part-time degree programs at the Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering at FAU now offers the option of studying several Master's degree programs and individual Bachelor'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 to the full-time programs but the workload per semester is halved and the course stretches over a longer period of time.

The part-time 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 degree amounts to approx. 900 hours, it is reduced by half in the part-time program. These programs are 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 principle, the new options are available to all prospective students and students already enrolled at the Faculty of Engineering.

International students who require a student visa for studying at FAU must contact the authorities responsible if they are interested in studying part time, 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 study for the part-time Master's degree program is extended from 4 semesters to 8 semesters, and the standard duration of study for the part-time Bachelor's degree program is 12 semesters rather than 6 semesters.

Part-time students may obtain a maximum of 5 ECTS credits more per academic year than the number of credits stated in the regular degree program structure. Modules with a total of 10 ECTS credits in excess of the stated scope may be completed in the academic year in which the Bachelor's or Master's thesis is submitted. Students may exceed this by 5 ECTS credits one time. If the maximum number of ECTS credits is exceeded more than once, the equivalent number of subject semesters will be accredited. In justified exceptional circumstances, the Examinations Committee may grant an exception upon written request. The request must be filed before the examination starts.

## When is it possible to swap between a full-time and part-time degree program?

In Bachelor's degree programs, it is possible to change between a full-time and a part-time degree program in the winter semester, and in Master's degree programs, once per year of study. Students are advised to consult their study advisor before making a change.

Changing to a part-time degree program is only possible in justified exceptional circumstances after the 5th semester in Bachelor's degree programs and after the 3rd semester in Master's degree programs. The decision lies with the Examinations Committee.

It is possible to change from the part-time to the full-time degree program after completing the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th subject semesters for Bachelor's degree programs and after each subject semester for Master's degree programs.

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

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

As of winter semester 2024/25, it will be possible to study part time in the following Bachelor's degree programs at the Faculty of Engineering at FAU:

Artificial Intelligence (BSc)
Computer Science (BSc)

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

Artificial Intelligence (MSc)
Autonomy Technologies (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 [2] and on the web pages for the relevant subjects [3].

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

If you plan to switch from a full-time to a part-time program, you should consult your subject advisor [4] or the Student Advice Center [5].

The type of course is chosen on enrollment, not during the application process.

### 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 [4] or the Student Advice Center [5]. Follow the links below for addresses and office hours.

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## Further information:

- [1] <https://www.fau.de/fau/rechtsgrundlagen/pruefungsordnungen/tech/#allg-po-ba-ma>  
General Degree Program and Examination Regulations at the Faculty of Engineering at FAU – ABMPO/TF
- [2] <https://www.fau.de/fau/rechtsgrundlagen/pruefungsordnungen/tech/>  
Degree program and examination regulations at the Faculty of Engineering
- [3] <https://www.tf.fau.eu/studying/degree-programs/> Degree programs at the Faculty of Engineering
- [4] <https://www.tf.fau.eu/studying/advice-and-services/study-advice/>  
Student Service Center (SSC) / study advisors at the Faculty of Engineering
- [5] <https://www.fau.eu/education/advice-and-services/student-advice/>  
Student Advice Center at FAU