



Study and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's degree programmes in the School of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering (SPR AHB)¹

The University Board of Bern University of Applied Sciences,

pursuant to Article 33 Paragraph 1 Letter n of the Act of 19 June 2003 concerning Bern University of Applied Sciences (FaG)², Article 59 of the Ordinance of 16 November 2022 concerning Bern University of Applied Sciences (FaV)³ and Art. 1, Paragraph 2 of the Framework Study Regulations (FSR) of Bern University of Applied Sciences dated 5 May 2021

rules:

1. Subject and scope

Art. 1 ¹ These regulations govern the course of study for achieving a bachelor's degree in all the study programmes of the School of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering for which there are no specific regulations.⁴

² They contain provisions substantiating the FSR.

^{2a} The bachelor's studies offer a practice-oriented, research-based basic training in architecture, construction and planning. Students acquire in-depth knowledge of the development, design, planning and realisation of sustainable buildings and infrastructure concepts, future-proof living environments and complex processes within the wood economy.⁵

³ The powers of disposal under the FSR shall be exercised by the Head of Degree Programme.

2. Structure of studies

Structure of programme
1. Module groups

Art. 2 ¹ The degree programme is modular in structure and comprises 180 ECTS credits.

² All modules are assigned to module groups (module groups as in FSR) counting towards the degree programme requirements.

³ These module groups do not have to correspond to potential thematic module groups.

2. Specialisations

Art. 3 Specialisations may be included in the curricula of individual degree programmes.

¹ This document is a translation and is not legally binding; the original German version prevails.

² BSG 435.411.

³ BSG 436.811.

⁴ Amended pursuant to University Board resolution of 20 May 2026, in force since 1 August 2026.

⁵ Inserted pursuant to University Board resolution of 20 May 2026, in force since 1 August 2026.

3. Minor

Art. 4 Minors teach additional thematic competencies. They consist of optional modules that are specified in the curricula and amount to 12 ECTS credits, and of a project assignment amounting to 4 ECTS credits, which is written on the minor topic in the compulsory part of the degree programme.

Standard duration of studies

Art. 5 The standard duration of studies is six semesters. Part-time and work-study programmes usually last 8 semesters.

² The maximum permitted duration of studies is equal to twice the standard duration. It may be extended on important grounds.

³ Exceeding the maximum permitted duration of studies without sufficient reason will lead to exclusion from the degree programme.

National and international mobility

Art. 6 In the course of their studies, students can obtain academic achievements at another university. On prior request, the head of the relevant degree programme may grant recognition for these academic achievements.

Language

Art. 7 ¹ The courses are taught in German or French.

² Certain modules may be taught in English.

³ The language of instruction is specified in the module description.

3. Competency assessments

Forms

Art. 8 Competency assessments take place either as part of the module or during examination weeks. As for partial competency assessments, they can take place as a combination of both.

Passing grades for module groups

Art. 9 ¹ For each module group counting towards the degree programme requirements, there is a minimum number of ECTS credits to be earned and a maximum number of ECTS credits that can be credited.

² A module group counting towards the degree programme requirements is passed if all compulsory modules of this module group have been taken according to the curriculum, and the minimum number of ECTS credits to be achieved has been acquired.

Passing grades Minor

Art. 10 The minor is deemed successfully completed if
a all modules of the minor have been taken and passed according to the study plan, and
b the project work has been assessed with a grade of at least 4.

Repeating a module

Art. 11 ¹ Failed modules may be repeated once.

² When a module is repeated, the original module grade is nullified and replaced in the transcript of records by the grade for the repeated module. This is the case even if the grade for the repeated module is worse than the original module grade.

³ A module is repeated by taking the module again with all its competency assessments the next time the module is offered. The right to apply Paragraph 4 remains reserved.

⁴ The module description may provide for a repetition of the competency assessment in the time window for resit examinations. Satisfactory partial competency assessments done during the semester may be taken in consideration for this resit.

⁵ The module description valid at the time of the repeated module applies.

4. Graduation

Bachelor's thesis 1. General provisions

Art. 12 The degree programme concludes with a thesis that is worth at least 12 ECTS credits.⁶

² The thesis consists of the written assignment and the presentation thereof.

³ The thesis consists usually in an individual assignment. If the thesis is prepared as group work, a collective assessment is not permitted.

⁴ The thesis is considered to have been passed if the project assignment and the accompanying presentation are awarded an overall grade of at least 4.

2. Supervision and grading

Art. 13 Students are supervised by a lecturer, an associate lecturer or a research associate throughout the writing of their thesis. This person may consult up to two internal or external experts for the supervision of the thesis.

² The thesis is evaluated by at least two experts.

³ Experts are the supervisors as in Paragraph 1 and, if necessary, other internal or external experts determined by the Head of Degree Programme.

⁴ The grading is based on the module description, which states the experts in charge of the assessment, the sub-aspects evaluated and their weighting. Students must be informed of this at the beginning of the module.

Diploma

Art. 14 The bachelor's degree in the given programme is awarded to students who have cumulatively:

- a* acquired at least 180 ECTS; at least 90 of these ECTS credits must have been acquired at the School of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering AHB,
- b* successfully completed all group modules counting towards the degree programme requirements and their chosen specialisation,
- c* successfully completed their bachelor's thesis.

Transcript of Records

Art. 15 For the overall grade point average (GPA) in the Transcript of Records, all the compulsory, elective and optional modules taken and the bachelor's thesis are included in the calculation and weighted according to the ECTS credits allocated to the respective modules. The overall GPA is rounded to two decimal places.

⁶ Amended pursuant to University Board resolution of 20 May 2026, in force since 1 August 2026.

5. Transitional and concluding provisions

Transitional provisions

Art. 16 The following applies for students who began their studies in the Wood and Civil Engineering degree programmes before the autumn semester 2023/24 and for students who began their studies in the Architecture degree programme before the autumn semester 2024/25:

- a* Compulsory modules according to previous regulations are considered as a single module group counting towards the degree programme requirements as set out in Article 2(2) of these Regulations. Within this module group, all modules must be passed.
- b* The assessment, repetition and reassessment of modules under the previous regulations are governed by Articles 9 and 11 of the repealed Regulations. The responsibility under Article 11 Paragraph 6 of the repealed Regulations shall be exercised by the Head of Degree Programme.
- c* In the diploma certificate, all assessments with ECTS grades are converted to numerical grades (A=6.0, B=5.5, C=5.0, D=4.5, E=4.0, F/FX=3.5).

Repeal of regulations

Art. 17 The Study and Examination regulations of 30 June 2016 relating to degree programmes that lead to the award of a bachelor's degree by the School of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering (SPR AHB) are repealed.

Entry into force

Art. 18 These regulations shall enter into force on 1 August 2023.

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Bern University of Applied Sciences
University Board

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the Canton of Bern

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