



Guideline Regarding the optional programme BFH diagonal at Bern University of Applied Sciences (G diagonal)¹

The President of Bern University of Applied Sciences BFH,

pursuant to Article 7 Paragraph 5 of the Framework Study Regulations at Bern University of Applied Sciences of 5 May 2021 (FSR),

rules:

1. Object and scope

Art. 1 ¹ This guideline regulates the institution-wide optional module programme of BFH diagonal and contains complementary provisions to the FSR.

² It applies to all modules that are attended within the BFH diagonal programme.

³ This guideline does not apply to modules that are attended as part of a regular study programme. In this case, the respective study and examination regulations apply.

2. Structure of studies (registration, contents and organisation)

Competencies

Art. 2 BFH diagonal provides interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary skills and enables students to attend modules beyond their own discipline in the optional area.

Extent

Art. 3 Modules within BFH diagonal comprise 2 to 6 ECTS credits.

Eligibility

Art. 4 ¹ The BFH diagonal programme consists of optional modules.

² A total of 16 ECTS credits can be taken as optional modules from BFH diagonal.

³ Up to 6 of these ECTS credits can be counted towards the Bachelor's degree, with the exception of the Bachelor's degree programmes of the Department of Health.

⁴ Master's students can attend optional modules from BFH diagonal with prior consent by the head of their degree programme.

¹ This document is a translation. The German or French version shall prevail.

3. Modules

Modules

Art. 5 ¹ The BFH diagonal programme consists of BFH optional modules and opened optional modules.

² The BFH optional modules cover interdisciplinary or cross-disciplinary content. They are organised in a uniform manner in terms of time slots and enrolment periods and are aimed at all BFH students regardless of their field of study.

³ Opened optional modules are modules that are offered in a degree programme primarily to the students of this programme, with additional places being made available for students from other study programmes. The timetable and registration windows differ from department to department.

Module description

Art. 6 ¹ There is a description for each module, providing information at least about:

- a* entry requirements,
- b* admission criteria and selection criteria in case of too many registrations,
- c* person in charge of the module,
- d* skills to be acquired,
- e* module content,
- f* teaching and learning types,
- g* relevant specialist literature,
- h* forms and modalities of the competency assessments,
- i* modalities for subsequent improvements and re-sits,
- j* ECTS credits allocated to the module,
- k* workload,
- l* language of instruction,
- m* any attendance obligation,
- n* any additional costs (notice without detailed listing).

² Students are informed at the beginning of the module by means of the module description and the planned module programme.

Module enrolment

Art. 7 ¹ Registration for BFH diagonal modules is done via IS-Academia for BFH optional modules and via a registration form for opened modules.

² The registration deadlines will be communicated on the website. The module registration is binding. If there are too many registrations, a decision on admission will be made according to selection criteria. If there are too few registrations, modules may not be held.

³ The registration process for BFH optional modules is handled by the central student administration office; for opened modules, it is managed by the student administration of the relevant department or degree programme.



4. Competency assessments

Evaluation	Art. 8 Competency assessments for BFH diagonal modules are evaluated with the grades "fulfilled" or "not fulfilled".
Subsequent improvement	Art. 9 The module description regulates whether subsequent improvement is possible in the case of an assessment with the grade "not fulfilled".
Re-sit	Art. 10 ¹ BFH optional modules can be repeated once. For opened modules, the repetition rules in force in the respective department apply. ² The repetition modalities are specified in the module description. ³ The rerunning of modules for repetition is not guaranteed.
Transcript of Records	Art. 11 ¹ The result of the competency assessment of a BFH optional module is communicated in the ordinary Transcript of Records of the semester. ² In the case of opened modules, the result of the competency assessment may be communicated in the Transcript of Records of the following semester, due to the different communication time frames.

5. Legal rights

Art. 12 The appeals procedure is governed by cantonal law.

6. Final provision

Art. 13 This guideline enters into force on 1 August 2021.

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