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Schedule for a Bachelor's thesis in the Environmental Sciences degree programme

General information:

- The Bachelor's thesis (BA) is worth 10 ECTS, which corresponds to a full-time workload of approx. 7.5 weeks (300 working hours).
- For the duration of the BA, a maximum of 9 months (38 weeks) is available. The mandatory schedule (page 3) should be designed with focus on a maximum of 6 months, in order to provide buffer time for unexpected circumstances. If the BA is conducted with a high part-time or full-time workload, the duration will accordingly be shorter.
- Registration is completed in mystudies. The start date will be entered by the student. The hand-in date will be calculated.
- When registering the BA, the schedule shall be uploaded. If the supervisor requires a research plan, both documents (schedule and research plan) need to be uploaded.

Example of a timetable

Sum:																										Days	
Calendar week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	37
Workload in days	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	5		
Literature search/ familiarisation with the topic		x																									
Establishment of a research plan (recommended)		x																									
Data collection			x	x																							
Evaluation of the data									x	x	x	x	x	x													
Writing the BA															x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	
Date Milestone1				x																							
Date Milestone2														x													
Date Milestone3																											
Discussion at the beginning of the BA (guidelines, expectations, delimitation of the topic...)	x																								x		
Interview in the course of the BA (check whether agreements from the first interview are being adhered to...)												x															
Interview after the submission of the BA (detailed feedback on content and quality...)																									x		
Begin Spring semester													End Spring semester														

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With foresighted study planning, the following week (half) days are available to students in the spring semester for working on the BA:

Specilisation	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Atmosphere and Climate	Half day or full day	Half day or full day	(maybe half day)
Biogeochemistry	Half day	Full day	No
Human-Environment System	Half day	Half day or full day	(maybe half day)
Environmental biology	Half day	Half day	Half day
Forest and Landscape	(maybe half day)	Half day or full day	(maybe half day)

The BA takes 300 hours to complete, which corresponds to 7.5 weeks or 37.5 working days of 8 hours each. If you spend 2-3 weeks twice during the lecture-free period and one day regularly during the semester on the BA, the work can be completed in 6 months. If you do the BA in the summer with a high part-time or full-time workload, it can be completed in two to three months.