



Appendices to the Teaching and Examination Regulations

2021-2022

Master's degree programme in Energy and Environmental Sciences

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Appendix I: Learning outcomes of the degree programme MSc Energy and Environmental Sciences (EES) (art. 3.1)

INTRODUCTION

Appendix 1 presents the two parts of the EES learning outcomes. The first part of the learning outcomes is specific and concerns knowledge and skills. These learning outcomes are covered in the obligatory part of the EES programme.

The second part of the learning outcomes is more general. It focusses on the final skills a student is capable of (i.e. doing research independently). This part is mostly covered by the research projects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The aims of the EES programme result in the following outcomes:

Specific academic knowledge and skills for the master's degree program EES.

The graduate is able:

Sa) to analyze:

1. Energy and resource use in societies and ecosystems and their impacts on the climate/planet;
2. (Dis)advantages of the use of various energy sources using the people, planet, profit approach;
3. Current and future developments in the energy/environmental research field;
4. Policy developments in the energy/environment field.

Sb) to assess whether changes in systems will affect energy and resource use and their consequences.

Sc) to discuss the role of other academic (non-natural science) disciplines in the energy and/or environmental research field.

Sd) to distinguish career perspectives within the energy/ environmental field.

General academic skills for the master's degree program EES

The graduate is able:

G1. to write a review about literature in relevant subfields.

G2. to effectively gain information within the field of Energy and Environmental Sciences (EES).

G3. to formulate a research plan based on a general problem description in a subfield of EES.

G4. to analyze and assess state-of-the-art research information and draw conclusions from these results.

G5. to collaborate in a multidisciplinary team.

G6. to communicate his/her findings to the scientific community (oral presentation, written reports and debates).

G7. to design, conduct and evaluate experiments/scenarios/other scientific methods.

G8. to evaluate his/her own results and conclusions compared to knowledge in the literature.

G9. to function scientifically in a situation in which knowledge and research skills within the field of EES are required.

G10. to consider its own position in society to come to a sensible choice of profession.



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Appendix II: Tracks/Specializations of the degree programme (art. 3.5)

The Master does not have tracks/specializations.



**Appendix III: Content of the degree programme (art. 3.7) &
 Appendix V: Entry requirements and compulsory order of
 examinations (art. 4.4)**

Table 1: Overview of the obligatory courses

Course Unit	ECTS credits	Practical	Entry Requirements
<u>Obligatory courses</u>			
Data Analysis and Statistical Methods (DASM) (WMEE001-05)	5	Yes	None
Impacts of Energy and Material Systems (IEMS) (WMEE002-05) Including workshop about reading and searching literature	5	Yes	None
Sustainable Use of Ecosystems (SUE) (WMEE003-05) Including workshop about oral presentation	5	Yes	None
Sustainability and Society (S&S) (WMEE005-05)	5	Yes	None
Systems Integration and Sustainability (SIS) (WMEE006-05)	5	Yes	None
Scientific Integrity (WMEE019-00)	0	Yes	None
Career Perspectives (WMEE018-00)	0	Yes	None
Colloquia Master EES	0	Yes	None
Table 2: Overview of the different variants.			
	ECTS credits		
<u>Variant 30/30</u>			
YEAR 1			
Obligatory courses	25		
Core electives, see Table 3	5 or 10 or 15 (at least core elective is required)		



Electives, see Table 4 and 5	For electives in total 35 are needed.		
YEAR 2			
Research Project 1 (WMEE905-30) including workshop on academic writing	30	Yes	DASM, IEMS, SUE, S&S, SIS and specialisation module(s)
Research Internship/Research Project 2 (WMEE906-30)	30	Yes	DASM, IEMS, SUE, S&S, SIS, specialisation module(s), electives, Research Project 1
Variant 40/30			
YEAR 1			
Obligatory courses	25		
Core electives, see Table 3	5 or 10 or 15 (at least one core elective is required)		
Electives, see Table 4 and 5	For electives in total 25 are needed.		
YEAR 2			
Research Project 1 (WMEE905-40) including workshop on academic writing	40	Yes	DASM, IEMS, SUE, S&S, SIS and specialisation module(s)
Research Internship/Research Project 2 (WMEE906-30)	30	Yes	DASM, IEMS, SUE, S&S, SIS, specialisation module(s), electives, Research Project 1
Variant Science, business and policy			
YEAR 1			
Obligatory courses	25		
Elective, see Table 4 and 5	5		
Research Project 1 (WMEE905-30) including workshop on academic writing	30		DASM, IEMS, SUE, S&S, SIS



YEAR 2			
Introduction Science & Policy (WMSE002-10)	10		
Introduction Science & Business (WMSE001-10)	10		
Workplacement Business and Policy (old code and name: WMSE901-40 Internship Business and Policy; new code not yet known)	40		Research project 1, Introduction Science & Policy, Introduction Science & Business

In addition to the above scheme the following rules apply:

- Depending on the student's background and the topic of the intended research project(s) a package of electives (See Table 3, 4 and 5) is composed. This package of electives is discussed with the tutor (a senior staff member) and has to be approved by both the tutor and the Board of Examiners.
- The student is allowed to choose (an) elective(s) from another Master degree programme, which is (are) not mentioned in Table 3, 4 or 5. The student needs to motivate his/her choice. The tutor and the Board of Examiners have to approve this choice.
- Research project 1 must be an internal project, performed at an ESRIG (Energy and Sustainability Research Institute) group under supervision of one of the examiners of the degree programme. For the assessment two examiners of the degree programme must be involved.
- Research Internship/Research Project 2 may be performed at an ESRIG group but may also be performed outside the university at a company, consultancy firm, government institution, research institute or another university. The supervisor from the external organization has to be on academic level. The university supervisor has to be one of the examiners of the degree programme. For the assessment two examiners of the degree programme must be involved. If this part will be performed abroad the student has to get the research proposal approved by the board of examiners of the degree programme before he/she will start.
- The subject of the SBP-work placement must be clearly related to the scientific domain of the EES master programme (see Appendix I, 1). Therefore, two examiners must be involved in the assessment of the work placement: one SBP-examiner and one examiner of the degree programme.
- To pass the final assessment of the EES programme the student has to have completed the following modules: Colloquia Energy and Environmental Sciences (WMEE017-00), Career Perspectives (EES) (WMEE018-00) and Scientific Integrity (WMEE019-00).

Joint project options for obtaining a master's degree in a closely related programme (see also Basic TER FSE Master's degree projects Art. 5.9.2)

Course unit name	Course code	ECTS	Entry requirements
Master's Research Project IEM-EES*	WMEE907-40	40	See entry requirements Research project 1 EES
Master's Research Project ME-EES**	WMEE	50	See entry requirements Research Project 1 EES



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*The joint Master's Research Project IEM-EES is available only to students enrolled in both the Energy and Environmental Sciences resp. Industrial Engineering and Management master programmes. This joint project replaces, and cannot be combined with, the Research Project 1 EES. For the conditions and the entry requirements of IEM regarding this project, check the TER appendices Master IEM.

**The joint Master Research Project ME-EES is available only to students enrolled in both the Energy and Environmental Sciences resp. Mechanical Engineering master programmes. This joint project replaces, and cannot be combined with, the regular Research Project 1 EES. For the conditions and the entry requirements of ME regarding this project, check the TER appendices Master ME.



Appendix IV: Electives (art. 3.8.1)

Table 3. Overview of the core electives

Course unit	EC	Practical	Entry Requirements
Modeling Energy and Material Systems (MEMS) (WMEE009-10)	10	Yes	
Global Change (GC) (WMEE008-05)	5	Yes	

Other electives offered by EES

Table 4. Overview of the other electives offered by EES.

Course unit	ECTS credits	Practical	Entry requirements
Climate Modelling (CM) (WMEE012-05)	5	Yes	Global Change
Conceptualizing and Modeling Human-Environmental Systems (WMEE011-05)	5	No	
Energy and Complexity Nexus (ECN) (WMEE18002)	5	Yes	
Experimental Methods of Trace Gas Research (EMTGR) (WMEE007-05) (only offered two-yearly; again in 2021-2022)	5	Yes	
Fuel Cell Systems (WMEE015-05)	5	No	
Nuclear Power Technology (WMEE014-05)*	5	No	
Radiocarbon Dating and Analysis (WMEE013-05)	5	No	
Geo-Energy and Subsurface Processes (WMEE004-05)**	5	No	

*It is not allowed to choose Nuclear Power Technology if the student already passed the Nuclear Energy course in his Bachelor's degree programme at the UG.

** It is not allowed to choose Geo-Energy and Subsurface Processes if the student already passed the Geo-Energy course in his Bachelor's degree programme at the UG.



Electives offered by other degree programmes

Students can select other electives from other degree programmes. For the number of EC, Practical, Entry requirements, see the course catalogue Ocasys. Table 5 gives an overview of possible electives.

Table 5. Overview of possible electives offered by other degree programmes

All 5 ECTS credits, unless another amount is mentioned.

Electives of other degree programmes in the Faculty of Science and Engineering

WMCE001-05	Bio-based Products
WMCE013-05	CFD for Engineers
WMCE 007-05	Advanced product Engineering
WMCH027-05	Biocatalysis and Green Chemistry
WMIE018-05	Bioprocess Technology
WMSE001-10	Introduction Science and Business
WMSE002-10	Introduction Science and Policy
WMMB008-05	Marine Ecosystem Service and Global Change
WMCH011-05	Photovoltaics Science and Energy***
WMPH027-05	Physics of Lasers
WMMB009-05	Polar Ecosystems
WMEC006-05	Skills in Science Communication
WMPH030-05	Statistical methods in physics
WMIE021-05	Systems engineering
WMIE006-05	Technology Based Entrepreneurship
WMME018-05	Thermodynamics of Energy Conversion
WMME019-05	Hydrogen, Fuels and Electrolysers
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TEM0205	Masterstage 1

***It is not allowed to choose Photovoltaics Science and Energy when the student already passed Solar Cells in his Bachelor degree programme at the UG.

Electives of Faculty of Economics and Business:

EBM148A05	Economics of Regulating Markets
EBM166A05	Energy & Finance
EBM167A05	Energy Transition & Innovation
EBM201A05	Global Supply Chain Man & Sustainability
EBM192A05	Marketing and Consumer Well-being
EBM202A05	Sustainable Energy Supply



Electives of Faculty of Spatial Sciences:

GEMDILEIP	Dilemmas in Infrastructure Planning
GEMREENVPL	Reinventing Environmental Planning
GEMSOCIMAS	Social Impact Assessment
GEMTRWATM	Transitions in Water Management
GEMIPS	Interdisciplinary perspectives on sustainability

Electives of Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences:

PSMSB-2	Environmental psychology
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Appendix VI: Admission to the degree programme (art. 2.1A.1 + 2.1B.1)

Requirements for admission to the Msc Energy and Environmental Sciences:

Holders of the following Bachelor's degrees from the University of Groningen are considered to have sufficient knowledge and skills and will be admitted to the Master's degree programme in Energy and Environmental Sciences:

- Biology
- Life Science and Technology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Pharmacy
- Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Physics
- Applied Physics
- Astronomy
- Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics
- Computing Science
- Industrial Engineering and Management Science
- Artificial Intelligence



Appendix VII Transitional provisions (art 7.1)

Students who started in 2019-2020 or earlier are still allowed to complete Variant 40/20 with a Research project 1 of 40 ECTS credits and an Internship of 20 ECTS credits. For the Internship the student has to get the internship proposal approved by the board of examiners before the start.



Appendix VIII Additional Requirements Open degree Programmes (Art. 5.6)

In exceptional circumstances students wishing to pursue an open degree programme may file a request with the Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners will evaluate whether the proposed curriculum meets the learning outcomes of the degree programme and can determine further conditions in their rules and regulations.



Appendix IX Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for admission (art. 2.6.1)

Starting date 1 September 2021

Deadline of Application	Non-EU students	EU students
Energy and Environmental Sciences	May 1st 2021	May 1st 2021

Decision deadlines (art. 2.6.3)

Deadline of Decision	Non-EU students	EU students
Energy and Environmental Sciences	June 1st 2021	June 1st 2021