



Guideline on the optional module programme BFH diagonal of Bern University of Applied Sciences (G diagonal)¹

The President of Bern University of Applied Sciences,

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

rules:

1. Object and scope

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

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

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

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

Competencies

Art. 2 BFH diagonal provides interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary competencies and allows students to attend modules from other disciplines that are made available on the optional module programme.

Scope

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

Credit allocation

Art. 4 ¹ BFH diagonal is an optional module programme.

² Students can take optional modules to the extent of a total of 16 ECTS credits.

³ As a rule, up to 6 ECTS credits can be counted towards the bachelor's degree. The curricula may allow for more ECTS credits to be counted towards the bachelor's degree. No or fewer ECTS credits can be counted towards the bachelor's degrees of the School of Health Professions.

⁴ As a rule, credits can only be counted towards the master's degree after prior consultation with the Head of Degree Programme. The curricula may allow for a systematic credit allocation for BFH diagonal optional modules.

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



3. Modules

Modules

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

² BFH optional modules teach interdisciplinary or interdisciplinarity competencies. They are designed for students from various disciplines.

³ Open modules take place primarily for the degree programme offering them. However, additional spots are available for students from other degree programmes.

Module description

Art. 6 ¹ A description is provided for each module. It contains at least the following information:

- a* entry requirements,
- b* admission and selection criteria if there are too many applicants,
- c* person in charge of the module,
- d* skills to be acquired,
- e* module content,
- f* teaching and learning methods,
- g* relevant specialist literature,
- h* forms and modalities of the competency assessment,
- i* repetition and subsequent improvement modalities,
- j* ECTS credits assigned to the module,
- k* workload,
- l* language of instruction,
- m* any attendance requirements,
- n* any additional costs (notice, no detailed listing).

² Students receive detailed information on the module description and the planned module programme at the beginning of the module.

Module enrolment

Art. 7 ¹ Enrolment on BFH optional modules and open modules takes place at the same time BFH-wide. As a rule, students enrol on IS-Academia. As for open modules, enrolment may also be possible via an application form.

² The enrolment deadlines are communicated on the website. Enrolment is binding. If too many students enrol on a module, a decision on admission is made based on selection criteria. If there are too few enrolments, the modules cannot be held.

³ The central Student Administration is responsible for enrolments on BFH optional modules; the decentralised Student Administration of the School or degree programme concerned is responsible for enrolments on open modules.

4. Competency assessments

Grading

Art. 8 Competency assessments for BFH diagonal modules are evaluated on a “passed” or “failed” basis.



Subsequent improvement	Art. 9 The module description rules whether a subsequent improvement is possible for a “failed” assessment.
Repetition	Art. 10 ¹ Failed BFH optional modules can be repeated once. For open modules, the usual number of repetitions allowed by each school applies. ² The repetition modalities are specified in the module description. ³ Renewed implementation of modules for students wishing to repeat a module is not guaranteed.
Transcript of Records	Art. 11 ¹ The results of the competency assessment of the BFH optional module are communicated in the Transcript of Records of the semester. ² Due to varying notification periods, the results of the competency assessment of an open module may sometimes only be communicated in the Transcript of Records of the next semester.
	5. Legal recourse
	Art. 12 The appeals procedure is governed by cantonal law.
	6. Final provisions
Repeal of regulations	Art. 13 The Guideline Regarding the optional programme BFH diagonal at Bern University of Applied Sciences (G diagonal) of 27 May 2021 is hereby repealed.
Entry into force	Art. 14 This guideline enters into force on 1 August 2024.

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