

Science Project 1 and 2

Master "Environmental Management" (EM)

Information for project supervisors and students

1. General Information

All students of the Environmental Management master's program have to participate in the two modules "Project 1" (2nd semester) and "Project 2" (3rd semester). Projects have a mainly research-oriented focus.

Each of these modules has 6 ECTS points, equivalent to a workload of 180 hours.

1.1 What is the aim of the project modules?

The project modules have been designed to allow students to develop their own interests in the areas of environmental management. Projects should engage the students in problem-solving-based learning.

Project modules allow students to work closely with professors and research groups from the 2nd semester of their master's programs onwards. Projects may – but not necessarily - develop into a master's thesis project.

"Project 2" can address questions that have developed out of "Project 1"; but shifts in interests are welcome. However, both projects need to address specific questions/issues, they need to have distinct titles, and supervisors need to mark each module individually.

A student assistant job ("Hiwi") cannot be accepted as a project module.

1.2 Which type of projects can be carried out?

Projects should preferably address basic or applied research topics.

Projects can be undertaken in any area of environmental management. Students are asked to develop their own interests. Of course, teachers of the Kiel School of Sustainability may propose topics for projects.

1.3 Individual projects or team projects?

Projects should be preferably carried out as individual projects.

2. Research Projects

3.1 Who can grade and supervise a research project?

Research projects may be supervised and graded by any lecturer or module coordinator in the KISS - Kiel School of Sustainability. In addition, supervisors may also be persons outside KISS or even outside of the university - in this case, please, contact a study coordinator before you start your project.

3.2 How are ideas for research projects developed?

In the study area "C - Communication and Empowerment", we offer a module that assist you in planning your research project:

AEF-EM029: Planning and Managing Science Projects

Participate in this module if you want to develop a research project focusing on ecology or environmental sciences. This module is taught by Prof. Dr. Tobias W. Donath, Dr. Uta Ulrich, and colleagues. This module is offered in the winter semester.

3.3 How do I find a supervisor for a research project?

It is the students' task to find a suitable supervisor for their project. There are several ways to inform yourself who might be a suitable supervisor for your project:

- The module list is helpful to inform yourself about professors' interests.
- Talk to senior students or to the student government and ask them for their advice.
- Check the internet for information about the respective working group. Check Google Scholar and Science Direct for literature.
- And of course, talk to supervisors directly and get their feedback on your ideas. Don't be shy to approach professors, lecturers or scientists, either in their contact hours or send an email to arrange a date for a meeting.
- In case you have problems finding a topic and/or supervisor, please contact the study coordinators.

3.4 How will the project be marked / graded?

Students are required to develop a research project concept ("Project Concept", see below) prior to starting the project. This project concept needs to be discussed and agreed with the project supervisor.

The project concept should be signed by both, the students and the supervisor. For the supervisor, the project concept is the basis for marking / grading the project.

3.5 How will the mark be entered into the QIS-system?

Supervisors are asked to assess and mark the projects. Please use the "Project Assessment Form" provided below for your assessment.

Supervisors please return the signed Project Assessment Form to Prof. Dr. Tobias W. Donath/Dr. Uta Ulrich (for EM students) who will enter the marks into QIS.

3.6 When to register for the module in the QIS-system?

Students need to register for the respective module in QIS. Otherwise your mark cannot be entered into the system. Be aware that for these projects you have to register for the first exam period of the semester you are carrying out/finishing your project. Example:

You start your project in the second semester. Thus, as long as you are confident to finish the project until the end of the semester you started your project, you can register for the first exam period. In case something unforeseen happens and you are not able to submit your project report on time, i.e. you fail, you can choose for your second try any of the following exam periods - it is not mandatory for you to register for the next examination period but you are allowed to register for any of the following exam periods.

In case you are not sure when you will be able to finish your project, just register the project for the first exam period of the semester that seems feasible - it is not mandatory to complete project 1 in the second and project 2 in the third semester.

Research Project Concept

- Please fill out this form completely. It should not be longer than 2 pages.
- Student and the supervisors have to sign this form.
- The student and the supervisor both get a copy of the form. EM students also send a copy to Prof. Dr. Tobias W. Donath/Dr. Uta Ulrich (kiss@ecology.uni-kiel.de) and SSE students also send a copy to Inken Reimer (sustainability@geographie.uni-kiel.de)

Section

Project 1

Project 2

Students:

First name	Surname	Programme (SSE / EM)	Matric. No.	Email:	Phone (mobile):	Signature

Supervisor

Title and name	
Department	
Mail	
Phone	
Signature	

Title of the project:

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Brief description of the project

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Project Assessment Form

@Students:

- Please fill in section 1 of the form and provide it to your supervisor for the assessment of your project.
- Register for the project in CAU's online examination tool QIS.
- Indicate below, for which module, which semester and which examination period you have registered.

@Supervisor:

- Please fill in section 2 of the form.
- **EM students** send the completed form to Prof. Dr. Tobias W. Donath/ Dr. Uta Ulrich (kiss@ecology.uni-kiel.de)
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Title of the project:

Students:

First name	Surname	Matric. No.	Email	SSE or EM	Semester	Examination period

Supervisor

Title and name	
Department	
Mail	
Phone	

Section 2

Assessment of the project:

I give this project the following mark:

Date and signature of supervisor