

Statutes for the study programme NAO - the sustainability certificate of the Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg

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§ 1 Scope of application

- (1) The provisions of the general examination regulations for Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degree programmes as well as other study programmes in the currently valid version apply to the NAO - the Sustainability Certificate offered by Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg (OvGU).
- (2) Training for the sustainability certificate usually takes place during the course of study and is regulated across all degree programmes.
- (3) These regulations set out the further provisions for the Sustainability Certificate programme, in particular the acquisition of a certificate.

§ 2 Competences and learning objectives

- (1) In this degree programme, sustainability is understood in the sense of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and education for sustainable development as a means of equipping people with knowledge and skills with regard to these goals.
- (2) The sustainability certificate develops skills that enable students to think and act in a forward-looking and sustainable manner.
- (3) This programme promotes an interdisciplinary approach among students and facilitates transfer between the disciplines and faculties of the university. This transfer thus creates synergies in teaching and research as well as the development of students' profiles, which also promotes the overall university profile in the field of sustainability.
- (4) After completing the sustainability certificate, learners have sustainability-related skills such as forward-looking thinking and action. They can thus participate in shaping a sustainable society. They acquire knowledge in the areas of ecological, economic and social sustainability.
- (5) The learning objectives of the modules recognised by the programme can be found in the module handbooks of the respective degree programmes.
- (6) The problem-solving orientated value and action competences to be taught are based on the five key competences of sustainability by Wiek et al. (2011):
 - I. Systemic competences to think holistically and interdisciplinary;
 - II. Anticipatory and future skills to build scenarios and develop the ability to deal with uncertainties;
 - III. Normative competences to orientate oneself towards values of sustainability, justice and cooperation;
 - IV. Strategic competences to develop innovation skills and change management;
 - V. Interpersonal skills to develop a capacity for dialogue and consensus.

§ 3 Training system

- (1) Participation in the Sustainability Certificate programme is open to every student enrolled in a degree programme at OvGU as a voluntary course.
- (2) The Sustainability Certificate is offered in both the summer and winter semesters.
- (3) It is possible to take the modules for the Sustainability Certificate across semesters. It is recommended that the Sustainability Certificate be completed in a maximum of three semesters.
- (4) The modules that are recognised for the Sustainability Certificate are catalogued across all faculties before the start of each semester and published on the Sustainability Certificate homepage.
- (5) Interested students must inform themselves independently about the associated modules.
- (6) This study programme comprises at least 20 credit points to be acquired in the areas of a) Fundamentals of Sustainability; b) Economics and Technology and c) Society and Politics.

§ 4 Module overview

- (1) At least one course from each of the following areas must be attended:
 - a. Fundamentals of sustainability
 - b. Thematic area of business and technology
 - c. Thematic area of society and politics
- (2) The modules are offered at all faculties. Students from other faculties are admitted to the modules for the purpose of completing the sustainability certificate if the lecturer has opened his/her courses to the certificate programme in advance.
- (3) The descriptions of the modules recognised by the programme can be found in the module handbooks of the respective degree programmes.

§ 5 Quality assurance

- (1) The catalogued modules that are recognised for the sustainability certificate are approved in advance by the scientific advisory board of the OvGU Sustainability Office.
- (2) Courses that take place outside the OvGU must also be reviewed in advance by the Academic Advisory Board of the OvGU Sustainability Office.

§ 6 Subject of the examination

- (3) The examinations of the study programme are intended to determine whether the candidates have acquired the specialist knowledge and competences necessary for the study objectives, can grasp the transdisciplinary connections and have the ability to work according to scientific principles, to convey scientific knowledge and to reflect on and assess acquired knowledge with regard to regional, overall social and global effects.
- (4) The certificate examination is passed if at least 20 credit points have been acquired and all required examinations have been passed.

§ 7 Authorisation and claim

- (1) Admission to modules with a limited number of places is subject to the regulations of the faculty offering the programme
- (2) There is no entitlement to the guarantee of a range of courses and examinations that ensures the completion of the certificate programme within the study period of the respective degree programme studied.

§ 8 Examination formalities

- (1) The examination board of the faculty of the respective module is responsible for the planning, organisation, control and assessment of the examinations.
- (2) The admission requirements and all other examination regulations of the faculty offering the module apply.

§ 9 Certificate / Attestation

- (1) The examinee receives a certificate for passing the certificate examination.
- (2) The date of the certificate is the date of the last required examination.
- (3) In addition to the participant's personal data, the certificate contains the names of the modules completed and the number of credit points earned.
- (4) The certificate is issued by the examination office of the participant's degree programme and signed by the academic director of the sustainability certificate or the Vice-Rectorate for Studies and Teaching.

§ 10 Entry into force

- (1) These Statutes enter into force after their publication in the Official Notices of Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg on xx.yy.2021.