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## Transformation Studies (M.A.)

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### Key Facts

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| <b>Academic qualification</b>    | Master of Arts (M.A.)  |
| <b>Course contents</b>           | Following disciplines are involved in the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary program: Sociology, Ecology, Economics, Geography, Philosophy, German studies, Art, Educational Studies, Media Studies |
| <b>Institute</b>                 | Interdisciplinary Institute for Human, Social and Environmental Sciences (Department Norbert Elias Center for Transformation Design & Research)  |
| <b>Regular duration of study</b> | 4 semester, 120 CP   |
| <b>Language of instruction</b>   | German   |
| <b>Commencement of studies</b>   | Every winter term (starting 2017)  |
| <b>Tuition fees</b>              | Tuition fees are not levied but a semester fee has to be paid every semester.  |
| <b>Further Informationen</b>     | ... about this program are to be found at: <a href="#">study program</a>   |

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| Responsible for the course | For each study program, there are course-managers. You can find your respective contact person in the list of responsible persons.   |
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| Language requirements      | English knowledge Level B2 of the Common European Framework.   |
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## Study profile and goals

The Master's program Transformation Studies discusses the causes and consequences of socio-ecological challenges such as anthropogenic climate change, loss of biodiversity as well as resource depletion and environmental pollution. The study program is characterized by its focus on the current environmental and sustainability crisis from a constitutive socio-ecological perspective. The crises are thus approached as threats which have a social dimension both in their causation and in their effects. Within the scope of the program, opportunities and limits for the shaping of social transformations are reflected and analyzed under the overarching theme of sustainability.

In a historical, contemporary and future-oriented perspective, the Master's Program examines the processes of social change, and what accelerates or inhibits them. Particular attention will be given to the different actor networks and the relationship between power, production and reproduction as well as to theories and practices of societal nature. The program provides both scientific theories and theoretical insights as well as spaces for creative thinking and action.

The aim is to give students the opportunity to understand the nature of social-ecological challenges and the processes of social change as well as to relate them to one another. After completing their studies, students will have practice-oriented knowledge on social transformation processes geared towards sustainability.

## Overview

The study program follows a triad analysis from present, past and future. This is supplemented by profound methodological training: qualitative and quantitative methods of empirical social research as well as transdisciplinary and participatory approaches are part of the program.

The course utilizes a transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary study approach. Therefore, it is important to systematically and continuously reflect on the possibilities, challenges, and limitations of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science and practice. Themes surrounding this topic are included in the colloquium "Transformation Research" which accompanies all four semesters.

| Recommended course of studies |  |  |                                |
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| 1                             | Modul GD (20 LP):<br>Module GD: Analysis of the Contemporary – Socio-ecological Transformations and their Problematization | Modul KT (15 LP):<br>Research Training: Cultural Transformation<br>Housing, Mobility |                                |
| 2                             | Modul HR (20 LP):<br>Historical Reconstruction – Theory and Practices of Social Change                                     | Modul M (5 LP):<br>Quantitative and Transdisciplinary Methods                        |                                |
| 3                             | Modul VZ (20 LP):<br>Varieties of the Future   | Modul TD (5 LP):<br>Transformation Design  | Modul PR (5 LP):<br>Internship |
| 4                             | Modul TH (30 LP):<br>Master's Thesis / Master's Colloquium   |  |                                |

## Documents

All documents relevant to the study will soon be made available here.

## Career Opportunities

The aim of the course is to train qualified specialists for science, politics (counseling), business and society. After completion of the study program, job opportunities are provided both in the practical field as well as in science and research. The students qualify for jobs in research institutes as well as for demanding positions in public administrations, companies and institutions where processes of change in the context of sustainability are increasingly required. Some examples of work placements outside of universities are:

- » International and non-governmental organizations
- » Corporate social responsibility and sustainability departments in companies
- » Environmental departments in the public sector
- » Common good oriented companies
- » Institutions and organizations that provide media, press and public relations on environmental and sustainability issues

### PhD Studies

The Degree Master of Arts (M.A.) generally enables you to continue further studies through a doctor's degree. Information about PhD studies at the Europa-Universität Flensburg can be found [here](#).

## Info and Support

Please note that some of the links provided in the following table lead to information that is available only in the German version.

| Issue                | Who/where?  | German translation                               | Description  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Any issues           | <a href="#">Student Guidance and Counseling Service</a> | Zentrale Studienberatung (ZSB)                   | Contact this Service with <i>any</i> issues or problems that you might experience as a prospective or current student! |
| Admission            | <a href="#">Admissions office</a>                       | Zulassungsstelle                                 | Application, selection and admission procedure   |
| Registration         | <a href="#">Registrar's office</a>                      | Studierendensekretariat                          | Student status. Among others: enrollment, re-registration and leave of absence   |
| Examination          | <a href="#">Service center for examination matters</a>  | Servicezentrum für Prüfungsangelegenheiten (SPA) | Examination matters  |
| Study programs       | <a href="#">Academic advice</a>                         | Fachberatung zum Studiengang                     | Specific questions about the study programs  |
| International issues | <a href="#">International Center</a>                    | International Center                             | Studying abroad, learning foreign languages, etc.  |

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| Internships                                  | <a href="#">CampusCareer</a>                       | CampusCareer                              | Extracurricular internships, guidance and support for the career start  |
| Academic Writing                             | <a href="#">TextLab!</a>                           | TextLab!                                  | Whether you are working on an essay/term paper, placement report, proposal, Bachelor's or Master's thesis, you will receive comprehensive support and assistance. |
| Social and economic issues                   | <a href="#">Social Counseling</a>                  | Sozialberatung                            | Social and economic questions   |
| Psychological issues                         | <a href="#">Psychological Counseling</a>           | Psychologische Beratung                   | Support in case of psychological problems   |
| Student representation                       | <a href="#">General Students' Committee (AStA)</a> | Allgemeiner Studierenden-Ausschuss (AStA) | Student representation  |
| Student representations of specific programs | <a href="#">Student Associations</a>               | Fachschaftsvertretungen                   | Studies-related student representations of specific programs  |
| Other issues                                 | <a href="#">Overview from A to Z</a>               | Überblick von A-Z                         | Overview by topics  |

## Application

You would like to apply?

The M.A. Transformation Studies is offered for the first time in autumn 2017. Please note the semester periods of the Europa-Universität Flensburg!

Applications are accepted from May 15, 2017 onwards. Detailed information will soon be made available here and on the application page. (Click on "Application Master", then on the "Transformation Studies" submenu).

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