

Sustainability Certificate for Students - s certificate



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The inter- and transdisciplinary-oriented certification program offers students the possibility to incorporate an individual focus on sustainability into their regular study programs, thus enabling them to acquire the competencies conferred by a higher education program in sustainability. Additionally, the program aims to bring together students within the TU Berlin with a particular interest in sustainability, thus promoting an exchange of ideas beyond the classroom. The sustainability certificate is awarded by the president of the TU Berlin.

To be awarded the certificate the following criteria have to be met:

- Completion of the 6 ECTS point compulsory module "Critical Sustainability" for all students of the certification program: Critical Sustainability – the Interrelationship between Technology, Nature, the Individual and Democracy. The module is offered as an integrated course consisting of interactive classes and a project laboratory to be held over several days.
- Completion of two modules in the two compulsory optional subject areas of nature/technology and the individual/society - carrying 6 ECTS points each. These modules are, generally, existing modules from a student's own degree program or free electives.
- Active participation in events within the framework of the certification program, such as discussion rounds, workshops, coaching sessions or mentoring. Such events can also be offered by current or former participants of the program.
- The final bachelor/master thesis must address aspects of sustainability and interdisciplinarity

The certification program...

- is available to all bachelor's and master's students at the TU Berlin
- calls for an interdisciplinary as well as transdisciplinary approach
- certifies that students have pursued a clear, individual focus on sustainability as part of their studies
- seeks to convey a critical understanding of sustainability, taking the interrelationship between technology, the individual, nature and society into account
- provides students with the possibility to acquire competencies to allow them to shape their private and professional environments according to the goals of sustainable development, thus enabling them to exercise greater influence over these aspects of their lives (democratization)
- provides students with the possibility to acquire the certificate as part of their normal studies, by taking certain compulsory optional subject courses as well as some specific free elective courses
- is modular in form and is, to the greatest possible extent, incorporated into the existing course program, with the addition of only one single integrated course
- requires that aspects of sustainability be addressed in the final thesis
- aims to create a network of prospective students and working graduates