Valid from 2024.HS

Module description: International and Swiss Law – Circular Economy

Module Code	w.MA.XX.ISLCE.23HS
ECTS Credits	3
Language of Instruction/Examination	English
Module Description	This module will cover legal aspects related to the circular economy, with a particular focus on the new EU guidelines and resolutions outlined in the Circular Economy Action Plan. We will also examine how these aspects relate to other upcoming ESG (environmental, social, and governance) regulations, as well as the relevant Swiss legal framework. Throughout the module, we will explore a range of topics, including non-financial reporting obligations, financial incentives, Greenwashing, and procurement aspects. Furthermore, we will analyze sector-specific requirements and legal pitfalls for emerging circular economy business models. We will consider the impact of digitalization, international value chains, and the powerful position of private stakeholders. This practice-oriented module demonstrates how the legal framework is implemented using a compliance management system. It makes use of case studies and presentations from guest lecturers from the business world.
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Module Coordinator	Janina Aufrichtig
Deputy Module Coordinator	Christian Vögtlin
Program and Specialization	• Circular Economy Management
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations MSc in Circular Economy Management dated 02.06.2022, Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the degree program in Circular Economy Management, first adopted on 23.09.2022
Module Category	**Module Type** Compulsory
Prerequisite Knowledge	No prerequisite knowledge is needed but students are invited to contribute their practical experiences and specialist knowledge.
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	• Professional Competence • Methodological Competence • Social Competence • Self-Competence
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives	**Professional Competence** • Knowing and Understanding Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance • Apply, Analyze, and Synthesize Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance • Evaluate Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance **Methodological Competence** • Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking • Scientific Methodology • Work Methods, Techniques, and Procedures • Information Literacy • Creativity & Innovation **Social Competence** • Written Communication • Oral Communication • Teamwork & Conflict Management • Intercultural Insight & Ability to Change Perspective **Self-Competence** • Self-Management & Self-Reflection • Ethical & Social Responsibility • Learning & Change

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Module Learning Objectives

Students...
- understand the basics of the legal framework of the circular economy at multiple stakeholder levels in an international and Swiss context.
- can identify the common tendencies of the various regulations.
- can identify specific implications and measures for companies to comply with the regulations and apply particular legislation for a specific product/service category.
- understand the importance and the requirements of an effective compliance management system.

Module Content

- Relevant principles, laws, ordinances, and instruments for the implementation of the circular economy
- Basic concept of the relevant legal systems, underlying principles, laws, ordinances, and instruments
- Implications for different stakeholders
- International norms and standards, organizations, principles, procedures, and applications
- Basics of an effective compliance management system

Links to other modules

This module is linked to the following modules:
- w.MA.XX.OESG.23HS
- w.MA.XX.DPG.23HS
- w.MA.XX.BMCE.23HS
- w.MA.XX.SCVC.23HS
- w.MA.XX.MANF.23HS
- w.MA.XX.LCSA.23HS

Digital Learning Resources

- Teaching Videos
- Teaching Materials
- Case Studies (with Key)
- Multiple Choice Tests
- Mentimeter

Methods of Instruction

- Problem-Oriented Teaching
- Project Work
- Lecture
- Explorative Learning
- Exercises
- Case Studies
- Interactive Instruction
- Literature Review

Social Settings Used:
- Group Work
- Pair Work
- Individual Work

Type of Instruction

	Classroom Instruction	Guided Self-Study	Autonomous Self-Study
Lecture	28 h	-	
Excercise	-	-	
Project Work	-	8 h	
Seminar	-	-	
Total	**28 h**	**8 h**	**54 h**

Performance Assessment

End-of-module exam	Form	Length (min.)	Weighting
Written exam	open book	60	50.00
Permitted Resources	No calculator	With dictionary	

Others	Assessment	Format	Length (min.)	Weighting
Group assignment	Grade	Gruppenarbeit	15	50.00

Classroom Attendance Requirement

None

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Compulsory Reading	
Recommended Reading	
Comments	Recommended reading materials will be announced via Moodle.