



Factsheet Bachelor Thesis in BSc Biodiversity

Module EEE 299 & EEE 300, 12 ECTS Credits.

A Prerequisites

To register for the module “EEE 299 Application BSc Thesis in Biodiversity”, you must have successfully passed the compulsory modules of the first year of studies, and at least booked the compulsory modules of the second year of studies. All compulsory modules of the first and second year must be successfully completed before the start of the BSc thesis project.

B Learning goals

- You are able to develop a scientific question, plan a project, and implement it.
- You are able to collect data and analyse them.
- You are able to write a scientific report.
- You are able to take relevant scientific literature into account, cite systematically and correctly.
- You are able to argue logically and present the results clearly and correctly, including tables and graphs.
- You are able to interpret your results in a scientific context.

C Procedure

1. Towards the end of your basic studies, inform yourself about the organization and procedure of the Bachelor Thesis at the information event in March.
For the exact date check here:
<https://www.biodiversitaet.uzh.ch/de/bachelor/bachelorarbeit.html>
2. Register for the module EEE 299 (March 15th until April 15th). The program coordinators check eligibility until May 1st and the module EEE 299 appears as “booked” in the student’s account.
3. From May 1st, a list of supervisors/topics is available in the OLAT course of EEE 29. Prioritize five options of supervisor/topic from the list from May 1st until May 15th.
Note: each supervisor offers a limited number of places, usually one or two per year per supervisor.
4. The system assigns each students a supervisor/topic until May 25th. (The matching process will be done by the module coordinator, combining the options given by all students with some optimisation process. The supervisor cannot choose the student.)
5. Contact your assigned supervisor immediately. With the supervisor you specify the topic, one of the two *submission dates and a rough time schedule for the development of the Bachelor Thesis. Fill out and sign the “Application form Bachelor Thesis” together. The student must upload the form on OLAT before July 15th.

*There are two possible submission dates:

In the **standard version**, you schedule the thesis project within a timeframe of about 9 months and hand in the thesis on June 15th the following year.

In the **short version**, you conduct and complete the thesis project within the fall semester and hand in the thesis on November 30th.



6. Participate in the "Introductory Seminar of Bachelor Thesis", which takes place in the week before the start of fall semester. The participation is mandatory. The exact dates are given here:
<https://www.biodiversitaet.uzh.ch/de/bachelor/bachelorarbeit.html>
7. Contact your supervisor again to start with the bachelor thesis project and work on it.
8. Submit your Bachelor Thesis by e-mail to the supervisor and the module coordinator, no later than November 30th (short version) or June 15th (standard version) the following year.
9. The supervisor assesses the thesis and submits the grade to the module coordinator. The thesis is assessed based on content and formal criteria (see "Assessment form Bachelor Thesis", on the website
<https://www.biodiversitaet.uzh.ch/de/bachelor/bachelorarbeit.html>
You will receive the grade in your UZH account a few weeks after hand-in. For more detailed feedback, contact your supervisor.
10. As soon as you see all your achievements that are needed for the bachelor's degree in your account (including those for the Minor if you have one), you can apply for the Bachelor's degree in the UZH app.

D Requirements

For your bachelor thesis project, including writing the thesis, you should work approximately 360 hours (equivalent to 12 ECTS credits). The thesis must be written in English. Scope, format, and formatting must be agreed upon with the supervisor.

At the submission date, the thesis must be sent as PDF to the supervisor and the module coordinator. The thesis submitted by the deadline will be graded.

Statement of authorship: A written and signed statement must be included at the end of the thesis in which you confirm that you have written the thesis independently using only the means specified in the thesis.

"Statement of authorship: I hereby declare that the material contained in this thesis is my own original work. Any quotation or paraphrase in this thesis from the published or unpublished work of another individual or institution has been duly acknowledged. I have not submitted this thesis, or any part of it, previously to any institution for assessment purposes."

Any evidence of plagiarism will lead to failure of the bachelor thesis module and entail disciplinary measures.

A failed bachelor thesis can be repeated once by applying again the following April and booking the module EEE 299 "Application BSc Thesis in Biodiversity" with a *new* topic.



In case of failure due to flaws exclusively related to the written work, an improved version of the Thesis can be submitted at the next submission date, if the supervisor agrees. This counts as the second and last attempt for module EEE 300.

If the Bachelor Thesis project cannot be started or completed as planned in the Application Form (dropout, delay due to failed mandatory modules, interruption of studies, prolonged illness, or other serious, unforeseeable reasons), immediately contact your supervisor, and discuss whether to abort or postpone the project.

If you and your supervisor agree on a revised plan, report the reasons and, if applicable, provide a medical certificate, the new plan including signatures, and the new submission date (15th of June or 30rd of Nov) to the module coordinator. The module coordinator will then decide whether the first attempt of the module counts as failed or not.

Documents online

The following documents you can find on our website:

<https://www.biodiversitaet.uzh.ch/de/bachelor/bachelorarbeit.html>

- "Factsheet Bachelor Thesis"
- "Application form Bachelor Thesis"
- "Assessment form Bachelor Thesis"

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Timetable

Date	Events
March	Info Event "Bachelor Thesis Biodiversity"
March 15 th - April 15 th	Students register for EEE 299
April 30 th	the module EEE 299 appears as "booked" in the student's account
May 1 st -15 th	List of supervisors/topics is available on OLAT. <u>Prioritize five options of supervisor/ topic from the list</u>
May 25 th	Supervisor will be assigned
from May 25 th on	Students meet with supervisors, fill out and sign the "Application form Bachelor Thesis" together.



By the latest of July 15 th	Student uploads the “Application form Bachelor Thesis” on OLAT
One week before semester start in September	Students participate at the Introductory Seminar (compulsory)
Standard version	
September – May	Work on Bachelor’s thesis project (in parallel with block courses, lectures and the professional internship, according to your individual schedule).
Submission date: June 15 th	Submission of the thesis to the supervisor and module coordinator by e-mail
July-August	Grade is visible in the student’s account.
until October 15 th	Application for the bachelor’s degree (if all other requirements are also met)
Short version	
September – November	Work on Bachelor’s thesis project (no other modules in parallel)
Submission date: November 30 th	Submission of the thesis to the supervisor and module coordinator by e-mail
December-January	Grade is visible in the student’s account.
until 15 th of March	Application for the bachelor’s degree (if all other requirements are also met)