



Part-time Study Programmes

Which degree programmes at FIDS can be completed part-time?

The master's programmes in **Computer Science, Data Science, and Human-Centred Artificial Intelligence** can be pursued in both full-time and part-time formats.

What is a Part-Time Study Programme?

A part-time study programme allows students to complete their studies either entirely or partially with a reduced workload per semester, thereby extending the standard duration of study. This flexible arrangement is designed to accommodate individual needs and offers greater flexibility in how students organize their academic journey. It is particularly suitable for students in special life situations who may require a more adaptable study schedule.

The core objectives and content of the programme, including the range of courses offered (both structurally and in terms of timing), as well as examination formats, remain unchanged. They are identical for both full-time and part-time study modes. However, there are special regulations concerning deadlines for exams and the processing times for final theses.

What regulations apply to the part-time study programme?

The regulations for a part-time study programme are based on the same [examination and study regulations as the corresponding full-time programme](#) with the same degree title, unless otherwise specified in the [regulation for part-time studies at the University of Regensburg, dated June 19, 2023](#).

Additionally, students enrolled in a part-time programme are not permitted to enroll simultaneously in another programme (i.e., double studies).

What are the prerequisites for enrolling in a part-time study programme?

- To enroll in a part-time programme, students must first be officially registered (enrolled) in the respective part-time degree programme. Besides the general enrollment requirements, applicants must also demonstrate the qualification and access requirements that apply to the full-time version of the same programme.
 - The semester fee must be paid in full.
 - Before enrolling in a part-time study program, students are required to participate in a **counseling session** with the programme coordinator or programme advisor at the University of Regensburg. Proof of this completed consultation must be submitted during the enrollment process.
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What is the standard duration of study?

In a part-time programme, the workload per semester is reduced by half compared to full-time studies. Consequently, the standard duration of study (Regelstudienzeit) is twice as long as that of the full-time programme with the same degree title. For example, in master's programmes that typically take four semesters in full-time mode (with a maximum of six semesters for completion), the standard duration in part-time mode is **eight semesters** (with a maximum of twelve semesters).

Is it possible to switch between full-time and part-time studies?

- Yes, students can choose to study entirely in a part-time format. Alternatively, the study can be divided into blocks of full-time and part-time semesters. A part-time block must consist of at least **two consecutive part-time semesters** or a multiple of two. Each part-time semester is converted into 0.5 of a full-time semester for credit purposes.
 - Switching between full-time and part-time study modes is possible at the **time of enrollment or re-registration**. After the registration deadlines have passed, such a switch is no longer permitted.
 - Throughout the entire programme, students are allowed up **to two switches** between full-time and part-time modes. However, switching from full-time to part-time studies is only allowed up to the **penultimate semester** of the standard duration of study.
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What is the maximum ECTS credit load in a part-time program?

In a part-time study programme, students are allowed to earn a **maximum of 40 ECTS credits per academic year** (per part-time block of two semesters). If a student exceeds this limit, the respective part-time semester will be retrospectively counted as four part-time semesters (equivalent to two full-time semesters).

What should I know about the transfer of study periods?

- If a full-time study at the University of Regensburg in the same programme is continued in part-time mode, each full-time semester is counted as two part-time semesters, regardless of the amount of coursework or exams completed.
 - Conversely, if a part-time study is continued in full-time mode, each part-time semester is counted as half a full-time semester, regardless of the coursework or exams completed.
 - The transfer of study periods and coursework completed at other universities or in different programmes follows the general recognition rules for full-time studies.
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How long can I work on my Master's thesis while studying part-time?

The processing time for bachelor's or master's theses in part-time programs is generally **double** the time allocated for full-time programs with the same degree title. The processing times for all accompanying coursework and exams remain unchanged.

What should I know about studying abroad and internships in a part-time program?

Internships and study abroad stays can be completed in part-time mode, provided that the internship provider or foreign university permits it. However, there is no entitlement to complete internships or study abroad periods in part-time mode; participation depends on the approval of the respective institution.