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## **WELCOME TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAM COSOM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG!**

Dear Master students,

You have enrolled in the master's program COSOM at the University of Regensburg for the winter semester 2024/25. On behalf of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, I would like to welcome you!

To all those who did not complete their bachelor studies in Regensburg, allow me to briefly introduce myself: My name is Dr. Claudia Wanninger-Weiß, I am the program coordinator for (Business) Chemistry and I take care of all matters concerning our study programs. I am the first point of contact for you if you have any questions about your studies.

I would like to use this letter to inform you about your future studies. Please read the instructions carefully and save this letter in case you want to read something again at a later date.

### **General organisation of the master degree program COSOM at the UR:**

The program is split into a compulsory optional part and a mandatory part.

#### **The compulsory optional part:**

Here you must choose **two** modules of the three possible options **Inorganic Chemistry (AC)**, **Organic Chemistry (OC)** and **Bioanalytical Chemistry (AnC)**. In total, you must achieve 14 credit points (CP) for each of your two chosen modules.

For the modules Inorganic and Organic chemistry, you have to choose three lectures each, which you can select from the portfolio published in the platform SPUR. Further, you must participate in the lab course "preparative inorganic methods" (AC) or "organic methods of synthesis (OC)", respectively, with accompanying seminar each.

Hints:

The FlexNow-registration for the compulsory elective lectures (including those of the WiSe\*) is possible until 01.07.2025. Thus, you can first check the options given in the SoSe\*, before you register for the lectures relevant for your exams.

Fixed courses must always be registered in the semester in which they are offered! For example:

\* WiSe = winter semester (Oct – March), SoSe = summer semester (Apr – Sept)

Analytical Methods of Inorganic Methods: offered only in WiSe! FlexNow registration must take place in WiSe!

Seminar Modern Methods of Synthesis: only offered in WiSe! FlexNow registration must take place in WiSe!

In the frame of the module AnC, two lectures (bioanalysis I and II) and the lab course "bioanalysis" must be successfully completed.

Hints:

- The two mandatory lectures are offered one in WiSe one in SoSe. The Flex-Now registration must take place in the corresponding semester.
- The lab course bioanalysis is offered in the lecture-free time between WiSe and SoSe. The Flex-Now registration must take place in WiSe.

The courses for these modules should be completed within the first year of the master program. After successfully participating in all mandatory and compulsory optional courses of those modules, a 30 min oral exam for each module in autumn will allow the evaluation of your achievements in the lectures and the practical courses. **The grades achieved here each count 12% towards the overall grade of the master's program.**

#### **The mandatory part:**

- The module *formulation* contains the lecture with exercises (in WiSe) and the lab course with accompanying seminar (in SoSe).
- The module *condensed matter* contains the lectures "condensed matter I (SoSe), II and III" (WiSe) and the lab course "physical chemistry" (SoSe).
- The module colloids contains the lectures "colloids I (WiSe), II (SoSe) and III (WiSe + SoSe), each with exercises.

Hints:

The FlexNow registration for each course/lecture must (!) take place in the corresponding semester!

The courses for these modules should also be completed within the first year of the master program. After successfully participating in all mandatory courses of those modules, a 30 min oral exam for the module formulation and written exams for the other two modules in autumn will allow the evaluation of your achievements in the lectures and the practical courses. **The grades achieved here each count 12% towards the overall grade of the master's program.**

The course offerings in the master's program COSOM can be found in the course catalog (<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/studium/startseite/vorlesungsverzeichnis/index.html>)

#### **Procedure of the Master's program:**

You select your compulsory elective modules in advance, but you do not have to finally define them until you register in FlexNow. Therefore, it is possible to "look at" the compulsory elective

modules during the first weeks in case of doubt and only then decide which two subjects you choose as actual basic modules compulsory optional. The modules usually start directly at the beginning of lectures (this year on October 14, 2024). Nevertheless, please note the specific information on the courses in SPUR.

**Important Note: Compulsory Module Inorganic Chemistry will start one week before the beginning of the lecture period!**

### Module Exams:

After the 1st year of study, as already described above, two oral examinations are scheduled for the compulsory optional modules and one for the module Formulation. There are fixed examination periods for these examinations:

**01.09. - 15.12.** (preferred examination period for all those starting the master's program in WiSe)  
01.02. - 28.02. (29.02.)  
01.04. - 30.06.

First attempts can only be taken within these fixed examination periods. For the examinations on the compulsory optional modules, you basically have **free choice of date AND examiner!** The module formulation is examined by Prof. Kunz. Please note that there are **fixed and binding registration periods (TEMPO AND FlexNow!)** for these module examinations! These are always published in time on the website of the Examination Office Chemistry:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/studium/pruefungsverwaltung/chemie/termine/index.html>

TEMPO: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/chemie-pharmazie/fakultaet/studium/chemie/master-chemie/index.html>

FlexNow: <https://fn2.uni-regensburg.de/FN2AUTH/>

The written (!) exams for the modules colloids and condensed matter also take place between 1.9. und 15.12. Please also register for these exams.

### Master's Thesis:

In general, the master thesis is executed in the semesters three and four of the masters program. Usually, you start your thesis in January of semester three at the partners university (- institute) abroad. The universities of Montpellier, Lille and Avignon (with associated institute at Marcoule) are the partners of the program. At the end of the second semester (~ June), you will get informed about wider research topic areas that the partner universities will provide for a possible master thesis. Adjacently, you can get into contact with the local supervisors.

You will be allowed to register for the master thesis, as soon as 60 CP are booked on your FlexNow account, which you will achieve after successful completion of all your modules. The master thesis will be written in English. The first assessor will be your supervisor abroad, the second assessor will be Prof. Kunz **The grade of the master's thesis counts for 40% of the overall grade of the master's program.**

### Further hints:

The local institutions will support you with apartment-hunting.

You will be financially supported by the partner institute by at least 500 euros per month for six months.

For all those who are moving to Regensburg from outside, here is some general information:

### **Important documents:**

The **examination regulations** as well as the **module catalog** regulate the master study chemistry. You can find both documents on our homepage:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/chemie-pharmazie/fakultaet/studium/chemie/cosom/index.html>

In the module catalog you can read which achievements you have to make for a certain module and how many credit points you receive for the individual modules. Access requirements are also documented in the module catalog.

### **Important Internet Platforms:**

Please refer to the **course catalog/SPUR** for course offerings for the master's degree in COSOM.

You can find the course catalog here:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/studium/startseite/vorlesungsverzeichnis/index.html>

If online registration is required in the course catalog, please do so as soon as you receive your access data!

Information as well as all teaching materials will be sent to you in good time before the start of lectures or successively during the semester on **GRIPS** (=Gemeinsame Regensburger Internet-Plattform für Studierende, <https://elearning.uni-regensburg.de/>) or provided in the **UR Mediathek** (<https://mediathek2.uni-regensburg.de/index>).

**Important:** For using these platforms you need a valid NDS account (you will receive it automatically with your enrollment!)

### **Registration for events or exams, documentation of your exam achievements:**

At the University of Regensburg we work with the **electronic examination administration system FlexNow** (<https://fn2.uni-regensburg.de/FN2AUTH/>)

This platform is used for your future registrations for exams and internships. In your FlexNow account, all achievements made during your studies (exam results, internships) are documented. You can view these at any time!

Registrations in FlexNow are the only legally binding registrations you will make! This means that you are only entitled to participate in exams and internships with a valid registration in FlexNow! Registrations via SPUR, GRIPS... are not legally binding, but only serve the organization!

You register for the lectures/seminars and lab courses in FlexNow of the respective semesters. Registration for the module examinations is only possible during firmly defined (and binding) periods. These are always published in good time on the website of the Chemistry Examination Office:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/studium/pruefungsverwaltung/chemie/termine/index.html>

The FlexNow offers for lectures/seminars/lab courses are always expected to be **available in FlexNow from 01.10. for the winter semester and from 01.04. for the summer semester.**

**Contact:**

When you enrolled at the University of Regensburg, you all received a student email address (**firstname.surname@stud.uni-regensburg.de**). This address is extremely important for you! Please use this email address if you want to contact us. Emails from private accounts will usually not be answered! Please read the mailbox of this email address regularly! You will receive study-relevant emails (e.g. from the examination office, from the study program coordination, newsletters from the university...) only to this email address!

I hope you now have all the information you need so that nothing stands in the way of a smooth start to your master's degree in chemistry. Please do not hesitate to write or call me if something is unclear to you or you need some assistance or advice!

Furthermore, Dr. Eva Müller ([eva.mueller@ur.de](mailto:eva.mueller@ur.de)) and Prof. Dr. Werner Kunz ([werner.kunz@ur.de](mailto:werner.kunz@ur.de)) will be pleased to answer your questions concerning the COSOM studies.

We wish you a good start into the winter semester 2024/25!

Best regards

Yours Claudia Wanninger-Weiß

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