

**Master's degree programme:
Automotive Systems Engineering (MAS)**

The following study and examination regulations
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Master's degree programme Automotive Systems Engineering (MAS)

1 Course structure

1.1 Total scope

The total scope of the compulsory, advanced and elective courses required for successful completion of the programme leads to the acquisition of 90 ECTS credits. The standard period of study is three semesters.

1.2 Structure of the programme

The courses required for successful completion of the programme and the associated coursework and examinations are listed in Tables 1 - 5. The courses are assigned to individual modules, which are awarded ECTS credits.

1.3 Language of instruction

All courses are held in either German or English (§3 (4), SPO AT Master 3sem).

1.4 Examination board

The responsible examination board is the Examination Board for the Master's Degree in Automotive Systems Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering.

1.5 Degree

Upon successful completion of the Master's examination, Heilbronn University awards the academic degree Master of Engineering, abbreviated M. Eng.

1.6 Course profiles

The Master's programme in Automotive Systems Engineering can be completed with one of four programme profiles: *Engineering*, *Research*, *International* or *Development Management*.

Students can apply for the research projects published on the faculty's website for the programme profile *Research* mentioned in paragraph 1 from the time they are admitted to the programme until the start of lectures. The project supervisor decides on the allocation of the research project in a standardised procedure of the faculty.

Students can apply with a letter of motivation to the Programme Dean for the *Development Management* programme profile mentioned in paragraph 1 from the time they are admitted to the programme until the end of the third week after the start of lectures. Admission is decided by two professors in a standardised procedure of the faculty.

Only students who complete at least 20 ECTS credits at a university abroad or students who are studying under a double degree agreement can choose the *international* programme profile mentioned in paragraph 1.

2 Master's programme

2.1 Modules

The courses in the Master's programme in Automotive Systems Engineering are divided into the modules listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Modules in the Master's programme in Automotive Systems Engineering

Semester			Course profile				ECTS points
	Module	Name	Engineering	Research	International	Development management	
1	M1	Methods and procedures 1	5	5		5	
	M3	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering	15		10	10	
	M4	Elective studies	5		20	10	
	M5	Advised Research Studies		10			
	M6	Engineering Project	5			5	
	M7	Research Project		15			
Total 1st semester			30	30	30	30	30
2	M2	Methods and procedures 2	5		5		
	M3	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering	5		10	5	
	M4	Elective studies	10		15		
	M5	Advised research studies		15			
	M6	Engineering Project	10			10	
	M7	Research Project		15			
	M8	Development Management				15	
Total 2nd semester			30	30	30	30	30
3	M9	Master's thesis	30	30	30	30	
Total 3rd semester							30
Total Master's							90

2.2 Degree programme profiles

Tables 2–5 show the required coursework for each programme profile in the Master's programme in Automotive Systems Engineering.

2.2.1 Engineering programme profile

Table 2: Coursework Engineering programme profile¹

Semester overview Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – Engineering programme profile										
Semester	Course					Examination		ECTS		
	Module	No	Course title	Type	SWS	Type	Duration			
1	M1	615010	Methods and procedures 1							
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1					Lx		5
	M3	615030	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering							
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2					Lx		15
	M4	615040	Elective studies							
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2					Lx		5
	M6	615060	Engineering Project							
		615061	Project work			L	1	LA		5
Totals 1st semester									30	
2	M2	615020	Methods and procedures 2							
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1					Lx		5
	M3	615030	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering							
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2					Lx		5
	M4	615040	Elective studies							
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2					Lx		10
	M6	615060	Engineering Project							
		615061	Project work			L	1	LA		7.5
	615062	Colloquium Project work			S	1	SR		2.5	
Totals 2nd semester									30	
3	M9	615090	Master's thesis							
		615091	Master's Thesis				0	PT		28
		615092	Master's Thesis Colloquium			S	0	SR		2
Totals 3rd semester									30	

¹ See https://cdn.hs-heilbronn.de/ff7396326d75e064/21b0725bd705/2014-05-04-SPO-AT-Bachelor_ENGLISCH.pdf page 26 for abbreviations

2.2.2 Research programme profile

Table 3: Coursework Research Programme Profile

Semester overview Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – Research programme profile									
Semester	Course					Examination		ECTS	
	Module	No	Course title	Type	SWS	Type	Duration		
1	M1	615110	Methods and Procedures 1						
			Compulsory subject according to section 2.3.1				Lx		5
	M5	615150	Advised Research Studies						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2 1)				Lx		10
	M7	615170	Research Project						
		615171	Research project with publication 2)	L	2		LA		15
Totals 1st semester								30	
2	M5	615150	Advised Research Studies						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2				Lx		15
	M7	615170	Research Project						
		615171	Research project with publication 2)	L	2		LA		12.5
		615172	Research project colloquium	S	1		SR		2.5
Totals 2nd semester								30	
3	M9	615190	Master's thesis						
		615191	Master's thesis		0		PT		28
		615192	Master's Thesis Colloquium	S	0		SR		2
Totals 3rd semester								30	

¹⁾ The selection of elective subjects is the responsibility of the primary supervisor of the research project in consultation with the student.

²⁾ Supervision of the research project is provided by a primary and secondary supervisor, who are professors at HHN. As part of the research project, an article must be submitted for peer review as a scientific publication. The article must be either a journal article or a full paper for a relevant conference and must be at least four pages long in standard format. Submission for publication is only permitted with the express consent of the supervisors. The assessment of the submitted article is included in the evaluation of the project work.

2.2.3 International programme profile

Table 4: Coursework International programme profile

Semester overview Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – International programme profile									
Semester	Course					Examination		ECTS	
	Module	No	Course title	Type	SWS	Type	Duration		
1	M3	615230	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		10	
	M4	615240	Elective studies						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		20	
	Totals 1st semester								30
2	M2	615220	Methods and procedures 2						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1			Lx		5	
	M3	615230	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		10	
	M4	615240	Elective studies						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		15	
	Totals 2nd semester								30
3	M9	615290	Master's thesis						
		615291	Master's thesis		0	PT		28	
		615292	Master's Thesis Colloquium	S	0	SR		2	
	Totals 3rd semester								30

2.2.4 Development Management programme profile

Table 5: Coursework Development Management programme profile

Semester overview Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – Development Management programme profile									
Semester	Course					Examination		ECTS	
	Module	No	Course title	Type	SWS	Type	Duration		
1	M1	615310	Methods and procedures 1						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1			Lx		5	
	M3	615330	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		10	
	M4	615340	Elective studies						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		10	
	M6	615360	Engineering Project						
		615361	Project work	L	1	LA		5	
Totals 1st semester								30	
2	M3	615330	Advanced studies in Automotive Systems Engineering						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		5	
	M6	615360	Engineering Project						
		615361	Project work	L	1	LA		7.5	
		615362	Colloquium Project work	S	1	SR		2.5	
	M8	615380	Development Management						
			Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2			Lx		15	
Totals 2nd semester								30	
3	M9	615390	Master's thesis						
		615391	Master's thesis		0	PT		28	
		615392	Master's Thesis Colloquium	S	0	SR		2	
Totals 3rd semester								30	

2.3 Compulsory, advanced and elective subjects

2.3.1 Table 6: Compulsory and elective subjects in the Methods and Procedures 1 and 2 modules (M1 and M2)

Table 6a: In the *Engineering, International* and *Development Management* degree programme profiles, the subjects in Table 6a can be selected in the Methods and Procedures 1 and, if applicable, Methods and Procedures 2 modules to the extent of the ECTS credits to be fulfilled in the module. Multiple credits for examinations are not possible.

Course				Examination		ECTS points
No.	Title	Type	Scope SWS	Type	Duration in minutes	
615401	Numerical and Optimisation Methods	V/Ü	2	LP		2.5
615402	Statistical Methods	V/Ü	2	LK	60	2.5
615403	Selected Topics in Mathematics	V/Ü	2	LK	60	2.5
615404	Design of Experiments	V/Ü	2	LK	90	2.5

Table 6b: In the *Research* programme profile, the subject Research Management is the sole component of the Methods and Procedures module (M1). This subject cannot be selected in the other programme profile.

Course				Examination		ECTS points
No.	Title	Type	Scope SWS	Type	Duration in minutes	
615405	Research Management	V/Ü	4	LP		5

2.3.2 Subjects of the specialisation and elective studies

In order to fulfil the examination requirements for the **specialisation (M3)** of the corresponding degree programme profile, students select subjects from the VF catalogue to the extent of the ECTS credits to be fulfilled in the module.

To fulfil the **elective studies (M4)** of the corresponding degree programme profile, subjects from the VF and WF catalogues can be selected to the extent of the ECTS credits to be fulfilled in the modules.

To fulfil the examination requirements of the **Advised Research Studies** module (**M5**) in the *Research* programme profile, students select subjects from the VF and WF catalogues totalling 25 ECTS.

To fulfil the examination requirements for the **Development Management** module (**M8**) in the *Development Management* programme profile, students select subjects from the EM catalogue totalling 15 ECTS. Subjects from another programme at Heilbronn University or another university may be recognised for this programme profile upon application to the examination board, provided that they are business administration subjects from a degree programme.

The VF, WF and EM catalogues are part of the module handbook and are made available on the programme's homepage and the university's official digital learning platform by the end of the previous semester at the latest. Subjects from another programme outside the faculty of Heilbronn University or another university can be recognised by the examination board upon request. Only engineering, computer science or natural science subjects from a master's degree programme (at least level 7 of the German Qualifications Framework) that take into account the competence objectives of the degree programme can be recognised. Participation in subjects from the VF, WF and EM catalogues may be limited for capacity reasons.

Upon application by the teacher responsible for the course in question, changes to the VF, WF and EM catalogues are approved by the examination board, after consultation with the faculty council and the study commission. The subjects offered must take into account the competence objectives of the degree programme. These must correspond to at least level 7 of the German Qualifications Framework. Multiple credits for subjects are not permitted.

2.4 Module examinations in the Master's programme

The module examinations for the Master's examination, the associated examination performances, and the weightings of the grades for the individual examination performances and module grades, as well as the Master's thesis, are shown in Table 7 *Engineering* programme profile, Table 8 *Research* programme profile, Table 9 *International* programme profile, or Table 10 *Development Management* programme profile.

Table 7: Module examinations Engineering programme profile – Weightings of individual examination grades and module grades

Module grades Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – Engineering programme profile			
Module	No.	Module name	Weighting of the module grade for the grade in accordance with § 24
		Examination	
M1	615010	Methods and procedures 1	5
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1	
M2	615020	Methods and Procedures 2	5
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1	
M3	615030	Advanced studies in automotive systems engineering	20
		Elective subjects according to section 2.3.2	
M4	615040	Elective studies	15
		Elective subjects in accordance with Section 2.3.2	
M6	615060	Engineering Project	15
	615061	Project work	
	615062	Colloquium Project Work	
M9	615090	Master's Thesis	30
	615091	Master's thesis	
	615092	Master's Thesis Colloquium	
Total			90

Table 8: Module examinations Research programme profile – Weightings of individual examination grades and module grades

Module grades Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – Research programme profile			
Module	No	Module name	Weighting of the module grade for the grade in accordance with § 24
		Examination	
M1	615110	Methods and procedures 1	5
		Compulsory subject according to section 2.3.1	
M5	615150	Advised Research Studies	25
		Elective subjects in accordance with Section 2.3.2	
M7	615170	Research Project	30
	615171	Research project with publication	
	615172	Colloquium Research project	
M9	615190	Master's thesis	30
	615191	Master's thesis	
	615192	Master's Thesis Colloquium	
Total			90

Table 9: Module examinations International programme profile – Weightings of individual examination grades and module grades

Module grades Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – International programme profile			
Module	No	Module name	Weighting of the module grade for the grade according to § 24
		Examination	
M2	615220	Methods and procedures 2	5
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1	
M3	615230	Advanced Studies in Automotive Systems Engineering	20
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2	
M4	615240	Elective studies	35
		Elective subjects in accordance with Section 2.3.2	
M9	615290	Master's thesis	30
	615291	Master's thesis	
	615292	Master's Thesis Colloquium	
Total			90

Table 10: Module examinations Development Management programme profile – Weightings of individual examination grades and module grades

Module grades Master's: Automotive Systems Engineering – Development Management programme profile			
Module	No	Module name	Weighting of the module grade for the grade in accordance with § 24
		Examination	
M1	615310	Methods and procedures 1	5
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.1	
M3	615330	Advanced studies in automotive systems engineering	15
		Elective subjects according to section 2.3.2	
M4	615340	Elective studies	10
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2	
M6	615360	Engineering Project	15
	615361	Project work	
	615362	Colloquium Project Work	
M8	615380	Development Management	15
		Elective subjects in accordance with section 2.3.2	
M9	615390	Master's thesis	30
	615391	Master's thesis	
	615392	Master's Thesis Colloquium	
Total			90

2.5 Master's Examination

The Master's certificate contains the module grades for all module examinations listed in Tables 7, 8, 9 or 10, including the Master's thesis. If several performance assessments take place at course level within a module, the module grade is determined according to an ECTS-weighted arithmetic mean of the individual performances contained in the module. The module grade for the module examination is the weighted arithmetic mean of the grades for the examination performances in the courses belonging to the respective module examination. The overall grade for the Master's certificate is calculated from the weighted arithmetic mean of the module grades, including the grade for the Master's thesis, whereby the weights for the individual grades are determined on the basis of the ECTS from the respective tables.

3 Entry into force and transitional provisions

3.1 Entry into force

These study and examination regulations shall enter into force on 1 March 2026. Students who have already commenced their studies at the time these study and examination regulations enter into force shall complete any outstanding examinations and preliminary examination requirements in accordance with the previous study and examination regulations (SPO 2).

Heilbronn, 15 October 2025

Signed:

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Oliver Lenzen
Rector

Announcement

The study and examination regulations are hereby publicly announced in accordance with the announcement statute of Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences dated 28 June 2017.

Heilbronn, 15 October 2025

On behalf of the Vice-Rectorate for Learning and Teaching

Signed:

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Brecht