

Information for switchers relating the BSA-norm (up to cohort 2022)

Examination Committee School IS

Academic Advisors Psychology & Technology (PT), Sustainable Innovation (SI)

When you have switched to the bachelor PT or SI, you will get an adapted BSA recommendation. When you switch before February 1st of the academic year, this will lead to an adapted BSA norm for that concerning academic year. When you switch after February 1st of the academic year, the BSA recommendation will be postponed till the next academic year. In that case you will get an adapted BSA norm for the next academic year. The following information is meant for an adapted BSA norm for students who start the new bachelor at September 1st. In all cases you preferably contact the [academic advisor for the first year students](#) to discuss your planning and your BSA norm.

To get a positive Binding Study Recommendation (BSA) at the end of the first academic year at PT or SI, you need to have passed 75% of all open first year courses (rounded down). These first year courses consist of all basic courses of year 1, the major courses of year 1, and two electives. Only courses passed in the first academic year at PT or SI count for the determination of the Binding Study Recommendation. All courses passed in previous academic years, at other programs, aren't considered as courses passed in the concerning academic year and will therefore not be taken into account at the calculation of the BSA. Though, these earlier passed courses can still be part of the exam program.

Besides this, there is also a progression demand of 45 ECTS (75% of the total academic year). You need to supplement, where necessary, the first year courses with second year courses (electives, USE courses, the basic course Design or major courses, taking into account the necessary preliminary knowledge for these courses).

Attention: It seems obvious to use certain courses, passed at the previous bachelor program as one or more electives in the first year at PT or SI. Consider then that the norm for the first year courses will become lower, but the total progression demand will stay 45 ECTS.

A numeric example: suggest you are a PT or SI student and you have 10 first year courses which are open (50 ECTS). Your BSA-norm will be $75\% * 50 \text{ ECTS} = 37,5 \text{ ECTS}$. Your personal BSA-norm will be 35 ECTS, or in other words a minimum of 7 first year courses. On top of that you have to pass at least for 10 ECTS of other first or second year courses to get a positive BSA recommendation.

In the case that there are personal circumstances during your first academic year at PT or SI, the examination committee can decide to adjust the norm for your specific situation. You can send in a request for this (for more information look at the digital study guide for [PT](#) or [SI](#)).

The examination committee will let you know what the exact BSA norm for you personally will be somewhere around the middle of September. If you have any questions related to the BSA-norm, you can contact the [academic advisor for the first year students](#).