

## Course Description for AGEP Network

<b>Name of Module/Course</b>	Critical Sustainability			
<b>Short description</b>	<p>The course "Critical Sustainability" provides a digital space to learn, reflect, discuss and take action together. The participants will jointly analyze existing power relations as well as society-nature relations and democratize them. The course is the compulsory module of the Sustainability Certificate for Students issued by TU Berlin.</p> <p>Through various interactive, artistic and group-dynamic formats, the participants will broaden their understanding of sustainability. For this they engage in individual work as well as small and large group work to jointly reflect and analyze their own positions/conditions in society. This will be the basis for their contribution to a socio-ecological transformation of society through individual and collective action.</p> <p>Students of all study programs from all universities/colleges in Berlin and beyond are cordially invited. Non-Students are also warmly welcomed. In this course they come together to share and question their different knowledges, expertises and perspectives. Together they will explore societal problems across any borders between humans and mutually work on them.</p> <p>Further information on our website: <a href="https://www.n-zertifikat.tu-berlin.de/menue/sustainability_certificate_for_students_s_certificate/critical_sustainability/">https://www.n-zertifikat.tu-berlin.de/menue/sustainability_certificate_for_students_s_certificate/critical_sustainability/</a></p>			
<b>Name of Programme</b>	Sustainability Certificate for Students			
<b>Name of University</b>	Technische Universität Berlin			
<b>Name of Lecturer</b>	Dr.-Ing. André Baier			
<b>Responsible University lecturer</b>	Dr.-Ing. André Baier			
<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>SWS</b>	<b>Attendance (h)</b>	<b>Self-study (h)</b>	<b>Total workload (h)</b>
6	4	64	116	180
<b>Start &amp; end dates, WS</b>		<b>Start &amp; end dates, SS</b>		<b>Other timeslot (block course):</b>
03 Nov 2020 > 07 Jan 2021 Tuesdays + Thursdays 14.00 > 16.00				
<b>Registration until</b>		<b>Number of possible AGEP participants</b>		
03 Nov 2020		25		

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<p><b>Content and goals of qualification</b></p>	<p>What is the Course Critical Sustainability about?          The participants expand their understanding of sustainability, especially with regard to social aspects such as power relations as well as society-nature relations and political ecology. The theoretical foundation for this is Critical Theory and theories of radical democracy. During the course, the participants work on societal challenges from different interdisciplinary and artistic perspectives and engage in corresponding practices. They conduct an intervention research project through which they contribute to a democratization of society and its social-ecological transformation.</p> <p>Which learning outcomes?          The participants analyze and evaluate in a democratic process the present reciprocal relations of technology, individuals, nature, society and democracy. Based on this analysis and evaluation, they learn to democratize these reciprocal relations.</p> <p>The participants acquire the competence to unveil the complex interdependency of their social, political, ecological and economic surroundings. This includes the consideration of different values, interests and needs within a global perspective as well as within one class(room). The course design encourages democratic decision-making not only to solve but also to define problems within the course itself and moreover outside of the classroom. In addition, the participants deal with artistic positions and practice artistic actions, for example through performances, and integrate these practices in their intervention research project.</p>
<p><b>Preconditions for participation</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Teaching Methods</b></p>	<p>The course promotes exchange and joint actions in digital as well as real life. This is why all participants are actively involved in the course again and again. Unlike many digital courses, this course lives from interactivity - dare to show yourself and contribute to the conduction of the entire course through individual, small and large group work as well as group-dynamic activities - only few lectures will be given. In order to achieve this high degree of interactivity, all meetings are intensely prepared and followed up with exercises by the participants through which they will intervene in their everyday-life. The single meetings build strongly up on each other so that the reciprocal relations of technology-individuals-nature-society-democracy are continuously unveiled over the entire course.</p>
<p><b>lesson format (online/face-to-face)</b></p>	<p>Online</p>
<p><b>Assessment method</b></p>	<p>Portfolio Assessment          The course is credited with 6 ECTS points. The portfolio assessment totals 100 points - 5 points per meeting for preparation/postprocessing and face-to-face work - 80 points // Intervention research conducted in a small group - 20 points</p> <p>A certificate of performance (Leistungsnachweis) will be issued upon successful examination at the end of the course. This certificate can be used to credit the course in your own study program - for instance as an elective or with some justification as a compulsory elective. In this case you must clarify the details with your university. Students of all study programs at TU Berlin can choose the course as an elective.</p>
<p><b>language</b></p>	<p>English</p>

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<b>Inscription external student</b>	To participate and to inscribe in the course you must attend the first meeting. After the second meeting registration is closed and no newcomers will be accepted. The link for the video conference and learning platform will be provided one day before the beginning of the course.
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