Course Description for AGEP Network

Name of Module/Course	**Management of Development Projects**
Short description	The module lays the foundation for the understanding of the complex and interrelated structure of different aspects of a development project. Students will learn to identify and analyse pre-project situations and subsequently develop a project design and implementation strategy for a specific project. They will also be able to draft a procurement plan and derive relevant information for establishing a project budget. In addition, they will be familiar with risk mitigation strategies and how to prevent fraud and corruption in projects. During all phases of the project cycle, the focus remains on sustainability aspects that help to ensure the continued flow of benefits after the end of the intervention. Within the required group work of forming a project preparation unit (PPU) and developing a project proposal for a hypothetical project in development cooperation, students will learn to take on a specific role in a project team. During this exercise they will be confronted with the various problems that might occur in project management and can apply the tools they have learned for their mitigation.
Name of Programme	M.A. Sustainable Development Management
Name of University	Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences
Name of Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Oliver Serfling
Responsible University lecturer	Prof. Dr. Oliver Serfling

Credit Points	SWS	Attendance (h)	Self-study (h)	Total workload (h)
6	4	60	90	150

Start & end dates, SS	timeslot:
20.03.2023 – 30.06.2023	**Lecture:** Monday, 12 am to 4 pm

Registration until	Number of possible AGEP participants
20.03.2023	10

| Content and goals of qualification | The lecture introduces the main concepts of project design, appraisal and implementation. Within a project-based learning environment and based on the presented materials, students will work under the supervision of the instructor on the following topics:
☐ Proposal writing for sustainable development projects
☐ The project cycle
☐ Problem analysis
☐ Identification of an intervenion
☐ The Logframe Approach
☐ Activities and resources planning
☐ Procurement frameworks and planning
☐ Financial planning
☐ Risk identification and mitigation
☐ Project appraisal
☐ Monitoring and evaluation
☐ Reporting standards |

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	☐ Staffing and HR development Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the module, students will understand the complex and interrelated structure of different aspects of a development project.[1] They are enabled to identify and analyse pre-project situations and subsequently develop a project design and implementation strategy for a specific project.[1, 2, 4] Students will be familiar with common project management tools as the Logframe, Project Cycle Management and GANTT charts. They will also be able to draft a procurement plan and derive relevant information for establishing a project budget.[1, 2] In addition, they will be familiar with risk mitigation strategies and how to prevent fraud and corruption in projects.[1] During all phases of the project cycle, the focus remains on sustainability aspects that help to ensure the continued flow of benefits after the end of the intervention.[1] Within the required group work of forming a project preparation unit (PPU) and developing a project proposal for a hypothetical project in development cooperation, students will learn to take on a specific role in a project team. During this exercise they will be confronted with the various problems that might occur in project management and can apply the tools they have learned for their mitigation.[3, 4] * 1 = Knowledge and Understanding, 2 = Use, Application and Production of Knowledge, 3 = Communication and Collaboration, 4 = Academic Conduct and Professionalism
Preconditions for participation	Prior knowledge in Project Management is a plus
Teaching Methods	Self-study combined with online lectures and supervised practical (groupwork).
lesson format (online/face-to-face)	Online
Assessment method	Term Paper (individually assessed group work)
language	English
Inscription external student	Via e-mail to: SDM-FGO@hochschule-rhein-waal.de