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Transition Regulations
Examination- and Study Regulations – Transition (Mandatory Transfer)
Master's Program
Computational Modeling and Simulation (PO 2026)

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Summary of transition regulations

- First-time enrollees from Winter Semester 2026/2027:
  For all students enrolling for the first time in winter semester 2026/2027, the new examination regulations apply from Day 1.

- Transition Period for (existing) Students **until** September 30, 2027:
  Students who enrolled prior to the winter semester 2026/2027 will generally continue studying under the previous regulations (PO version 2025) **until** September 30, 2027.

- Extension Period until September 30, 2028 for Students Near Graduation:
  (Existing) students who **have passed** all module examinations **by** September 30, 2027 will remain in the previous examination regulations to complete their Master's thesis (including defense) **until** September 30, 2028 at the latest.

Why the new regulation (Version 2026)?

The degree program offering for the Master's program Computational Modeling and Simulation is being modernized and specificly adapted to current developments in science and industry.

This responds to student wishes to anchor methodological fundamentals more strongly in the first semesters and to make the degree program overall more flexible and individually customizable.

For this reason, the following will change:

- Content and structure of the compulsory area (Pflichtbereich).
- The structure of the specialization tracks and the elective area (Wahlpflichtbereich) to allow for greater freedom of choice and interdisciplinary specialization.

Transition Process for the new regulation (Version 2026)

Remaining existing students will be transferred automatically (ex officio / von Amts wegen) into the new examination regulations.

The following distinctions regarding completed module examinations are made:

- Identical Modules:
  Previously completed achievements will be continued 1:1.
- Non-identical Modules:
  Previously completed achievements will be transferred according to the equivalence tables.

Transition Guide

Study and examination achievements completed will be transferred to the Examination Regulations 2026 based on the equivalence table.

The following applies:

1. Applicability of the new examination regulations: After the transfer, the rules of the new examination regulations (PO 2026) apply. Each student must individually verify which and how many modules still need to be completed to successfully finish their studies.
2. Transfer according to equivalence table: The equivalence table defines which “old Module" of PO 2025 corresponds to which “new Module" of PO 2026 and which individual examinations are credited.

A distinction is made between two categories:

a) Identical Modules:
Identical modules are continued. If a module is passed, it is transferred. Failed modules as well as individual failed examinations (failed attempts) are also transferred. A "fresh start" of the module is **not possible**.

b) Non-identical Modules with Non-identical Module examination:
These modules are transferred automatically or via mapping request (see remarks column in the equivalence table) if they have already been successfully completed. If individual examinations were passed, these will also be transferred automatically or via mapping request. The equivalence table specifies which examinations are equivalent.

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Further Information:

- Discontinued Modules:
  Should modules from the previous examination regulations no longer exist in PO 2026, passed “old Modules" will be structurally transferred (i.e., recognized as an independent module) into the elective area of the respective track.

- Expiring of failed attempts (Reset):
  Only in the case of non-identical modules will failed attempts be deleted – you start in the new PO again at the 1st attempt. For identical modules, failed attempts are transferred 1:1.

- No withdrawal of transfer for passed Module Exams:
  There is no option during the transition to decline the transfer of already passed modules or examinations in order to retake them later.

FAQs and Further Information (1)

1. Transfer ex officio (von Amts wegen):
   No action is required on the part of the students; the transfer takes place system-side.

2. Exception Rule for Master's Thesis:
   These students are not affected by the mandatory transfer. (§ 10 (3))
   The application for issuance of the Master's thesis topic can also be submitted after Oct 1, 2027 by students specified in the resolution.
   ATTENTION: Prerequisite: All modules must be successfully completed and passed.

3. Is an (early) voluntary transfer possible?
   NO, an early voluntary transfer is not specified in the new regulation and is therefore not permitted.

FAQs and Further Information (2)

4. Are students allowed to complete modules of the new regulation already?
   NO, students must (and may) exclusively complete modules and examinations that correspond to their current examination regulations version.
   NO, mixing of regulations is not permitted under examination law.

5. Are individual examinations transferred if modules were not successfully completed?
   YES, provided that these are confirmed with "YES" in the equivalence tables under the column “Überleitung auf Prüfungsleistungsebene?”.

6. Can a student be transferred to the new examination regulations version with an ENB ("Endgültig Nicht Bestanden" / finally failed)?
   NO, an ex officio transfer is no longer possible in that case. Subsequent regulation correspond to the same final examination (loss of examination eligibility leading to exmatriculation).

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FAQs and Further Information (3)

7. Are students allowed to complete additional modules?
   A general statement cannot be made regarding this; please consult the examination office individually.

8. What will students see in selma after the mandatory transfer?
   Once students have transitioned within the system, they will only see the modules and examinations for the new version of the examination regulations. Grade overviews of the old regulation (PO 2025) will be available for download in selma prior to the system-side transfer.

9. By when must the mapping request (Zuordnungswunsch) be submitted to the Computer Science Examination Office?
   Mapping requests can be submitted after the transfer until completion of your studies.

FAQs and Further Information (4)

10. Does a leave of absence (Urlaubssemester) affect the mandatory transfer or system-side transition?
    No, the transition takes place for all on-leave and enrolled students alike.

11. Does the transition affect the current academic semester counter (Fachsemester)?
    No, the transition has no impact on the academic semester counter. Regular counting continues.

Transitional Provisions (Legal Text)

§ 10 (2)

For students who were enrolled in the Master's program Computational Modeling and Simulation prior to the winter semester 2026/2027, unless otherwise specified in paragraph 3, the version of the examination regulations for the consecutive Master's program Computational Modeling and Simulation of April 20, 2018 (Official Announcements of TU Dresden No. 9/2018 of May 5, 2018, p. 66), as last amended by the statute of February 18, 2026 (Official Announcements of TU Dresden No. 2-2026 of March 24, 2026, p. 785), shall continue to apply until and including September 30, 2027. Thereafter, these specific examination regulations shall also apply to students under sentence 1.

Furthermore, for non-identical modules including grades, previously completed module examinations and, secondarily, individual examination achievements will be transferred ex officio on the basis of equivalence tables determined by the Examination Board and announced in the customary manner. With the exception of § 21 paragraph 5 of the General Examination Regulations, module examinations and examination achievements not graded with at least "sufficient" (4.0) or "passed" will not be transferred. On the basis of grades of exclusively transferred examination achievements, no recalculation of the module grade generally takes place. Exceptions are to be gathered from the equivalence tables. For identical modules, a continuation of all achievements takes place ex officio.

Exception Rules for Transition Regulations

§ 10 (3)

Deviating from paragraph 2 sentence 2, for students according to paragraph 2 sentence 1 who have passed all module examinations covered by the Master's examination up to and including September 30, 2027, the version of the examination regulations applicable to them up to that point shall continue to apply after September 30, 2027 up to and including September 30, 2028.