

New OLTECH Regulations in Force –

Key Information

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<https://uol.de/amtliche-mitteilungen>

What Has Changed? What Does This Mean for New OLTECH Members and Prospective Doctoral Candidates?

- **New Structured Training and Qualification Offers for All Disciplines**
A unified, flexible **Basic-curriculum** now serves all doctoral candidates, with discipline-specific focus areas.
- **Focus on Competence Development**
The programme emphasizes the acquisition of **overarching competencies**, aligned with the **European Commission's** [ResearchComp: The European Competence Framework for Researchers](#) .
- **Membership in the Graduate School**
 - **Simplified, low-threshold application** via [online form](#) (<https://uol.de/p108139en>)
 - **Admission as a doctoral candidate** by the doctorate committee at one of the three participating schools (II – Department for Informatics (DfI), V – Mathematics and Natural Sciences, VI – Medicine and Health Sciences) is the **only requirement**
→ Admission must be confirmed within one year of OLTECH registration
 - Membership is equally valuable and attractive for **individual doctoral candidates and those in collaborative research projects**
- **The following OLTECH doctoral programmes are no longer offered:**
 - Environmental Science and Biodiversity*
 - Molecular and Nanoscale Science (Interface Science)*
 - Medical and Health Sciences*
 - Mathematics and Fundamental Physics*
 - Renewable Energy*

What Does This Mean for Current OLTECH Members?

If doctoral candidates are already enrolled in one of the former OLTECH doctoral programmes, they may choose between **two options** (Note: This does not apply to

candidates in the doctoral degree programme “Neurosensory Science and Systems” – see below).

Option 1: Continue with The Original Programme’s Curriculum

Advantages:

- The curriculum is already familiar
- Most module entries are already recorded

Limitations:

- Less flexibility compared to the new basic-curriculum
- Fewer opportunities for credit recognition

➤ **What needs to be done:**

A **written confirmation by email** to OLTECH by **01.09.2026** if members wish to continue with the old programme.

→ **No message received?** → The new **Basic-curriculum will be applied automatically.**

Option 2: Switch to the New OLTECH Regulations & Basic-curriculum

(Valid for all disciplines – flexible and future-oriented)

Advantages:

- **Greater flexibility** in the recognition of accomplishments
- Higher ECTS can be credited per module
- **Reduced minimum ECTS** requirements for certain modules
- Still requires **30 ECTS** for the OLTECH Certificate
- **New module handbook** (<https://uol.de/p108377en>)
- Additional information on competence development is included on the certificate

No disadvantages

➤ **What needs to be done:**

No notification to OLTECH is required – the new framework applies automatically

What About the Doctoral Degree Programme “Neurosensory Science and Systems”?

- The programme **remains active** – new doctoral candidates can still be admitted.
- The curriculum is **unchanged in structure**, with minor adjustments

Further information:

- **Formal Steps und OLTECH Membership** <https://uol.de/p108127en>
- **OLTECH Curriculum:** <https://uol.de/p108126en>
- **OLTECH Qualification offers:** <https://uol.de/p108128en> ; <https://uol.de/p108127en>

New OLTECH Regulations (The following regulations are in German. They will be available in English as soon as possible.):

- **2026-025** [Ordnung über Studieninhalte und Abschluss des promotionsbegleitenden Weiterbildungs- und Qualifizierungsangebotes der Graduiertenschule Naturwissenschaft, Medizin und Technik \(OLTECH\) der Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg der Fakultät V – Mathematik und Naturwissenschaften und der Fakultät VI – Medizin und Gesundheitswissenschaften und Department für Informatik \(Dfi\) der Fakultät II: Informatik, Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften](#)
- **2026-026** [Neufassung der „Ordnung über besondere Zugangs- und Zulassungsvoraussetzungen für die Promotionsstudiengänge der Fakultät V – Mathematik und Naturwissenschaften und der Fakultät VI – Medizin und Gesundheitswissenschaften und Department für Informatik \(Dfi\) der Fakultät II: Informatik, Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften, der Graduiertenschule Naturwissenschaft, Medizin und Technik der Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg“](#)
- **2026-027** [Neufassung der „Ordnung über Studieninhalte und Prüfungen der Promotionsstudiengänge der Fakultät V – Mathematik und Naturwissenschaften und der Fakultät VI – Medizin und Gesundheitswissenschaften und Department für Informatik \(Dfi\) der Fakultät II: Informatik, Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften in der Graduiertenschule Naturwissenschaft, Medizin und Technik der Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg“](#)