

## **Bologna Reform in Switzerland**

## **Innovation or burden?**

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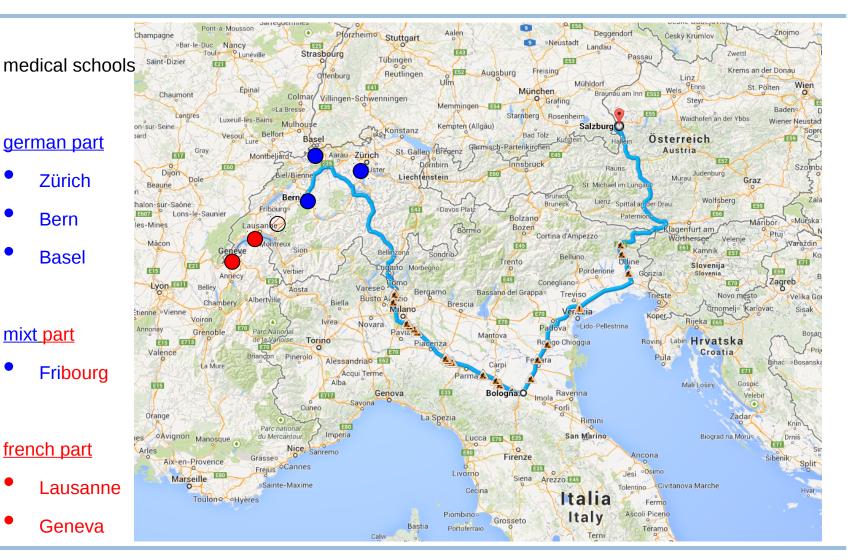
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## Why and how medical schools in Switzerland adopted the Bologna Reform





## **Topics**



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- Bologna as a top-down implementation
- > Impact on new study curricula /degrees
- Bologna pros in the german part of Switzerland (a survey)
- Bologna in Bern
- What was the burden?
- Conclusions

### Bologna as a top-down implementation



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- > ,Rectors conference of the Swiss universities'
  decided that all curricula at the universities had to implement the Bologna reform until the
  - Rektorenkonferenz der Schweizer Universitäten
    Conference des Recteurs des Universités Suisses
    Conferenza dei Rettori delle Universitä Svizzere
    Rectors' Conferenze of the Swiss Universities
- The medical schools started the Bologna implementation between 2005 and 2007.

- 2007 a new federal law (Medizinalberufegesetz)
  defined the undergraduate and postgraduate training for health professions.
  - Reform of the licensing exams (Staatsexamen)
  - New swiss catalogue of learning objectives in human medicine (SCLO)

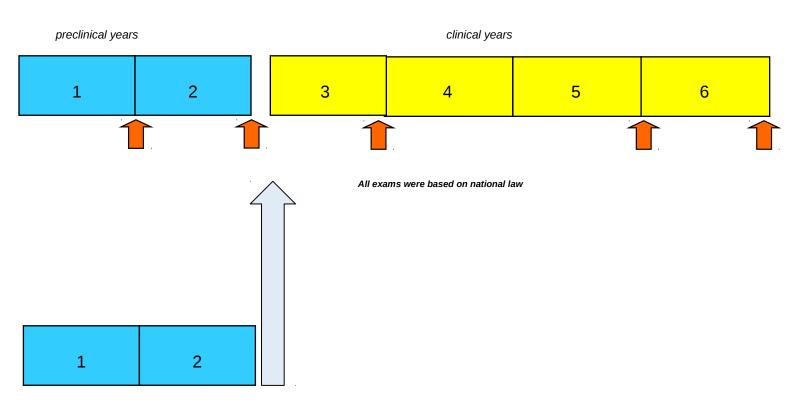




## Before the Bologna Reform (2007)

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University of Bern, Basel, Zurich, Lausanne, Genevra

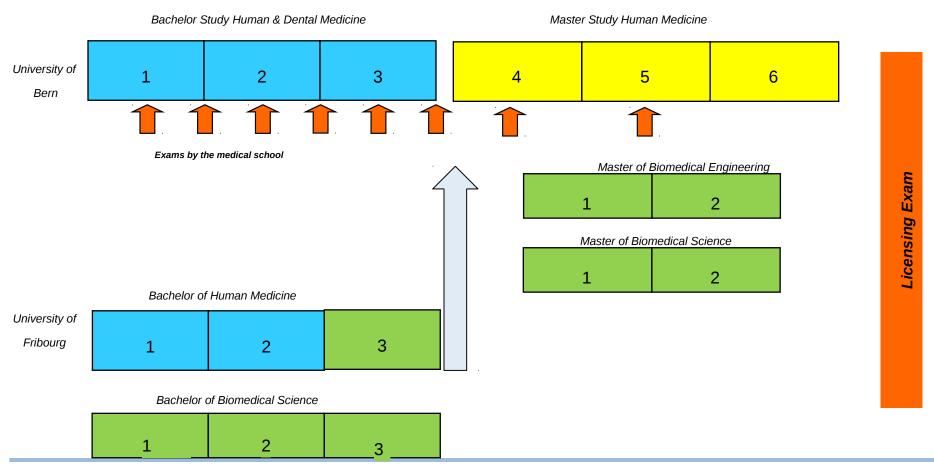


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## After the Bologna Reform (2010) New study degrees



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# Bologna process at the medical schools in Switzerland



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>	Short consultation of 4 medical schools in Switzerland

- Zurich: Christian Schirlo, dean's office
- Basel: Gaby Voigt, dean's office
- Bern: Peter Eggli, dean and Andreas Stuck, vice dean
- Lausanne: no answer

#### > My questions:

- Pros and cons in general
- Impact on curriculum path, learning content, learning methods, formative and summative assessment or scientific training
- How are the ECTS credits organised?
- What about more mobility of students?

## **Pros: curriculum reforms**



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>	Zuric	h
	—	Bologna triggered reflections on the structure and quality of the curriculum
		introduction of the <b>master thesis</b> as a approach to scientific thinking
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		Curriculum path reformed: the elective year not at the end of the study, the introduction of a ,scientific month' as starting point of
		the master thesis
	—	Master study: ,clinical vignette' instead of PBL, portfolios for clerkships
	_	Bachelor study: New thematic modules implemented
>	Bern	
	—	Trigger for a <b>deep reform</b> of the <b>master</b> study
		First time well structured <b>study regulations</b> (Studienreglemente)

#### Impacts on ...



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- Learning content: yes, based on the SCLO
- Learning methods: yes positive new courses for small groups or e-learning, master thesis
- Formative assessments: yes positive
   work-based assessments, portfolios,
   BE+BS: new self-assessments in the last study year
- Summative assessment: yes positive, but more driven by the new federal law as by the Bologna process
- Doctor thesis: yes negative doctor degree delayed on 1 year

## Bologna in Bern

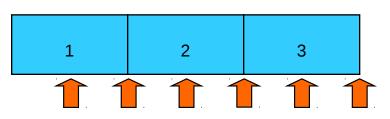
#### The Bachelor Cycle





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#### Bachelor Study Human Medicine



Diploma

Bachelor of

Medicine

Exams by the medical school

#### Curriculum reform Y1/Y2 in 1996 before Bologna

- Reform Y3 without integration of the learning content from Y2 and Y3
- No bachelor thesis
- No catalogue of learning outcomes for the bachelor study (planned)
- 99% of the students go directly to the master programm
- 1 % make a break (5% before Bologna!) or go to another study

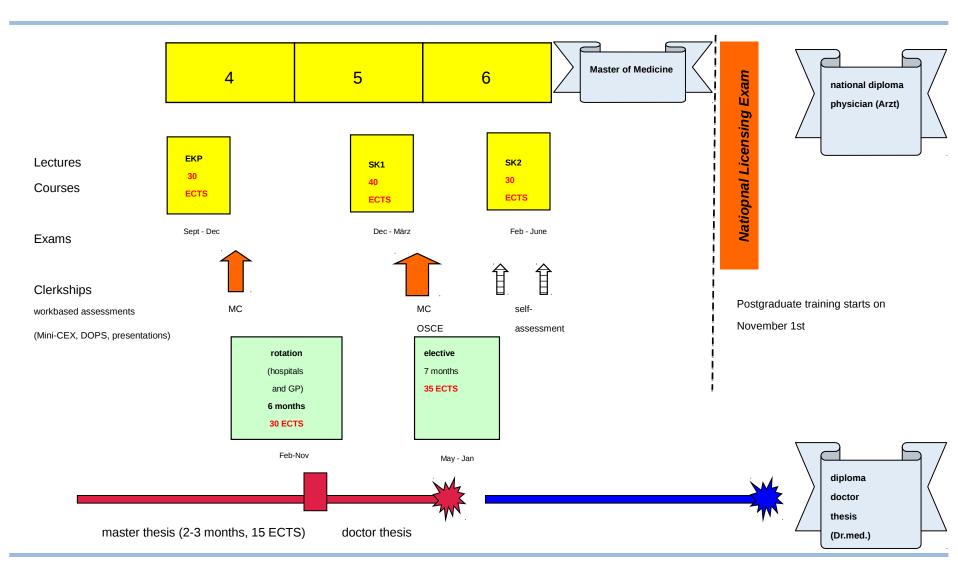
### Bologna in Bern

## The Master cycle





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### **Student support**

#### www.studmed.unibe.ch





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- Schedule, also individual, news service
- PDF and podcast of each lecture
- Management of master thesis
- http://studmed.unibe.ch/studmed.mp4

student's office

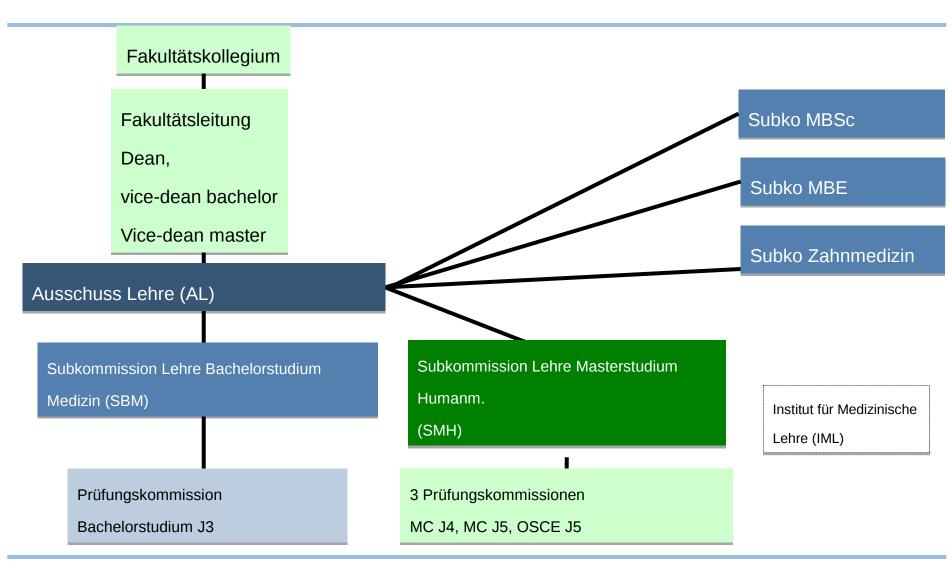
(9 part-time persons)

## **Change Management**





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# Introduction of the ECTS (european credits transfer system)



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- Bologna: each learning module + exam = ECTS points
- > ZH: in sense of Bologna (1 to 36 points per unit)
- > BS: ECTS only for assessments and portfolios

Rezepte schreiben

BE: Points for ,packages' of practical courses / assessments

#### **Testatblatt Praktika EKP 2013**

Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von 30 ECTS Punkten für die Leistungseinheit EKP 2013 ist Ihre aktive Teilnahme an allen Praktika, sowie das Bestehen der MC-Prüfung.

Kurse (obligatorisch)	Präsenz		Datum	Unterschrift Kursleiter/in
Anästhesie (Simulator, 4h)	A	ja		
EKG (2h)	Δ	ja		wird elektronisch erfasst
Geriatrie (2h)	_	ja		
KIKOM (2h)	_	ja		
Kommunikationstraining 1 (2h)	Δ	ja		wird elektronisch erfasst
Kommunikationstraining 2 (2h)	Δ	ja		wird elektronisch erfasst
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 1	Δ	ja		
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 2	A	ja		
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 3	_	ja		
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 4	_	ja		
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 5	A	ja		
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 6	Δ	ja		
Pathologie (2h), Makro-Kurs 7	Δ	ja		
Pharmakotherapie 1: Polypharmazie im Alter	Δ	ja		wird elektronisch erfasst
Pharmakotherapie 2:	Δ	ja		wird elektronisch erfasst

All practical courses

have to be attended



30 ECTS points

#### Cons and burden



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Zurich Administrative workload Smaller teaching modules for credit points Basel Masterthesis needs curricular time, less time for teaching Master study consists only of three formal structured semesters Mobility unchanged: Lack of curriculum harmonization between schools Bern Masterthesis needs curricular time, reform was necessary More evaluation requiered by the university rectorat Administrative workload

#### **Conclusions**



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- Bologna initiated reforms of the curricula with better structures, clearer regulations, more variations in teaching methods, better scientific training, better formal feedback to students, shorter study times, evaluation of the curriculum.
- To **lead the faculty** through the changing process was a challenge!
  Workload over 3 years: vice-dean 40%, coordinator 50%
- The burden are more administrative tasks
   e.g. controlling the ECTS-points of students.
- The **mobility** of students became **not better**.
- The advantages of the bologna reform are much more then the burden

### **Bologna between dean and doctors**

### Thank you



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