

Module Catalog
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School Council and applies to all students starting the master's program in Political Science
in the fall semester 2017/2018 or later.

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I. Module: Multivariate Analyses

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Ex-aminations	Type of Assess-ment	ECTS
1. (HWS)	VL	Multivariate Anal-yses	Exercises (home-work)	Term paper or written exami-nation	PL	6
1. (HWS)	S	Tutorial Multivariate Analyses	Exercises (homework), com-pulsory attendance		SL	2
						8
Contact Hours			2 ECTS			
Self-study			6 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework re-quired for this module. The examiner decides on the com-position of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and an-ounces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			Linear and logistic regression models, fundamentals of OLS estimation, fundamentals of statistics, maximum likeli-hood, limited dependent variable models.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students are familiar with, and are able to use, multivariate analyses. They are able to estimate, interpret and apply regression models. They learn how to use data analysis software, how to carry out calcu-lations with R and how to visualize the results.			
Example Topics			Fundamentals of statistics, OLS estimation, linear and lo-gistic regression, interaction models, data visualization, hy-pothesis testing.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase and in the consecutive phase			
Group Size			Lectures: ca. 35 students, seminars: ca. 30 students.			
Module Frequency			Every fall semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Science, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her de-cision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can de-viate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

II. Module: Game Theory

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Ex-aminations	Type of Assess-ment	ECTS
1. (HWS)	VL	Game Theory	Exercises (home-work)	Term paper or written exami-nation	PL	6
1. (HWS)	S	Tutorial Game The-ory	Exercises (homework), com-pulsory attendance		SL	2
						8
Contact Hours			2 ECTS			
Self-study			6 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Exami-nations			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework required for this module. The examiner decides on the composition of the preliminary coursework and, if neces-sary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance ap-plies, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			Foundations of game theory, strategic interaction of play-ers, strategic and cooperative game theory, static and dy-namic games with complete information, static and dy-namic games with incomplete information, game theory models and their usage.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students have an over-view of the fundamentals of game theory and its usage in political science. They understand strategic interactions and are able to use game theory models. They acquire the following knowledge: theories of social actions, social choice models, cooperative and non-cooperative game theory, signaling game, Bayesian learning model, bar-gaining theory.			
Example Topics			Nash equilibria, backward induction, static and repeated interaction, Bayesian Nash equilibrium.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase and in the consecutive phase			
Group Size			Lectures: ca. 35 students, seminars: ca. 30 students.			
Module Frequency			Every fall semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Economy			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

III. Module: Data and Measurement

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Ex-aminations	Type of Assess-ment	ECTS
1. (HWS)	VL	Data and Measure-ment	Exercises (home-work)	Term paper or written exami-nation	PL	6
1. (HWS)	S	Tutorial Data and Measurement	Exercises (homework), com-pulsory attendance		SL	2
						8
Contact Hours			2 ECTS			
Self-study			6 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework re-quired for this module. The examiner decides on the com-position of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and an-ounces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			Overview of the design and implementation of surveys, op-erationalization of research questions, policies for the for-mulation of questions, testing of questions using cognitive interviews and eye-tracking, interviewer effects, effect of survey modes, practical exercises.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students are familiar with, and are able to use, data collection methods. They are able to design and test questionnaires.			
Example Topics			Implementation of face-to-face surveys and telephone sur-veys, Total Survey Error (TSE) Framework, interviewer, and interviewer effects, survey research.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase and in the consecutive phase			
Group Size			Lectures: ca. 35 students, seminars: ca. 30 students.			
Module Frequency			Every fall semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Junior Professor of Methods of Empirical Social Research, in particular Internet Panel Surveys			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her de-cision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can de-viate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

IV. Module: Research Design

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Ex-aminations	Type of Assess-ment	ECTS
1. (HWS)	VL	Research Design	Exercises (home-work)	Term paper or written exami-nation	PL	6
						6
Contact Hours			1 ECTS			
Self-study			5 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Examina-tions			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework re-quired for this module. The examiner decides on the com-position of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and an-ounces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			This module provides in-depth knowledge of selected con-cepts of research design, and provides an overview of dif-ferent research designs. Students gain further knowledge about the most important steps in the research process, the conceptualization and measurement of research projects, and case selection for their questions. Other focus areas include statistical control, causal inference and multilevel analysis.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students are familiar with, and are able to use, empirical research designs. They are familiar with methodologically challenging approaches, and are able to interpret them, and evaluate them in a critical way. They are able to differentiate between the various re-search designs and choose the most suitable option for their research questions.			
Example Topics			Fundamentals of research design, overview of various re-search designs, conceptualization and measurement, case selection, statistical control, causal inference, multilevel analysis, experiments, replication, publication, simulation.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase and in the consecutive phase			
Group Size			ca. 35 students			
Module Frequency			Every fall semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Science, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her de-cision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can de-viate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

V. Basic Module: International Politics

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Coursework	Required Examinations	Type of Assessment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	VL	International Politics		Written examination or term paper	PL	6
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Contact Hours			1 ECTS			
Self-study			5 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of statistics and of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			None			
Module Content			The following main topics relating to international politics are discussed: globalization, the analysis of conflicts, crises, and terror, and their mediation (possible solutions and management options), reasons and restrictions on the formation and reformation of international regimes/organizations as well as the transformation of state principles and of Europe's governing system.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon successful completion of the module, students have an overview of the literature from particular disciplines within the field of international politics, including: foreign affairs and conflict analysis, regimes and international organizations, transition and transformation, cooperation and integration in Europe. They also possess the advanced knowledge of questions, and methodical and explanation approaches. They understand the problems and features of international cooperation and coordination, and their historical classification. Students expand their abilities to read scientific literature, and acquire methodical and analytical skills relating to international politics.			
Example Topics			Principles of international politics, peace research and conflict research, compliance and implementation of international cooperations, negotiations and decisions in international politics, transformation of state principles and international governing systems, cooperation and integration in Europe, changing international organizations, transformation of states.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase			
Group Size			ca. 35 students			
Module Frequency			Every spring semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Science II, International Relations, and Professor of Political Science IV			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper of max. 7,000 words or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

VI. Basic Module: International Political Economy

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Coursework	Required Examinations	Type of Assessment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	VL	International Political Economy		Written examination (90 min.) or term paper	PL	6
						6
Contact Hours			1 ECTS			
Self-study			5 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of statistics and of empirical social research methods; basic knowledge of international relations and economy			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			None			
Module Content			The course offers an introduction to current research topics relating to political economy. It examines how national and international politics determine trade, investments, immigration politics and the consequences of immigration. Current debates as well as methods of knowledge generation in this field will be examined.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students are able to name current research topics and debates on political economy. They are able to convey the problems and features of international economy and can classify them chronologically. They are able to understand how knowledge is generated in this field. Students expand their abilities to read scientific literature, and acquire methodical and analytical skills relating to international economy. They possess the advanced knowledge of questions, and methodical and explanation approaches. They are able to use theories and explanation approaches to distinctively analyze and discuss questions.			
Example Topics			Globalization, international trade, investments, financial policy, international institutions, financial crisis, debt.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase			
Group Size			ca. 35 students			
Module Frequency			Every spring semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Economy			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper of max. 7,000 words or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

VII. Basic Module: Comparative Government

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Coursework	Required Examinations	Type of Assessment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	VL	Comparative Government		Written examination (90 min.) or term paper	PL	6
						6
Contact Hours			1 ECTS			
Self-study			5 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of statistics and of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			None			
Module Content			The lecture provides an overview of selected theoretical concepts and the most important research results in the field of comparative government. In particular, the role of political institutions and their impact on political decision-making at all levels of the political process will be examined. Other core topics include comparative studies on political institutions, for instance, constitutions and their formation, electoral institutions and their impact on turnout and voting behavior. In addition, the impacts of different institutional concepts on political party disputes, the formation of a government and coalition government, as well as the impacts of political institutions on the aspects of legislative procedure will be covered.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students have basic knowledge of the most central theories, methodology and findings relating to comparative government. Students expand their abilities to read scientific literature, and acquire methodical and analytical skills in the field of comparative government.			
Example Topics			Classical decision-making institutions, political parties, stakeholders and social movements as civil society organizations, voting behavior, political participation and attitudes toward the political system, central institutional parameters of political competition, for instance, voting systems and party systems, relations between executive and legislative branches, formation of a government, parliamentary system and presidential system, types of democracy and constitutional review.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase			
Group Size			ca. 35 students			
Module Frequency			Every spring semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Science III, Comparative Government, and Professor of Political Science, Empirical Democracy Research			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper of max. 7,000 words or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			

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VIII. Basic Module: Comparative Political Behavior

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Coursework	Required Examinations	Type of Assessment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	VL	Comparative Political Behavior		Written examination (90 min.) or term paper	PL	6
						6
Contact Hours			1 ECTS			
Self-study			5 ECTS			
Requirements			Basic knowledge of statistics and of empirical social research methods			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			None			
Module Content			<p>Core topics of the lecture comprise the power structure of modern societies, social division and conflicts, nation and state, political parties, stakeholders and social movements as civil society organizations; voting behavior, political participation and attitudes toward the political system (political culture), central institutional parameters of political competition, for instance, voting systems and party systems.</p> <p>The empirical findings of all topics are predominantly related to the European political systems. Regarding the methodology, the focus is on the significance of comparison and on the logic of theory-oriented empirical research.</p>			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students have basic knowledge of the most central theories, methodology and findings concerning political behavior and political sociology. Students expand their abilities to read scientific literature, and acquire methodical and analytical skills in the fields of political behavior and political sociology.			
Example Topics			Old and new socio-political conflicts, nation and state, parties and organized interests, civil society, aspects of voting behavior, social and political participation, attitudes towards the political system (political culture).			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the introductory phase			
Group Size			ca. 35 students			
Module Frequency			Every spring semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			Professor of Political Science I, Political Sociology, and Professor of Political Science, Political Psychology			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			Examinations: Term paper of max. 7,000 words or written examination (90 min.). The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.			
Grades			The grade of the examination is also the final grade of the respective module.			

IX. Research Module: International Politics*

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Ex-aminations	Type of Assess-ment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	S	Selected Topics in International Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, re-ports, presenta-tions, evaluations, posters, websites, research pro-posals, homework, oral participation, compulsory at-tendance	Term paper	PL	8
3. (HWS)	AS	Advanced Topics in International Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, re-ports, presenta-tions, evaluations, posters, websites, research pro-posals, homework, oral participation, compulsory at-tendance	Term paper	PL	10
3. (HWS)	AS	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, re-ports, presenta-tions, evaluations, posters, websites, research pro-posals, homework, oral participation, compulsory at-tendance	Term paper	PL	10
						28
Contact Hours			3 ECTS			
Self-study			25 ECTS			
Requirements			Proven knowledge of methods of empirical social research; excellent English proficiency; high level of acquaintance with specialized literature in the field of international poli-tics			
Preliminary Coursework for Exami-nations			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework re-quired for this module. The examiner decides on the com-position of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			The seminar informs students about the latest international research. The advanced seminar deepens one of the spe-cialized areas. These specialized areas include: globaliza-tion, Europeanization, negotiations and implementing their outcome, the function of governments, of parties and of populations; reasons and restrictions regarding the emer-gence and reformation of international regimes/organiza-tions as well as transformation of state principles and Eu-ropean governing systems; analyzing conflicts, political vi-olence, terror as well as mediation (possible solutions and management options).			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students have further knowledge of selected problematic areas within interna-			

	tional politics, and possess profound knowledge of research results. In addition, students are able to apply suitable methods when researching a particular topic, and are able to apply the findings from subject-specific literature to their research design. They are able to deduce, specify and test hypotheses, and can search for, and evaluate, indicators. Students can present their arguments on the relevant topic logically and analytically.
Example Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional change and institutional design of international institutions - European politics - Diffusion processes in international politics - International economic relations - Ratification and referendums - Negotiations and consensus in international politics - International governance: democracy and democratic deficit - Economic politics in an international context - Causes of civil wars - Players in political violence - Violations of human rights
Module Usability	Mandatory module in the consecutive phase
Group Size	ca. 15 students
Module Frequency	Every spring semester
Module Duration	Two semesters
Module Leader	Professor of Political Science II, and Professor of Political Science IV
Teaching Language	English
Coursework and Examinations	Examinations: Term paper, if necessary with a separate data analysis (ca. 7,000 words). Coursework: There are several coursework options available. The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.
Grades	The module grade (weighted by the number of ECTS credits) is also the final grade of the respective module.

X. Research Module: Comparative Politics*

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Ex-aminations	Type of Assess-ment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	S	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, reports, presentations, evaluations, posters, websites, research proposals, homework, oral participation, compulsory attendance	Term paper	PL	8
3. (HWS)	AS	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, reports, presentations, evaluations, posters, websites,	Term paper	PL	10

			research proposals, homework, oral participation, compulsory attendance			
3. (HWS)	AS	Advanced Topics in International Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, reports, presentations, evaluations, posters, websites, research proposals, homework, oral participation, compulsory attendance	Term paper	PL	10
						28

Contact Hours	3 ECTS
Self-study	25 ECTS
Requirements	Knowledge of empirical social research methods; good level of English proficiency
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations	Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework required for this module. The examiner decides on the composition of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.
Module Content	The seminar informs students about the latest international research. The advanced seminar expands on one of the specialized areas, and focus is placed on the institutional and cultural aspects of comparative European politics.
Content and Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the module, students have further knowledge of selected problematic areas of political sociology and comparative government. In addition, students can independently apply quantitative and qualitative methods when researching these problems, and are able to apply the findings from subject-specific literature to their research design. They are able to deduce, specify and test hypotheses as well as to search and evaluate indicators. Students can present their arguments on the relevant topic logically and analytically.
Example Topics	Political conflicts and party systems, political ideologies and value orientation, theories of political participation, political involvement, models of political communication and information processing, coalition politics, legislative branch, institutional design, mechanisms of political control, bureaucracy
Module Usability	Mandatory module in the consecutive phase
Group Size	ca. 15 students
Module Frequency	Every spring semester
Module Duration	Two semesters
Module Leader	Professors of Political Science I, Political Science III, Political Economy, and Political Science, Political Psychology
Teaching Language	English
Coursework and Examinations	Term paper, if necessary with a separate data analysis (ca. 7,000 words) as examination. Coursework: There are several coursework options available. The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.

Grades	The module grade (weighted by the number of ECTS credits) is also the final grade of the respective module.
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XI. Research Module: Methods*

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Coursework	Required Examinations	Type of Assessment	ECTS
2. (FSS)	VL	Advanced Quantitative Methods	Exercises (homework)	Term paper or written examination	PL	6
2. (FSS)	S	Tutorial Advanced Quantitative Methods	Exercises (homework)		SL	2
3. (HWS)	AS	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, reports, presentations, evaluations, posters, websites, research proposals, homework, oral participation, compulsory attendance	Term paper	PL	10
3. (HWS)	AS	Advanced Topics in International Politics	Minutes, project-related papers, reports, presentations, evaluations, posters, websites, research proposals, homework, oral participation, compulsory attendance	Term paper	PL	10
						28
Contact Hours			4 ECTS			
Self-study			24 ECTS			
Requirements			Knowledge of empirical social research methods; good level of English proficiency			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework required for this module. The examiner decides on the composition of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			For seminars and advanced seminars, refer to Research Module: Comparative Politics, Research Module: International Politics and selected analytical processes.			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Upon completion of the module, students possess sound knowledge of selected problematic areas of empirical analytical methods. They possess profound knowledge of the latest relevant international research contained, in particular, in subject-specific literature published in English. In addition, students are able to independently use research methods, and can apply the findings from subject-specific literature to their research design. Students can present their arguments on the relevant topic logically and analytically. They are able to empirically process research questions and test hypotheses on their own.			
Example Topics			See Research Module: Comparative Politics, Research Module: International Politics as well as maximum likelihood estimation, and limited dependent variable models.			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the consecutive phase			
Group Size			Seminars: ca. 15 students, lectures: ca. 35 students			

Module Frequency	Every spring semester
Module Duration	Two semesters
Module Leader	All professors
Teaching Language	English
Coursework and Examinations	<p>Examinations: Term paper, if necessary with a separate data analysis (ca. 7,000 words) or written examination (90 min.) in the lecture. Term paper (7,000 words) for the advanced seminar.</p> <p>Coursework: For the lecture and the seminar: exercises; for the advanced seminar: there are several coursework options available.</p> <p>The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.</p>
Grades	The module grade (weighted by the number of ECTS credits) is also the final grade of the respective module.

*One of the three modules is to be selected.

XII. Research Internship

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Coursework	Type of Assessment	ECTS
3. (FSS)	P	Research Internship	Report on a six-week internship or on a two-week summer school in line with the internship regulations	SL	8
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Contact Hours			8 ECTS		
Self-study			-		
Requirements			The internship or the summer school is usually to be completed after the second semester. In exceptional cases, they may both be approved earlier in the master's program, as well as in the semester break which follows the completion of the bachelor's program and before the candidate has been admitted to the master's program.		
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			None		
Content and Learning Outcomes			<p>Completion of an internship of at least six weeks (210 hours) at a sociological research institution. This institution can be, but does not have to be, active in the academic field; or: participation in a summer school which has an empirical focus and takes place over at least two weeks. The suitability of the summer school chosen is to be confirmed by the Internship Office at the School.</p> <p>Gaining a practical insight into empirical social research</p>		
Objectives			Applying the theoretical knowledge of research processes used in empirical social research and further developing empirical and analytical skills		
Example Topics			-		
Module Usability			-		
Group Size			-		
Module Frequency			-		
Module Duration			Six weeks (research internship) or two weeks (summer school). According to the internship regulations, a combination of both is possible.		
Module Leader			Internship Office at the School of Social Sciences		
Teaching Language			German/English		
Coursework and Examinations			Coursework: written report on the completed internship (ca. 1,500 words). Details are governed by the internship regulations.		
Grades			The research internship is not to be taken into consideration when calculating the final grade.		

XIII. Final Module

Sem.	Type	Course Title	Required Course-work	Required Examinations	Type of Assessment	ECTS
4. (FSS)	K	Thesis Colloquium	Reports, presentations, evaluations, research proposals, homework, oral participation (attendance)		SL	4
4. (FSS)				Master's Thesis	PL	26
						30
Contact Hours			1 ECTS			
Self-study			29 ECTS			
Requirements			The successful completion of the research module is the minimum requirement. The topic of master's thesis should be the same as the topic of the research module.			
Preliminary Coursework for Examinations			Preliminary coursework is equivalent to the coursework required for this module. The examiner decides on the composition of the preliminary coursework and, if necessary, on the extent to which compulsory attendance applies, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts.			
Module Content			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection and specification of the research question - Research draft and structure of the thesis - Presentation and verification of the results - Independent scientific, theory-based work in one particular discipline within the field of political science - Critical application of the literature - Critical application of the methods 			
Content and Learning Outcomes			Students are able to work independently on a scientific problem in one of the fields covered by the research modules, using the methods acquired through the other modules.			
Objectives			Preparation and production of the master's thesis			
Example Topics			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics and questions - Literature research and publication standards in political science - Independent evaluation of available research results - Presentation and discussion 			
Module Usability			Mandatory module in the consecutive phase			
Group Size			ca. 12 students			
Module Frequency			Every spring semester			
Module Duration			One semester			
Module Leader			All professors of Political Science or their deputies			
Teaching Language			English			
Coursework and Examinations			<p>Examinations: The examination consists of the master's thesis (ca. 8,000–10,000 words corresponding to the length of a scientific article to be submitted to a journal).</p> <p>Coursework: There are several coursework options available. The examiner decides on the type, and composition, of the coursework and examination, and announces his or her decision in the course catalog before the registration for the respective course begins and the lecture period starts. Upon consultation with the students, the examiner can deviate from the type of examination specified in the course catalog.</p>			
Grades			The grade of the master's thesis is also the final grade of the respective module.			

All indications regarding semesters are to be considered as recommendations for the students.

Abbre-
viations:

AS	advanced seminar
FSS	(Frühjahrs-/Sommersemester) spring semester
HWS	(Herbst-/Wintersemester) fall semester
K	colloquium
S	(Seminar) seminar
P	(Praxisphase) practical phase
PL	(Prüfungsleistung) examination
SL	(Studienleistung) coursework
VL	(Vorlesung) lecture

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Semester					ECTS
1. (fall) (Sep-Dec)	Module: Data and Measurement: 8 L Data and Measurement (2) 6 S Tut. Data and Measurement (2) 2	Module: Multivariate Analyses: 8 L Multivariate Analyses (2) 6 S Tut. Multivariate Analyses (2) 2	Module: Game Theory: 8 L game Theory (2) 6 S Tut. Game Theory (2) 2	Module: Research Design: 6 L Research Design (2) 6	30
2. (spring) (Feb-Jun)	Basic Module: International Politics: 6 L International Politics (2) 6	Basic Module: International Political Economy: 6 L International Political Economy (2) 6	Basic Module: Comparative Political Behavior: 6 L Comparative Political Behavior (2) 6	Basic Module: Comparative Government: 6 L Comparative Government (2) 6	32
	<i>Choose one of the three Research Modules</i>				
	Research Module: International Politics: 28 S Selected Topics in International Politics (2) 8	Research Module: Comparative Politics: 28 S Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (2) 8	Research Module: Methods: 28 L Advanced Quantitative Methods (2) 6 S Tut. Advanced Quantitative Methods (2) 2		
3. (fall) (Sep-Dec)	AS Advanced Topics in International Politics (2) 10 AS Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics (2) 10	AS Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics (2) 10 AS Advanced Topics in International Politics (2) 10	AS Advanced Topics in International Politics (2) 10 AS Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics (2) 10	Research Internship: 8 (e.g. summer school/ internship)*	28
4. (spring) (Feb-Jun)	Final Module: 30 Master's thesis (-) 26 S Colloquium (2) 4				30
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Notes:

* The Research internship may be completed in any semester.