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## **Master's program International Relations (MIB)**

Faculty of History and Social Sciences (GGF)

# **MASTER'S PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (MIB) DEGREE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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# 1. General Information

## 1.1 Designation and characterization of the study program

"Master's program in International Relations" (MIB)

The MIB is a four-semester Master's degree program with a focus on research, but at the same time also a professional field-oriented degree. Graduates are awarded the academic degree Master of Arts, MA.

The standard period of study is four semesters. The program begins in the winter semester.

## 1.2 Participating teaching units

University: Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt  
Ostenstr. 26  
85072 Eichstätt, Germany

Faculty: Faculty of History and Social Sciences (GGF)  
Universitätsallee 1  
85072 Eichstätt, Germany

Teaching units: Chair of Comparative Political Science  
  
Chair of Political Theory and Philosophy  
  
Professorship of Political Education (Social Studies Teaching Methodology)  
  
Chair of International Relations  
  
Chair of Modern and Contemporary History  
  
Professorship of Latin American History  
  
Subject Representation Economic and Social History  
  
Chair of General Sociology and Sociological Theory  
  
Chair of Sociology and Empirical Social Research  
  
Professorship of Process-Oriented Sociology  
  
Subject Representation Law: International Law [performed by external lecturer].

### 1.3 Overview of the degree program

Location of the degree program:	Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Eichstätt Campus
Disciplines involved:	<u>Political Science:</u> International Relations Comparative Political Science Political Theory and Philosophy Political Education <u>History:</u> Modern and Contemporary History Latin American History Economic and Social History <u>Sociology:</u> General Sociology and Sociological Theory Sociology and Empirical Social Research Process-Oriented Sociology <u>Law:</u> Public Law: International Law
Standard period of study:	Four semesters
Number of ECTS credits:	120
Structure of the study program (except specialization "European Studies"):	Required area (40 ECTS credits, incl. 15 ECTS credits for the internship and 5 ECTS credits from Studium.Pro) Required elective courses (50 ECTS credits) Electives (10 ECTS credits) Master's thesis (20 ECTS credits)
Modules:	The Master's program in International Relations includes 14 Master's modules.

Module	ECTS credits
<b>Political Science</b>	
Theories, Structures and Orders in World Politics	10 ECTS
Policies, Strategies and Areas in International Relations	10 ECTS
Model United Nations	10 ECTS
Constitutionalism	10 ECTS
Comparative Politics	10 ECTS
History of Political Thought	10 ECTS
Contemporary Political Theory and Philosophy	10 ECTS
Peace and Conflict Studies	10 ECTS
<b>Law</b>	
International Law - Sources, Principles, Current Developments	10 ECTS
<b>History</b>	
Contemporary History (can be chosen multiple times)	10 ECTS
<b>Sociology</b>	
Advanced Sociological Theory	10 ECTS
Advanced Process Oriented Sociology	10 ECTS
Advanced Methods of Qualitative Analysis	10 ECTS
Advanced Methods of Data Collection	10 ECTS

Regular study structure:	<p>The required area comprises 40 ECTS credits. Students must successfully complete two modules from the political science sub-discipline of International Relations (20 ECTS credits). The internship (15 ECTS credits) and one Master's module from the Studium.Pro program (Pro Discourse, Pro Horizon or Pro Society) (5 ECTS credits) are also part of the required program.</p> <p>The required elective area allows students to set their focus. Students have to contribute 50 ECTS credits from the required elective area. They must successfully complete at least two (of six) modules from Political Science (20 ECTS credits). Students are free to choose the remaining modules from the required elective area worth 20 ECTS credits. Here, they can choose from the modules offered by Political Science, History and Sociology.</p> <p>Students must complete 10 ECTS credits in the elective area. Here, they can freely choose modules from the entire range of Master's degree programs at the KU that are not subject to admission restrictions or modules from other German or international universities. In particular, the offers of the KU Language Center can be used in the interest of further education in foreign languages.</p> <p>The Master's thesis is worth 20 ECTS credits.</p> <p>In case of completion of the specialization "European Studies", there are changes to this standard study structure as well as to the distribution of ECTS credits (see p. 13.)</p>						
Number of study places:	There is no restriction. However, applicants must complete an aptitude test.						
Staff capacity:	<table> <tr> <td>8 professors of the GGF</td><td>72 hours</td></tr> <tr> <td>1 subject representative of the GGF</td><td>9 hours</td></tr> <tr> <td>1 external lecturer</td><td>4 hours</td></tr> </table>	8 professors of the GGF	72 hours	1 subject representative of the GGF	9 hours	1 external lecturer	4 hours
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Lecturers:	Since there is no professorship of Public Law at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, the module "International Law - Sources, Principles, Current Developments" is partially or completely taught by external lecturers in the context of a teaching assignment.						
Target group/addressees:	The Master's program in International Relations is intended for academically educated individuals who have earned their first professional degree in one of the following fields: politics, society, history, economics, law, or languages. It explicitly addresses applicants from abroad.						

## **2. Profile and goals**

### **2.1 Degree program objectives**

The Master's program in International Relations centers on an in-depth academic examination of international relations, issues about political order, sociology, and contemporary history.

The focus in the required area is on Political Science and on its sub-discipline of International Relations. Two modules in this area are required modules. In addition, there is the required internship, which must be directly related to the topics of the study program, as well as Studium.Pro, in which students can choose from various interdisciplinary modules.

In the elective area, students can continue their education in core aspects of Political Science and also focus on History and/or Sociology. The courses specifically address individual problem areas and issues of the corresponding subject and offer in-depth access to their problem-oriented analysis. Students acquire the ability to transfer independently as well as to critically analyze, reflect and interpret subject-specific content at a high scientific level. They are also trained to present the results correctly and convincingly in written and oral form.

Depending on the module, the following professional skills are taught:

- In-depth knowledge of Political Science in the sub-areas of International Relations, Political Systems Theory, and/or Political Theory and Philosophy with a focus on the sub-area of International Relations;
- Knowledge of international law concepts, norms and problems;
- Historical analysis skills (related to selected aspects of recent history and contemporary history); and
- Knowledge of sociological theories and methods and insight into the processes of social and cultural change.

Due to the program's research orientation, the students' skills for independent scientific work are expanded and deepened. In addition, students are prepared for further scientific qualification, e.g. in the context of a doctorate.

The heterogeneity of MIB students as well as the opportunity to specifically experience international perspectives in an internship and/or during a study semester abroad contribute to the development of students' intercultural skills.

Furthermore, the students' personal development is promoted by the freedom of choice integrated in the program, within the framework of KU's Studium.Pro offer, the required elective area (see above) and the elective area. Especially through Studium.Pro and in the elective area, students can get to know other subject areas and acquire key qualifications oriented towards practical and professional fields. This enables them to form study preferences and to give their Master's degree program its own profile that corresponds to their interests and is beneficial for their career goals.

Graduates of the program thus acquire comprehensive skills for acting in international contexts and are qualified to take over responsible positions with international organizations, constitutional bodies, administrative authorities, research institutions, media and non-governmental organizations after graduation.

### **2.2 International orientation**

The MIB has a pronounced international orientation. This is not only the result of the topics covered, but is also structurally anchored in the program itself (required internship, possibility to complete a semester abroad, specialization "European Studies", MIB in English).

In addition to the presence of international students, its international orientation can also be seen in the explicit incentives for spending stays abroad. In addition to the possibility of a structured study abroad in the context of the specialization "European Studies", a stay abroad

is explicitly recommended, especially for students from Germany, for an internship as well as for studies of at least one semester. This is supported by the regulation in the General Examination Regulations (APO) of the KU stipulating that students who have successfully studied at least one semester at a foreign university can apply for an increase of the standard period of study by one semester – an opportunity that more and more MIB students take advantage of. Students are deemed to have studied at a foreign university successfully if they have completed study achievements amounting to more than 15 ECTS credits that can be added to their studies here.

During the Master's degree program in International Relations, up to two semesters can be spent studying at a foreign university. As a rule, the third semester is intended for this purpose. The coursework completed during the semester abroad will be recognized if it is comparable to that of the MIB in terms of content and scope as well as in terms of requirements. The board of examiners decides on the recognition.

In order to give students planning security, the creditability of selected courses and modules is determined in advance of the stay abroad by means of a Learning Agreement in individual counseling sessions with the chairperson of the board of examiners, the program coordinator, and in coordination with the individual subject representatives.

In addition to the specialization "European Studies", more than 250 partner universities of the KU as well as all universities worldwide are available as destinations for a *semester abroad*. The International Office supports students in their search for suitable programs for study or internship abroad as well as for appropriate financing options with information events and individual counseling services.

In preparation for the stay abroad, students can choose from a wide range of language courses offered by the KU Language Center. These language modules can be included in the study program as part of the elective area of the MIB with up to 10 ECTS credits.

## **2.3 Admission to the study program**

The qualification for the Master's program in International Relations is proven by a first university degree with professional qualification in a course of study comprising at least six semesters of study in the fields of politics, society, economics, history or languages with an overall grade of at least 2.5 ("good") or law with an overall grade of at least "satisfactory".

Applicants must prove a good knowledge of German and English, both written and spoken (German at least level A2 of the European Framework of Reference, English at least B2): German language skills are proven either by the school leaving certificate, the first degree, a Goethe certificate (A2) or other qualifying proof. English language skills are proven either by the secondary school leaving certificate, the first degree, by successful participation in the TOEFL exam (with a minimum total score of 78) or another qualifying proof.

Candidates must also complete an aptitude testing procedure organized by the MIB board of examiners. The board of examiners appoints a selection committee for this purpose.

In the first stage of the aptitude test (pre-selection), the selection committee checks whether the applicants are "particularly suitable" for the course of study on the basis of their proven previous education on the basis of the documents submitted via the corresponding application platform of the KU. Particularly suitable applicants receive immediate admission. Candidates who meet the following criteria are considered particularly suitable:

1. Grade of 1.7 or better, and
2. Major in political science, history, or sociology in their first degree program; and
3. Stay abroad of at least one semester (four months) for the purpose of studies, internship or voluntary service.

4. Foreign applicants are also particularly suitable if they present a DAAD scholarship instead of the above criteria.

In addition, a personal interview is held with the candidates in order to check their professional and personal suitability in a standardized procedure. The personal interview, the date of which is set by the selection committee, has a maximum duration of 25 minutes. In justified exceptional cases, the interview can take place by means of a video conferencing tool provided by the KU. The decision on this is made by the selection committee.

The interview is intended to provide information about the applicant's knowledge with regard to the relevant subject matter of the Master's program. Knowledge in the subject areas of international organizations (European Union, United Nations), political systems (forms of government, systems of government) and contemporary history (East-West conflict) will be tested.

The details of the suitability determination procedure are regulated in the annex to the examination regulations.

For the purpose of admission to studies, the Student Office decides on the comparability of the courses of study completed at foreign universities as well as on the equivalence of the university degrees obtained at foreign universities. It may consult the Central Office for Foreign Education in this regard.



## 3. Curriculum

### 3.1 Program structure and study contents

Students are basically free to organize their studies as they wish. However, the required and required elective areas of the curriculum define the modules to be completed in the interest of the qualification goals of the study program, which are supplemented and expanded in terms of content in the free elective area.

#### 3.1.1 Required area

The required area focuses on the defined subject-specific and methodological foundations of a Master's program in International Relations from the political science sub-discipline of International Relations:

- The required module *Theories, Structures and Orders in World Politics* (10 ECTS) deepens historical and systematic knowledge on the theoretical and methodological foundations of the analysis of international relations as well as foreign policy research.
- The required module *Policies, Strategies and Areas of International Relations* (10 ECTS) deepens historical and systematic knowledge about the foreign and security policy of selected states, the European Union, about cooperation and conflicts in world politics, about (inter-)regionalism as well as about North-South relations.
- Furthermore, a Master's module (5 ECTS) from the range of *Studium.Pro* offered by the KU must be completed. This can be chosen from the sub-areas Pro Discourse, Pro Horizon or Pro Society. Studium.Pro offers students the opportunity to shape their educational and qualification path in an enriching way by means of a variety of interdisciplinary offers.

It is recommended to study the module *Theories, Structures and Orders in World Politics* in the first semester and *Policies, Strategies and Areas in International Relations* in the second semester respectively.

#### 3.1.2 Internship

Students must complete a required internship of at least eight weeks; there is no maximum duration. The internship is recognized as a required internship if the degree program manager has approved the internship in writing before it begins (please see form "Internship Certificate").

The internship provides insights into a possible future professional field and enables the acquisition of qualifications related to the professional field. Suitable internship institutions are international organizations, constitutional bodies and ministries at national level, administrative authorities, research institutions, media and non-governmental organizations.

Students of the specialization "European Studies" are recommended to complete the internship at an organization with European relevance (e.g. at European organizations such as the European Union or the Council of Europe, institutions close to them or other institutions from business and society with a European orientation).

Students are responsible for contacting suitable public or private institutions where the internship can be completed. German students should complete the internship abroad, foreign students in Germany. For internships abroad, students are supported by the International Office.

Students must submit a record of the internship period completed (see form "Internship Certificate") as well as a certificate issued by the internship institution stating that the internship has been properly completed (copy of the internship certificate). In addition, they must prepare

a fifteen-page internship report. If the report meets the requirements and the internship is evaluated as "passed", students will receive 15 ECTS credits for it.

### 3.1.3 Required elective area

The required elective area allows students to broaden and complement their focus of study with advanced courses in political science sub-disciplines (namely International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Political Theory and Philosophy), Contemporary History, International Law, and Sociology.

- The required elective module *Model United Nations* (10 ECTS credits) provides practice-oriented insights into the functioning of selected organs of the United Nations and simulation-based experience in formal and informal diplomatic negotiation.
- The required elective module *Constitutionalism* (10 ECTS credits) provides historical and systematic knowledge of the democratic constitutional state and its constituent principles, such as separation of powers, rule of law, right of opposition and constitutional jurisdiction.
- The required elective module *Comparative Political Science* (10 ECTS credits) teaches institutional as well as political-cultural basics of the political systems of selected governmental systems. Furthermore, methods, questions and theories of comparative political science are addressed.
- The required elective module *History of Political Thought* (10 ECTS credits) focuses on selected thinkers, currents or theoretical traditions from the different epochs of political thought.
- The required elective module *Contemporary Political Theory and Philosophy* (10 ECTS credits) analyzes contemporary political theories and philosophies, such as the theory of rational choice, complex theories of democracy and theories of justice. Furthermore, current theoretical debates are addressed.
- The required elective module *Peace and Conflict Studies* (10 ECTS credits) deepens the knowledge about different forms of political violence located on different levels of action as well as about possibilities to deal with them.
- The required elective module *Contemporary History* (10 ECTS credits) deepens the knowledge of historical events and developments from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The focus can be on recent history and contemporary history about any region, on the history of Latin America, and on economic and social history. The module may be taken more than once (maximum of three times).
- The required elective module *International Law - Sources, Principles, Current Developments* (10 ECTS credits) teaches the basic concepts of international law that are necessary for the study of International Relations. It deals with the basic principles and obligations of international law and discusses current developments in the international legal order.
- The required elective module *Advanced Sociological Theory* (10 ECTS credits) addresses questions and problems of sociological theories and methods. Furthermore, sociological discourses are analyzed.
- The required elective module *Advanced Process-Oriented Sociology* (10 ECTS credits) provides insights into processes of social and cultural change.
- The required elective module *Advanced Methods of Qualitative Analysis* (10 ECTS credits) deepens the knowledge of qualitative empirical research methods and the skills to apply them. It also addresses their integration into current sociological debates.
- The required elective module *Advanced Methods of Data Collection* (10 ECTS credits) deepens the knowledge of special methods of data collection and their application.

The political science and sociology modules are offered alternately in the summer and winter semesters. The module *Recent History and Contemporary History* is offered every semester. The *International Law* module is offered in the winter semester. The *Advanced Process-Oriented Sociology* module is offered over two semesters with one course per semester, and the *Advanced Sociological Theory* module is offered in the summer semester only.

### 3.1.4 Elective area

The students should be able to get to know other subject areas beyond the knowledge imparted within the framework of the MIB and acquire key qualifications oriented towards practical and professional fields. In the elective area, students can therefore choose Master's modules from the entire range of subjects offered at the KU or modules from other German or foreign universities. Students are completely free to decide when they want to study which modules from the elective area. Students must provide evidence of achievements in the elective area amounting to a total of 10 ECTS credits. The examination achievements in the elective area are not taken into account in the formation of the overall grade.

### 3.1.5 Specialization “European Studies”

Since the 2017/2018 winter semester, students have the possibility to complement their studies in the MIB with a specialization in "European Studies". This is offered in cooperation with the Department of European Studies at the Université de Fribourg/University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

Students of the MIB can complement their studies of International Relations with profound knowledge of European integration: History of the integration process, its legal, economic and cultural aspects are part of the range of contents of this structured stay abroad. In addition, students expand their knowledge of French, one of the working languages of the various European institutions.

Up to three students can usually spend the third semester of the MIB at our Swiss partner university. In turn, up to three students of the Master's in "European Studies" will spend one semester at the KU at the same time.

Completion of this structured stay abroad results in the following changes to the regular study structure and the distribution of ECTS credits:

In this case, the required area comprises 60 ECTS credits and students must successfully complete the following modules at the KU or the Université de Fribourg/University of Fribourg (UniFR):

- Theories, Structures and Orders of International Politics (10 ECTS credits) (1<sup>st</sup> semester, KU)
- Politics and History of European Integration (15 ECTS credits) (3<sup>rd</sup> semester, UniFR)
- Legal, Economic, Cultural and Social Challenges of Europe (15 ECTS credits) (3<sup>rd</sup> semester, UniFR)
- Internship (15 ECTS credits)
- One Master's module (5 ECTS credits) from the Studium.Pro offer of the KU (Pro Discourse, Pro Horizon, Pro Society)

From the elective area, the students have to bring in 30 ECTS credits. They must successfully complete at least one module (out of six) in political science (10 ECTS credits). Students are free to choose the remaining modules from the required elective area worth 20 ECTS credits.

Students must complete 10 ECTS credits from the elective area. Here, they can freely choose modules from the entire range of Master's degree programs at the KU that are not subject to admission restrictions or modules from other German or foreign universities. In particular, the

offers of the Language Center of the KU can be used in the interest of further education in foreign languages.

Due to the deadlines, the structured semester abroad must be organized immediately after the start of studies in the MIB. Students who are interested in the specialization "European Studies" should apply to the degree program coordinator by November 15 of each year at the latest. In addition to a current résumé, they must also submit a short letter of motivation and proof of language proficiency (see below).

Although the Université de Fribourg/University of Fribourg is basically bilingual, knowledge of the French language is a central requirement for participation in the specialization "European Studies", if only because of the objective of the stay abroad. The language level should be at least B2 according to the European reference framework and is usually proven by the students by presenting the school leaving certificate or the first professional qualification. Language preparation for the stay within the framework of the offers of the Language Center of the KU is recommended.

The further organization of the stay is effected by the International Office or the responsible administrators at the Examinations Office. Their guidelines and deadlines apply. After successful completion of the studies in Fribourg/Freiburg, the Swiss grades will be recognized at the KU according to the following conversion table:

UniFR	=>	MIB
6	very good	1,0
5,5		1,3
5	good	2,0
4,5	satisfactory	3,0
4	sufficient	4,0
under 4	insufficient	5,0

### 3.1.6 MIB in English

The degree program can also be completed in English. In addition to 3.1-3.4, the following instructions must be observed:

- Required modules: For the modules *Theories*, *Structures*, and *Orders and Policies*, *Strategies*, and *Areas of International Relations*, the English-language course offering must be selected in each case. The same applies to Studium.Pro.
- Internship: Students usually complete the required internship in an English-speaking country. The internship report is written in English.
- Required electives: In particular, students take the English-language modules *Model United Nations* and *International Law* as well as other English-language offerings of the Master's modules in Political Science, History or Sociology. Furthermore, if applicable, English-language achievements from the study abroad can be credited to modules of the KU after prior consultation (see notes 2.2).

- Elective area: Students can choose English-language Master's modules from the entire range of subjects offered at the KU. In particular, language courses from the Language Center's offerings are recommended here, if applicable, in the interest of integration into university life as well as in preparation for studying abroad.

### 3.1.7 Master's thesis

The curricular program is usually completed by the Master's thesis. In it, students should prove that they have the ability to work independently according to scientific methods and to gain substantial results on a research topic. It can be written in German or English (after consultation with the supervisor of the thesis).

The topic of the Master's thesis can be assigned from the middle of the third semester at the earliest, if proof of required or required elective modules of the program amounting to at least 50 ECTS credits from the required and required elective areas is provided. Provided that these formal requirements are met, the thesis can be registered at any time.

The topic may be assigned from the subjects of political science, history, and sociology.

The scope of the Master's thesis is determined in consultation with the supervisor and depends on the 20 ECTS credits to be awarded. Usually, the master's thesis comprises approx. 50 pages of text. The processing time is four months.

A detailed "Master's Thesis Schedule" is available to students as a guide on the program's website.

## 3.2 Teaching and learning formats

The following forms of teaching and learning are offered in the modules of the Master's program in International Relations:

*Lectures* (VL). They address selected topics and issues of the subjects involved.

*Exercises* (UE). Under guidance, exercises deepen the knowledge acquired in the lectures they accompany.

*Seminars* (S). They discuss objects and questions of the subjects involved. Students give presentations and complete smaller term papers.

*Advanced seminars* (HS). They discuss objects and issues of the participating subjects at a higher level. They serve to deepen the studies and the ability to work independently in a scientific manner. Students give presentations and prepare term papers.

*Colloquia* (K). They discuss current trends in research. They also serve to discuss scientific papers.

*Self-directed Learning* (SGL). It accompanies the learning process in the courses to which it is assigned. Students independently deepen the knowledge acquired in the courses. It is accompanied by the lecturer through appropriate assignments.

*Field Trips* (EX). These are trips to selected institutions or regions. They are meaningfully related to the course to which they are assigned. They are prepared and followed up as part of this course. Students either give presentations on site, prepare reports of results, or perform other services accompanying the course.

### 3.3 Examination types

In the Master's program in International Relations, the following main examination types are used: examination interviews and presentations (oral forms of examination), written examinations and assignments (written forms of examination).

*Examination interviews* last a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 60 minutes. As a rule, they relate to material presented in lectures. In examination interviews, students should demonstrate that they can present the examination material appropriately and solve problems appropriately.

*Presentations* are independently prepared lectures on a specific subject. They include an independent examination of a topic agreed upon with the lecturer, a presentation that is appropriate to the subject matter, the addressee, and the media, as well as adequate linguistic performance in the presentation and discussion. Presentations are usually supported by a written handout and suitable visual aids. The presentation should be followed by a technical discussion, which the lecturer leads or significantly accompanies. The duration of a presentation is 20 to 25 minutes for the presentation part and 15 to 20 minutes for the discussion.

*Written examinations* last a minimum of 45 and a maximum of 120 minutes. They usually relate to material presented in lectures. In the written examinations, students should demonstrate that they can present the interrelationships of the module in a limited amount of time and with limited aids and that they can recognize problems using the common methods of the subject and find ways to solve them. Multiple-choice examinations are permitted in compliance with Section 18 of the General Examination Regulations.

*Written assignments* are written elaborations on a set topic. They can be related to a presentation. In written assignments, students should prove that they can work on a topic independently. The length of a written assignment in a module with a value of 10 ECTS credits is 18 to 22 pages, in a module with 5 ECTS credits twelve to 14 pages.

*Portfolios* are collections of coordinated achievements on a defined topic in the form of a workbook. Their length is 15 to 25 pages.

Each module is examined with a module examination, whereby different examination types are used. The persons responsible for the module determine at the beginning of the lecture period which of the listed examination types in the module descriptions will be used. Only one examination type is offered per module and semester.

In practice, written assignments are the most common examination type, as they serve in particular as preparation for writing the Master's thesis. The special introductory modules in the elective area are concluded with a written exam, since the basic knowledge taught in these overview modules can be tested most effectively in this way.

## **4. Study Organization**

### **4.1 Degree program manager and support services**

The MIB is managed by the holder of the Chair of International Relations as the responsible program manager. According to Section 6 para. 3 General Examination Regulations (APO), the degree program manager is responsible for the description and coordination of the study program. He or she is supported by a degree program coordinator.

The degree program manager ensures that an up-to-date study program concept is always available, in which qualification goals, target group, content conception and implementation of the modularized study program are described and which is part of the study program description. In addition, the degree program manager ensures that an up-to-date ideal-typical program structure plan is always available. Furthermore, he or she supports the well-coordinated flow of all processes within the study program.

The degree program manager usually holds a planning meeting every semester. One of the purposes of this planning meeting is to coordinate the courses offered by the participating subjects for the following semester. In consultation with the persons responsible for the modules and the lecturers, the course coordinator then draws up a timetable for the required and required elective courses that contains as little overlaps as possible and makes this timetable available to the students for better orientation in their time planning.

### **4.2 Information, study support and advice**

The degree program, the description of its contents and objectives are presented both on the Internet and in the form of information material. Up-to-date information on the degree program (such as the ideal-typical program structure, study requirements and module overview) as well as documents and forms are always available for download on the website of the degree program.

Every winter semester, an orientation and introductory event is held for newly enrolled students in the last week before the start of lectures or in the first week of the lecture period, in which the concept and goals of the Master's program, the structure and courses offered, the examination procedure, and the options for internships and stays abroad are presented and explained in detail.

The alumni concept "MIBPlus" strengthens the internal coherence of the degree program and offers both active students and alumni a forum for exchange of experiences, networking and individual continuing education. Targeted offers for graduates and students in the form of various networking services (e.g. newsletter, e-mailing list, annual meetings, lectures, etc.) are complemented by a targeted tutoring program "MIB Starter".

The degree program manager, the degree program coordinator, the subject representatives involved in the degree program, and the academic staff are available for study counseling during their office hours.

### **4.3 Quality assurance and control**

The courses of the Master's Program in International Relations are evaluated by the students at regular intervals. The implementation of the evaluation is organized by the Faculty of History and Social Sciences. The results of the evaluations will be communicated to the teachers in an appropriate form and will be taken into account in the further implementation of the degree program.

## 5. Module handbook

### 5.1 Required area

#### 5.1.1 Theories, Structures, and Orders in World Politics

<b>Module name</b>	<b>Theorien, Strukturen und Ordnungen der internationalen Politik</b>
<b>Module name in English/French</b>	<b>Theories, Structures and Orders in World Politics / Théories et structures des relations internationales</b>
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB06-H-1011
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	In-depth problem-oriented knowledge of historical and systematic knowledge of theories (concepts), structures and orders (models) of international relations or politics. Ability to present (orally and in writing), to analyze as well as to critically reflect on relevant theorems and model concepts in relation to circumstances and developments in contexts of foreign policy and international politics.
Contents/Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Theory development and theory discussion of international politics</li> <li>▪ Theories of the nation-state versus theories of the postnational constellation (including denationalization and deterritorialization)</li> <li>▪ International politics between anarchy and multilateralism</li> <li>▪ Uni-, bi- and multipolarity</li> <li>▪ Renaissance of geopolitics versus trend towards global governance (world domestic politics)</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week) (2) Exercise (2 hours per week) or colloquium (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Written assignment with presentation The written assignment must be evaluated with at least "sufficient".
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Face-to-face/independent study: 4 ECTS credits Presentation: 2 ECTS credits Written assignment, based on the independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge: 4 ECTS credits
Module grade	Written assignment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science) MA PW (Political Science in the Interdisciplinary MA) MA Social Studies (Social Studies in the Interdisciplinary MA). MA LAG Social Studies (suitable for teaching degree programs)
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	



### 5.1.2 Policies, Strategies, and Areas in International Relations

Module name	Praxis, Strategien und (Politik-)Felder der internationalen Politik
Module name in English/French	Policies, Strategies, and Areas in International Relations / Pratiques, stratégies et champs d'analyse des relations internationales
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB07-H-1011
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<p>In-depth, problem-oriented knowledge of historical and systematic knowledge of policies (activities) and strategies of important world political actors as well as (policy) fields of international politics constituted by them.</p> <p>Ability to present (orally and in writing), to analyze, and to reflect critically on major activities and relevant forms of action in the areas of foreign affairs and international politics.</p>
Contents/Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign policy of Germany and/or other (national) states</li> <li>Common foreign and security policy of the European Union</li> <li>Cooperation and conflict in world politics</li> <li>(Inter-)regionalism, North-South relations</li> <li>International security, development, trade, energy, environmental, human rights, etc. policies.</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	<p>(1) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week)</p> <p>(2) Exercise (2 hours per week) or colloquium (2 hours per week)</p>
ECTS awarding criteria	<p>Written assignment with presentation</p> <p>The written assignment must be evaluated with at least "sufficient".</p>
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	<p>10 ECTS = 300 hours</p> <p>Face-to-face/ independent study: 4 ECTS</p> <p>Presentation: 2 ECTS</p> <p>Written assignment, based on the independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge: 4 ECTS</p>
Module grade	Written assignment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	<p>MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science)</p> <p>MA PW (Political Science in the interdisciplinary MA)</p> <p>MA Social Studies (Social Studies in the Interdisciplinary MA).</p> <p>MA LAG Social Studies (suitable for teaching degree programs)</p>
Course rotation	Summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	

### 5.1.3 Politics and History of European integration (specialization "European Studies")

<b>Module name</b>	<b>Politik und Geschichte der europäischen Integration</b>
<b>Module name in English/French</b>	<b>Politics and History of European Integration / Politics et Histoire de l'intégration européenne</b>
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB18-H-0918
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	15
Skills	In-depth problem-oriented knowledge of historical and systematic knowledge of the processes of European integration at different levels of action. Ability to present (orally and in writing), to analyze as well as to critically reflect on relevant events, concepts and model ideas in relation to realities and developments of European integration.
Contents/Topics	Contents and topics are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English or French
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	The course types are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
ECTS awarding criteria	The requirements for the award of ECTS credits are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	15 ECTS = 450 hours The distribution of ECTS credits within the module is determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Module grade	The type and scope of the module examination are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	Required module in the context of the specialization "European Studies" of the Master's program in International Relations. The module is completed at the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg. The on-site module responsibility lies with the Chair of European Studies.

5.1.4. *Legal, Economic, Cultural, and Social Challenges in Europe (specialization "European Studies")*

<b>Module name</b>	<b>Rechtliche, wirtschaftliche, kulturelle und soziale Herausforderungen Europas</b>
<b>Module name in English/French</b>	<b>Legal, Economic, Cultural, and Social Challenges in Europe / Défis juridiques, économiques, culturels et sociaux en Europe</b>
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB17-H-0918
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	15
Skills	In-depth problem-oriented knowledge of historical and systematic knowledge of legal, economic, cultural and social foundations of Europe. Ability to present (orally and in writing), to analyze as well as to critically reflect on relevant events, concepts and developments in relation to contemporary challenges of European states and societies as well as in the context of European integration processes.
Contents/Topics	Contents and topics are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English or French
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	The course types are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
ECTS awarding criteria	The requirements for the award of ECTS credits are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	15 ECTS = 450 hours The distribution of ECTS credits within the module is determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Module grade	The type and scope of the module examination are determined by the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg.
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	Required module in the context of the specialization "European Studies" of the Master's program in International Relations. The module is completed at the Université de Fribourg / University of Fribourg. The on-site module responsibility lies with the Chair of European Studies.

### 5.1.5 Internship

Module name	Praktikum
Module name in English/French	Internship / Stage
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-129-PR-H-0711
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	15
Skills	The internship in the Master's program in International Relations provides insights into a possible later professional field for orientation and enables the acquisition of qualifications related to the professional field. In their own responsibility, students deal with suitable internship facilities in which the internship can be completed. They will further develop their own ideas in relation to their future professional practice. The internship enables students to apply scientific and subject-specific skills and methods acquired during their studies. The internship report strengthens the ability of critical reflection.
Contents/Topics	Students must complete a required internship of at least eight weeks; there is no maximum duration. The internship is recognized as a required internship if the degree program manager has approved the internship in writing before it begins (internship certificate). German students in the Master's program in International Relations should complete the internship abroad; foreign students in Germany. An in-depth orientation about the intended professional field and a reflection of one's own career aspirations will take place.
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German, other languages if necessary
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	Internship
ECTS awarding criteria	An approx. 15-page internship report in German or English, graded "passed", including proof of the internship period completed (internship certificate) as well as an at least adequate attestation from the internship institution (copy of the internship certificate).
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	Internship search and organization: 2 ECTS credits Internship of at least eight weeks, usually 5 days of 8 h: 11 ECTS credits Writing the internship report: 2 ECTS credits
Module grade	Pass/Fail
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	
Course rotation	Winter or summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	

## 5.2 Required elective area

### 5.2.1 Model United Nations

Module name	Model United Nations
Module name in English/French	Model United Nations / Model United Nations
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master (UNI)
Module number	82-500-4.44-H-0415
Responsible faculty	Faculty of History and Social Sciences (GGF)
Module coordinator	Brummer, Klaus
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knowledge of the unique selling points of simulation-based teaching methods in the field of international relations.</li> <li>2. In-depth knowledge of the history and structure of the United Nations (UN) and the professional practice of diplomats in the context of the UN.</li> <li>3. Skills of comparative analysis of the real functioning of UN bodies and their simulated practice in the framework of MUN.</li> <li>4. Enhanced skills of empirical as well as simulated reconstruction and differentiated evaluation of diplomatic negotiation processes</li> <li>5. Enhanced skills of formal as well as substantive correct elaboration and modification of official speeches, position papers and draft resolutions</li> <li>6. Advanced skills in strategic argumentation and negotiation</li> <li>7. In-depth foreign language and intercultural skills</li> </ol>
Contents/Topics	<p>United Nations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ History, structure and functioning of the UN (especially General Assembly and Security Council)</li> <li>▪ Opportunities and shortcomings of the UN and corresponding reform considerations</li> <li>▪ Field reports and memoirs of diplomats</li> <li>▪ Case Studies on Successful and Failed Negotiation Processes in the UN Security Council</li> </ul> <p>MUN Simulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MUN as a subject of scientific investigation</li> <li>▪ Rules and strategies for simulating debates, negotiations and votes in UN bodies</li> <li>▪ English vocabulary in the field of diplomacy</li> <li>▪ Working and position papers and draft resolutions</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	None
Teaching or examination language	English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	Seminar (SE) (2 hours per week) On-site block seminar (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Assessment graded with at least "sufficient": portfolio during the semester Required participation in a MUN simulation to acquire the listed skills five to seven.
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	Face-to-face/independent study: 5.5 ECTS credits Portfolio: 3 ECTS credits Participation in on-site block seminar: 1.5 ECTS credits
Module grade	Assessment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	

Course rotation	Winter or summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	There are costs for the planned on-site block seminar (participation in a MUN simulation). A place cannot be guaranteed by the module coordinator.

## 5.2.2 Constitutionalism

Module name	Verfassungsstaatlichkeit
Module name in English/French	Constitutionalism / Constitutionalisme
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB01-H-0415
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Rico Behrens
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	In-depth knowledge of the constitutional features of free communities Ability to analyze constitutional principles historically and systematically. Ability to compare selected aspects of different constitutions. Ability to orally present and discursively discuss constitutional principles.
Contents/Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Constitution</li> <li>▪ Rule of law, separation of powers</li> <li>▪ Limited exercise of dominion</li> <li>▪ Philosophical-religious and political pluralism</li> <li>▪ Opposition</li> <li>▪ Constitutional jurisdiction</li> <li>▪ State-church relationship (positive or negative ideological neutrality)</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week) (2) Lecture (2 hours per week) or tutorial (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Successful assessment graded at least "sufficient" (written assignment or portfolio or written exam).
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Face-to-face / independent study: 3 ECTS credits Preparation and follow-up of the courses: 3 ECTS credits Completion of the assessment: 4 ECTS credits
Module grade	Assessment (written exam or written assignment or portfolio): 100%. If a written exam is not chosen as the examination type, the lecturer can optionally offer a voluntary written exam. If the grading of the written exam results in an improvement of the module grade, the module grade is calculated according to the following formula: Grade of written assignment 2/3, grade of written exam 1/3. Provided that the grading of the written exam would lead to no change or to a deterioration of the module grade, the written assignment counts 100%. If the calculation of the grade results in more than one digit after the decimal point, the grade value after the first digit after the decimal point is omitted.
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science) MA PW (Political Science in the Interdisciplinary MA) MA Journalism
Course rotation	Summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: Political Education

### 5.2.2 Comparative Political Studies

Module name	Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft
Module name in English/French	Comparative Political Studies/ Politique comparée
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB08-H-0611
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Stüwe
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	Problem-oriented knowledge of the constitutional foundations, political structures and processes of selected systems of government. Knowledge of the most important methods and theories of comparative politics. Ability to present (orally and in writing), to analyze, and to reflect critically on various aspects of comparative politics in the context of a group project.
Contents/Topics	Institutional and political-cultural foundations of the political systems of selected governmental systems including the party and association system as well as the functional logic of political processes. Methods, issues, and theories of comparative politics.
Formal requirements for participation	As a rule: completed BA degree
Teaching or examination language	German
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week) (2) Seminar (2 hours per week) or field trip
ECTS awarding criteria	Written assignment with presentation The written assignment must be evaluated with at least "sufficient".
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Face-to-face/independent study: 3 ECTS credits Presentation: 2 ECTS credits Written assignment based on the independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge: 5 ECTS credits
Module grade	Written assignment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science) MA PW (Political Science in the Interdisciplinary MA) MA Social Studies (Social Studies in the Interdisciplinary MA).
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: Comparative Political Science
Remarks	



### 5.2.3 History of Political Thought

Module name	Geschichte des politischen Denkens
Module name in English/French	History of Political Thought / Historie de la pensée politique
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB09-H-0413
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Dr. Manfred Brocker
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	The module provides an in-depth look at the body and history of political science and political philosophy theory building and trains students to transfer what they have learned to current theory developments and specific research questions. Students discuss content at a high level and practice taking well-founded positions and defending them in academic exchanges.
Contents/Topics	The module serves the in-depth analysis of selected authors, currents or theoretical traditions from the history of political thought. Alternating courses familiarize students with ancient and medieval as well as modern and contemporary traditions. This includes, for example, the analysis of works by individual authors (from Plato to Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau to the present) as well as the examination of currents, problem situations, and developments in political-theoretical or philosophical-historical analysis and reflection.
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Lecture (2 hours per week) or advanced seminar (2 hours per week) (2) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week) or reading course (2 hours per week) or tutorial (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Written assignment with presentation The written assignment or oral examination must be graded at least "sufficient".
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Face-to-face/independent study: 4 ECTS credits Presentation: 2 ECTS credits Written assignment based on independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge or preparation for oral examination: 4 ECTS credits
Module grade	Written assignment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science) MA PW (Political Science in the Interdisciplinary MA) MA Social Studies (Social Studies in the Interdisciplinary MA). MA LAG Social Studies (suitable for teaching degree programs) MA Sociology
Course rotation	Summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: Political Theory and Philosophy
Remarks	

#### 5.2.4 Contemporary Political Theory and Philosophy

<b>Module name</b>	<b>Politische Theorie und Philosophie der Gegenwart</b>
<b>Module name in English/French</b>	<b>Contemporary Political Theory and Philosophy / Théorie et philosophie politiques contemporaines</b>
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB10-H-0413
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Dr. Manfred Brocker
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	The module provides an in-depth insight into contemporary political science and political philosophy theory formation and trains the transferability of what has been learned to relevant current theoretical developments and concrete research questions. Students discuss content at a high level and practice taking well-founded positions and defending them in academic exchanges.
Contents/Topics	The module is designed to provide an in-depth analysis of contemporary political theories and philosophies. This includes, for example, the theory of rational choice, complex theories of democracy, the theory of the democratic constitutional state, theories of justice and other normative theories, theory groups and theory debates (such as the controversy between "liberalism and communitarianism", discourse theory and its critics, etc.). Another focus is the analysis of the relationship between politics and religion (for example, religion and democracy, religion and violence, religion and peace).
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Lecture (2 hours per week) or advanced seminar (2 hours per week) (2) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week) or reading course (2 hours per week) or tutorial (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Written assignment with presentation The written assignment must be evaluated with at least "sufficient".
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Face-to-face/independent study: 4 ECTS credits Presentation: 2 ECTS credits Written assignment based on the independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge: 4 ECTS credits
Module grade	Written assignment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science) MA PW (Political Science in the Interdisciplinary MA) MA Social Studies (Social Studies in the Interdisciplinary MA). MA LAG Social Studies (suitable for teaching degree programs) MA European Studies MA Sociology
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: Political Theory and Philosophy
Remarks	

### 5.2.5 Peace and Conflict Studies

Module name	Friedens- und Konfliktforschung
Module name in English/French	Peace and Conflict Studies / Recherche sur la paix et les conflits
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB19-H-0918
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	In-depth problem-oriented knowledge of historical and systematic knowledge about different forms of political violence, which are at the same time located on different levels of action, and about ways of dealing with them. Ability to present (orally and in writing), to analyze, and to critically reflect on important concepts and models used to understand peace and conflict/war and to apply them to empirical situations.
Contents/Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of peace and conflict research</li> <li>Theories and methods of peace and conflict research</li> <li>Conceptualizations of violence, crises, conflict, war and peace</li> <li>Forms of conflict resolution; approaches to preventing or ending crises, conflicts and wars; peacekeeping.</li> <li>Empirical conflict analyses (transnational, interstate, intrastate, intra-societal)</li> <li>Ethical issues in dealing with crises, conflicts and wars</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English, if necessary other languages
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week) (2) Exercise (2 hours per week) or lecture (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Written assignment with presentation The assessment must be evaluated with at least "sufficient".
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Face-to-face/independent study: 4 ECTS credits Presentation: 2 ECTS credits Written assignment or written exam or oral exam, based on the independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge: 4 ECTS credits
Module grade	Written assignment or written exam or oral exam
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	
Course rotation	Winter and summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	

## 5.2.6 Contemporary History

Module name	Neueste Geschichte und Zeitgeschichte
Module name in English/French	Contemporary History / Histoire contemporaine
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module
Module number	88-129-DF102-V-H-0916
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Friedrich Kießling
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In-depth knowledge of historical events and developments of an era, region, historical discipline, or subject area at an advanced level.</li> <li>▪ Reflective insights about historical processes that result from comparisons in cross-epochal and/or cross-space perspectives.</li> <li>▪ Critical discussion of central explanations for historical change in politics, society, and culture.</li> <li>▪ Analysis of historical discourses on religion and ethics, among others.</li> <li>▪ Issues and problems of historical theories and methods.</li> <li>▪ professional communication of work results in oral, visual and written form.</li> <li>▪ Practice of competent discussion of specialized topics and defending own opinions argumentatively.</li> </ul>
Contents/Topics	
Formal requirements for participation	First professional qualification
Teaching or examination language	German
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	(1) Lecture (2 hours per week) or tutorial (2 hours per week) (2) Advanced seminar (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	At least a "sufficient" assessment in the form of a scientific text written in the context of the main seminar (main seminar paper) with a total length of 15 pages.
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	10 ECTS = 300 hours Participation in the courses or elaboration of the contents: 3 ECTS credits Reading, preparation and wrap-up as well as course-related activities: 3 ECTS credits Preparation of the written assignment: 4 ECTS credits
Module grade	Assessment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	
Course rotation	Winter and summer semester
Subjects involved	History: Modern and Contemporary History, History of Latin America, Economic and Social History.
Remarks	

### 5.2.7. International Law - Sources, Principles, Current Developments

<b>Module name</b>	<b>Völkerrecht – Quellen, Prinzipien, aktuelle Entwicklungen</b>
<b>Module name in English/French</b>	<b>International Law - Sources, Principles, Current Developments / Droit international - Sources, principes, développements actuels</b>
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-030-MIB05-H-0511
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<p>Understanding regarding the juridical way of working and argumentation</p> <p>Development of basic knowledge of international law with the aim of gaining the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to evaluate problems of international law and current developments - including political processes as a component of international law - with a special focus on transnational justice.</li> <li>▪ Ability to analyze and compare different domestic legal systems in relation to international law.</li> <li>▪ Ability to orally present and discursively discuss international law issues in front of the group.</li> </ul>
Contents/Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basics: basic concepts (concept of international law, characteristics and historical development), subjects of international law (concept of state, international organizations, individual, peoples and right of self-determination of peoples)</li> <li>▪ International law sources</li> <li>▪ International law and national law: dualism and monism</li> <li>▪ Basic principles and obligations under international law (sovereignty, state immunity, prohibition of the use of force)</li> <li>▪ Human rights between universalism and cultural relativism (Christianity, Islam, Africa)</li> <li>▪ International jurisdiction and human rights protection</li> <li>▪ Current developments in the international legal order</li> <li>▪ Specifics of international law and transnational justice</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	<p>(1) Seminar or lecture (2 hours per week)</p> <p>(2) Exercise or field trip (2 hours per week)</p>
ECTS awarding criteria	<p>Written exam or written assignment</p> <p>The assessment must be evaluated with at least "sufficient".</p>
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	<p>10 ECTS points = 300 hours</p> <p>Face-to-face/independent study: 4 ECTS credits</p> <p>Presentation: 2 ECTS credits</p> <p>Written assignment, based on the independent academic deepening of the imparted knowledge: 4 ECTS credits</p>
Module grade	Written exam or written assignment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	<p>Applicability to other degree programs at module level:</p> <p>MA DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science)</p> <p>MA PW (Political Science in the Interdisciplinary MA)</p> <p>MA Social Studies (Social Studies in the Interdisciplinary MA).</p> <p>MA LAG Social Studies (suitable for teaching degree programs)</p> <p>MA European Studies</p>
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Law: Public Law: Doctrine of International Law

Remarks	<p>Module responsibility external lecturer in coordination with the program spokesperson MIB: Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer</p> <p>In addition to the "chosen" exercise or field trip of the module "International Law", another exercise (1 hours per week) has to be completed within the framework of this module.</p>
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### 5.2.7 Advanced Sociological Theory

Module name	Fortgeschrittene Soziologische Theorie
Module name in English/French	Advanced Sociological Theory / Théorie sociologique avancée
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module
Module number	88-149-SOZ101-H-0914
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Joost van Loon
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In-depth knowledge of sociological theories in relation to their philosophical foundations at an advanced level;</li> <li>▪ Critical analysis of sociological discourses on social structures and social processes;</li> <li>▪ Questions and problems of sociological theories with consideration of their empirical-philosophical foundations;</li> <li>▪ Competent communication of work results in oral, visual and written form;</li> <li>▪ Practicing argumentative discussion of relevant topics and knowledgeably expressing one's own opinions.</li> </ul>
Contents/Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Philosophical foundations of sociology</li> <li>▪ Classical sociological theories</li> <li>▪ Contemporary Sociological Theories</li> </ul>
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German and English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	Lecture (2 hours per week) and seminar (2 hours per week) or seminar (2 hours per week) and seminar (2 hours per week) or lecture (2 hours per week) and colloquium (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Assessment graded at least with "sufficient": Oral exam (duration 30 min.), written exam (duration 90-120 min.) or written assignment (length approx. 5000 words) based on a thematic connection of the two courses of the module
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	The workload of the module is 300 hours; one ECTS credit corresponds to 30 hours. Face-to-face/independent study in lecture: 1 ECTS credit and regular and active participation in seminar or KOLL: 1 ECTS credit or regular and active participation in both seminars: 2 ECTS credits Preparation and follow-up (includes coursework): 6 ECTS credits Preparation of assessment: 2 ECTS credits
Module grade	Assessment
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	Module has relevance for the following other degree programs:: DFS (Integrated degree program in German and French Political Science) MIB (Master of International Relations)
Course rotation	Summer semester
Subjects involved	Sociology
Remarks	

### 5.2.8 Advanced Process-Oriented Sociology

Module name	Fortgeschrittene prozessorientierte Soziologie
Module name in English/French	Advanced Process-Oriented Sociology / Sociologie avancée
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module
Module number	88-149-SOZ103-H-0914
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Robert Schmidt
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In-depth knowledge and advanced about (empirical) sociological research in one or more subject areas at an advanced level</li> <li>▪ Reflected and deepened insights into processes and dynamics of social and cultural change resulting from comparisons in theoretical and analytical perspective</li> <li>▪ In-depth insight into the methodological and methodical consequences of research questions. The ability to work with methods appropriate to the subject matter</li> <li>▪ Critical indexing and interpretation of primary and secondary data</li> <li>▪ Critical elaboration of current sociological debates on social, cultural and technological change</li> <li>▪ Practicing an argumentative discussion of relevant topics and reflectively formulating and advocating own positions and conducting own analyses</li> </ul>
Contents/Topics	Themes and questions from the participating sociological sub-disciplines
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	1) Lecture (2 hours per week) or seminar (2 hours per week) 2) Seminar or exercise (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	At least "sufficient" grading: oral exam (duration: 30 min.), written exam (90-120 min.) or written assignment (approx. 5000 words); thematic linking of the two courses
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	<p>The workload of the module is 300 hours; one ECTS credit corresponds to 30 hours.</p> <p>Lecture or seminar Face-to-face/independent study: 1 ECTS credit Preparation and follow-up: 3 ECTS credits Preparation of assessment: 1 ECTS credit</p> <p>Exercise or Seminar: Face-to-face/independent study: 1 ECTS credit Preparation of presentation: 2 ECTS credits Carrying out own analyses: 2 ECTS credits</p>
Module grade	Oral exam 1/1 or written exam 1/1 or written assignment 1/1
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	Module has relevance for the following other degree programs: Flexible Master Sociology, International Master Sociology, MA Journalism
Course rotation	Winter and summer semester
Subjects involved	Sociology



### 5.2.9 Advanced Methods of Qualitative Analysis

Module name	Fortgeschrittene Methoden der qualitativen Analyse
Module name in English/French	Advanced Methods of Qualitative Analysis / Méthodes avancées de l'analyse qualitative
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module
Module number	88-149-SOZ105-H-0914
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Robert Schmidt
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In-depth knowledge of qualitative empirical research methods in one or more subject areas at an advanced level.</li> <li>▪ Reflective insights regarding social and cultural processes result from comparisons and triangulation of theoretical and analytical perspectives.</li> <li>▪ In-depth insight into the methodological and methodological consequences of research questions. Independent, reflective and object-adequate handling of various qualitative and interpretative observation, questioning and evaluation procedures.</li> <li>▪ Critical elaboration of current sociological debates in the fields of culture, politics, technology, education, science</li> <li>▪ Practicing an argumentative discussion of relevant topics and reflectively formulating and advocating own positions and conducting own analyses</li> </ul>
Contents/Topics	Themes and questions from the participating sociological Subsections
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	1) Lecture (2 hours per week) or seminar (2 hours per week) 2) Seminar or exercise (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	At least "sufficient" grading: Oral exam (duration: 30 min.), written exam (90-120 min.) or written assignment (approx. 5000 words); thematic linking of the two courses
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	<p>The workload of the module is 300 hours; one ECTS credit corresponds to 30 hours.</p> <p>Lecture or seminar Face-to-face/independent study: 1 ECTS credit Preparation and follow-up: 3 ECTS credits Preparation of assessment: 1 ECTS credit</p> <p>Exercise or seminar Face-to-face/ independent study: 1 ECTS credit Preparation of presentation: 2 ECTS credits Carrying out own analyses: 2 ECTS credits</p>
Module grade	Oral exam 1/1 or written exam 1/1 or written assignment 1/1
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	Module has relevance for the following other degree programs: Flexible Master of Sociology, International Master of Sociology
Course rotation	Summer semester
Subjects involved	Sociology

### 5.2.10 Advanced Methods of Data Collection

Module name	Fortgeschrittene Verfahren der Datenerhebung
Module name in English/French	Advanced Methods of Data Collection / Méthodes avancées de l'analyse quantitative
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module
Module number	88-149-SOZ107-H-0914
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Stefanie Eifler
Credit points (ECTS credits)	10
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In-depth knowledge of special data collection procedures and their application</li> <li>▪ Ability to assess the methodological challenges associated with specific data collection procedures.</li> <li>▪ Ability to apply the specific procedures of data collection.</li> </ul>
Contents/Topics	The module builds on methodological skills acquired in undergraduate courses. It aims at elaborating special techniques of data collection used in survey research (e.g. factorial surveys, randomized response techniques). Based on existing studies, the typical fields of application of these will be shown. The focus will be on particular methodological challenges associated with these applications. By means of a specially developed survey instrument, the problems of application will be identified.
Formal requirements for participation	none
Teaching or examination language	German or English
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	Seminar (2 hours per week)
ECTS awarding criteria	Assessment graded with at least "sufficient": Oral examination (duration: 30 min.), written examination (90-120 min.) or written assignment (approx. 5000 words)
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	<p>The workload of the module is 300 hours; one ECTS credit corresponds to 30 hours.</p> <p>Lecture or seminar  Face-to-face/independent study: 1 ECTS credit  Preparation and follow-up: 3 ECTS credits  Development of a survey instrument: 1 ECTS credit  Execution and evaluation of a pretest: 2 ECTS credits  Preparation of the assessment: 2 ECTS credits</p>
Module grade	Oral exam 1/1 or written exam 1/1 or written assignment 1/1
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	Module has relevance for the following other degree programs: MA Political Science
Course rotation	Winter semester
Subjects involved	Sociology

### 5.3. Master's Thesis

Module name	Masterarbeit
Module name in English/French	Master's Thesis / thèse de Master
Level of qualification/degree program hosting the module	Master's module / MA International Relations (MIB)
Module number	88-129-MA-H-0711
Responsible faculty	GGF
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Klaus Brummer
Credit points (ECTS credits)	20
Skills	The Master's thesis serves to acquire in-depth skills in scientific research and writing. Students build their ability to work independently in scientific research by solving an advanced problem and practicing the argumentative discussion of relevant topics. They also learn the expert representation of their own opinions. In addition, comprehensive data source and literature research, the application of appropriate working and evaluation methods as well as specific project planning and adequate time management are trained.
Contents/Topics	The topic of the Master's thesis can be assigned from the subjects of political science, history, economics (Volkswirtschaftslehre), law (Völkerrecht) or sociology. The requirement structure for the research question is characterized by novel problem situations. In the Master's thesis, students should demonstrate that they have the ability to work independently on a topic according to scientific methods and findings and to gain substantial results. The Master's thesis should not exceed 50 pages. The processing time is 4 months.
Formal requirements for participation	The topic of the Master's thesis is assigned at the earliest from the middle of the third semester and subject to proof of at least 50 ECTS credits from the required and required elective courses.
Teaching or examination language	German, if necessary English or other language
Teaching and learning methods/ types of courses	Written final thesis
ECTS awarding criteria	Submission of two bound copies of the Master's thesis including a signed declaration that students have compiled the thesis themselves as well as a digital version (in duplicate). The Master's thesis must be graded at least "sufficient".
Workload/allocation of ECTS credits within the module	Own research, conception and preparation of the Master's thesis: 20 ECTS credits
Module grade	Master's thesis
Applicability to other degree programs /course admittance	
Course rotation	Winter or summer semester
Subjects involved	Political Science: International Relations
Remarks	