

Introductory Meeting

M.A. Political Science

Winter term 2026/27

Your practical guide to the study plan, course registration, exams and the rules that matter at the start.

120

ECTS



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Registration for the Orientation Week

- Orientation Week from October 6th to 9th with lots of great events!
- All details in the WhatsApp group, on Instagram, and in the registration form.



Today's roadmap

- 01** Your program and study plan

- 02** Modules, courses and elective choices

- 03** Course registration and seat allocation

- 04** Exam registration, attempts and illness

- 05** Contacts and where to find current dates

The program at a glance

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ECTS credits

4

semesters standard
period

30

ECTS per semester

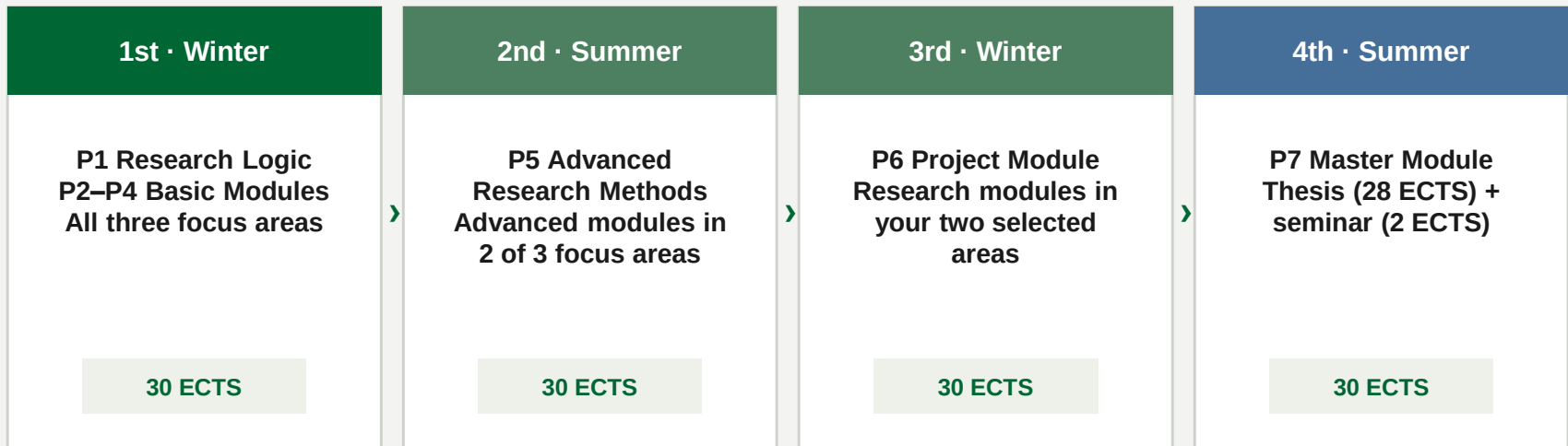
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single-subject M.A.

ECTS reflect the full workload: classes, preparation, independent study and assessment.

Use the study plan as your map; the PStO is the binding rulebook.

Study plan · the four-semester route



The exact module and assessment details are in the official [curriculum](#) and [Module Catalogue](#).

What is a module?

Courses

One or more connected lectures, seminars or tutorials form the teaching part.

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Assessment

A module ends with one module exam or with the required set of partial assessments.

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Credits are recorded after the module is passed.

Electives · choose with the study plan beside you

THREE FOCUS AREAS

Democratic Politics and Governance

One of three areas in the curriculum.

Global and European Politics

One of three areas in the curriculum.

Public Policy and Public Administration

One of three areas in the curriculum.

Choose 2 of 3

The selected elective module is binding once you take its examination. Do not register for more elective modules than required.

Course registration · three stages

1

Main registration

Register in LSF. Prioritize as many suitable options as you can.

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2

Seat allocation

LSF assigns seats after the deadline; check your status and timetable.

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3

Remaining seats

A further registration round opens for courses with vacancies.

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During main allocation, the time you register does not improve your chances.

How seat allocation works

Prioritise alternatives

If several seminars fulfil the same requirement, rank several suitable options.

Allocation is not first come, first served

The main allocation takes account of study semester, prior repeats and timetable conflicts.

Remaining seats are different

After the main allocation, free places are assigned first come, first served.

If you still have no suitable seat after the remaining-seat round, contact programme coordination.

LSF · where and how to register

Modules P1–P4

For the current term, P1–P4 and lectures use the course catalogue (Vorlesungsverzeichnis). Check the term page for exceptions.

Other courses

Other courses are generally registered via the module tree. Prioritise preferred options; follow the current term page for exceptions.

- ☐ Sign in with your LMU user account
- ☐ Check the route and current deadlines on the GSI page
- ☐ After allocation, verify “admitted” status and timetable

After you get a course place

Attend the first session

Unexcused absence from the first meeting can result in losing your course place.

Keep your registrations tidy

If you will not attend a course, deregister so another student can use the place.

No place after the remaining-seat round? Contact the study programme coordinator.

Course registration ≠ exam registration

1 · Register for the course

LSF course registration is mandatory and is a formal prerequisite for the exam registration.

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2 · Register for the exam

During the separate official window, register for the module examination in LSF.

Being enrolled in a course does not automatically register you for its exam.

Exam registration · make it a routine

Find the dates

Deadlines are published for each semester on the GSI “Dates & Deadlines” page.

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Register in LSF

Registration is mandatory for module examinations; it is not registration for each small component.

Check confirmation

Verify that every intended module appears as registered before the window closes.

No retroactive registration: without registration by the deadline, you cannot take the exam or receive the ECTS.

What will the assessment look like?

Written exam

Exam length is specified in the module plan.

Term paper

Check the module deadline and submission instructions.

Presentation

Format and timing are announced by the instructor.

Exercise portfolio / combined assessment

Complete every required partial assessment.

The binding assessment form and requirements are listed for each module in Annex 2 of the PStO.

Exam attempts · check the rule for each module

A failed exam

Whether and how often an exam can be repeated depends on the module. Check Annex 2, column 17, for the exact rule and timing.

Free first attempt

If your first attempt is taken by the prescribed regular deadline, a free attempt may apply; one grade-improvement retake can be possible at the next regular date.

Passed exams generally cannot be repeated for a better grade outside the free-attempt exception. Check Annex 2, column 17.

If you are ill or cannot attend an exam

Before the registration deadline

You can usually deregister directly in LSF during the official registration/withdrawal window.

After the deadline

A withdrawal must be requested from the Examination Office with a valid reason and supporting documents.

Do not simply miss the exam

Notify the Examination Office immediately. For illness, the PStO requires a medical certificate; an ordinary sick note is not sufficient.

Plan ahead · modules follow an annual cycle

Check the offer cycle

Many GSI modules run once per academic year. A course may not be offered again in the next semester.

If your plan changes

Map a missed module against its next offer and the PStO deadlines; ask for advice early.

For recognition of previous coursework, contact the study programme coordinator as early as possible and provide the course description, assessment and grade.

Who can help?

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Course registration and study planning

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Exam registration, withdrawal and records

Bookmark the GSI pages “Course Registration” and “Dates & Deadlines”; dates change every semester.

Three things to remember

1

Register for every course in LSF and check your seat status.

2

Register separately for each module exam before the deadline.

3

When in doubt, use the current GSI pages and the PStO.

Questions?