

Master's Programme in Political Science (StPO 2020)

Curriculum for the Master's Programme in Political Science 120 ECTS

The Master's programme in Political Science is a single-subject Master's programme, there are no minors. The programme is divided into compulsory and elective modules. The compulsory modules include the research logic, the basic modules, the advanced research methods, the project module and the master thesis. The elective modules are organised in three focus areas, whereby students must take two of the three focus areas in the second and third semester.

Semester	Assignment Specifications	Research Methods and Research Design	Focus Area 1: Democratic Politics and Governance	Focus Area 2: Global and European Politics	Focus Area 3: Public Policy and Public Administration	ECTS/CHW
1. (WS)	4 Compulsory Modules (P)	P 1: Research Logic of Political Science	P 2: Basic Module Democracy Research and Governance	P 3: Basic Module International Relations and European Studies	P 4: Basic Module Public Policy and Public Administration	30 ECTS (10 CHW)
		12 ECTS, EX (4 CHW) • Lecture: Continuation: Methods in Political Science • Tutorial: Continuation: Methods in Political Science	6 ECTS, EX or PA or PR or EP (2 CHW) • Seminar 1: Theories and Concepts • Seminar 2: Challenges to Democracy in Modern Contemporary Societies	6 ECTS, EX or PA or PR or EP (2 CHW) • Seminar 1: Debates in International Relations • Seminar 2: Debates in European Studies	6 ECTS, EX or PA or PR or EP (2 CHW) • Seminar 1: Public Policy • Seminar 2: Public Administration	
2. (SS)	1 Compulsory Module (P) and 2 of 3 Elective Modules (WP)	P 5: Advanced Research Methods of Political Science	WP 1: Advanced Module Democracy Research and Governance	WP 2: Advanced Module International Relations and European Studies	WP 3: Advanced Module Public Policy and Public Administration	30 ECTS (10 CHW)
		6 ECTS, EX or PA or PR (4 CHW) • Seminar: Selected Methods in Political Science	12 ECTS, PA and PR (4 CHW) • Seminar 1: Political Actors and Conflicts • Seminar 2: Political Institutions and Processes	12 ECTS, PA and PR (4 CHW) • Seminar 1: International Relations: Theories and Empirical Applications • Seminar 2: European Studies: Theories and Empirical Applications	12 ECTS, PA and PR (4 CHW) • Seminar 1: Public Policy: Theories and Empirical Applications • Seminar 2: Public Administration: Theories and Empirical Applications	
3. (WS)	1 Compulsory Module (P) and 2 of 3 Elective Modules (WP)	P 6: Project Module	WP 4: Research Module Democracy Research and Governance	WP 5: Research Module International Relations and European Studies	WP 6: Research Module Public Policy and Public Administration	30 ECTS (10 CHW)
		6 ECTS, EX or PA or PR or EP (2 CHW) • Seminar: Research Questions in Political Science	12 ECTS, PA and PR (4 CHW) • Seminar 1: Democratic Politics: Current Fields of Research • Seminar 2: Governance: Current Fields of Research	12 ECTS, PA and PR (4 CHW) • Seminar 1: International Relations: Current Fields of Research • Seminar 2: European Studies: Current Fields of Research	12 ECTS, PA and PR (4 CHW) • Seminar 1: Public Policy: Current Fields of Research • Seminar 2: Public Administration: Current Fields of Research	
4. (SS)	1 Compulsory Module (P)	P 7: Master Module (EXAM REGISTRATION FOR P 7 IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF P 1, P 2, P 3 AND P 4 HAVE BEEN PASSED)				30 ECTS (2 CHW)
		30 ECTS • Master Thesis (27 ECTS) • Master Thesis Seminar (3 ECTS, 2 CHW)				
						120 ECTS (34 CHW)

Abbreviations: CHW = Credit Hours per Week, ECTS = European Credit Transfer System, EP = Exercise Portfolio, EX = Written Exam, P = Compulsory Module, PA = Paper, PR = Presentation, SS = Summer Semester, WP = Elective Module, WS = Winter Semester