

## **Attachment 1: Description of study areas and modules**

### Explanation:

The following module descriptions provide information for each module of the bachelor (BA) as well as the 60 and 30 credit point module options of the Diploma degree program in political science, including

- the title of the module
- the contents and aims of the module
- how the module is to be taught
- a guide as to the amount of input required by students to successfully complete a module
- forms of active participation
- normal duration of the module

The information concerning the amount of work required expressed as time focuses particularly on the following points

- participation in terms of class room presence
- time required to independently prepare for class and review the material presented in class
- the time required to complete exercises and homework assignments
- the time required to prepare directly for the examination

The information concerning the time to be dedicated to self-study (as preparation and follow-up work for classes, preparation for examinations etc.) is intended as a guideline to assist students with organizing the time required to complete the work required for the module.

The information concerning the amount of work required corresponds to the amount of credit points dedicated to the module and provides a unit of measurement for indicating the amount of input required of a student to successfully complete a specific module.

Active participation as well as regular attendance of lectures and seminars (when required) and successfully meeting the examination requirements are necessary to being awarded the credit points for a module.

Information concerning the applicability of a module refers to those courses of study on offer for which the relevant module is regarded as either a compulsory module or a compulsory-elective module within the study and examination regulations. Whether it is possible to register for a module not listed within the courses of study on offer is to be decided in compliance with the regulations concerning student affairs, or in accordance with the relevant decisions taken by the faculty board of the faculty for political and social sciences.

Information concerning the number of credit points as well as further exam-related information is to be taken from attachment 1 of the examination regulations for the bachelor degree programme and the 60 and 30 credit points module offers of the Diploma programme for political science.

**Study Area: Introductory modules (Propaedeutic)**

<b>Module:</b> Introduction to political science			
<b>Objectives:</b> Upon completion of this module students should possess the skills to be able to identify those aspects of questions which relate to political science, to address these questions and, taking general fundamentals of academic theory into consideration, to define its limits with regard to other social sciences.			
<b>Contents:</b> The module provides an introduction to political science. The content and areas of debate of the discipline as well as the institutions and organisations will be addressed. The module provides an overview of the history of political science as well as its individual fields, key terminology and central questions. The themes addressed in the lectures will be summarised and studied in more depth during the tutorial. The tutorial also provides an introduction to the study of political science at the Otto-Suhr-Institut.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (hours per week = hpw)	Self study (hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 60 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Tutorial	2 hpw= 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 30 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 150			
<b>Duration of module:</b> one semester			
<b>Module offered:</b> every winter semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> Methods I			
<b>Objectives:</b> Upon completion of the module, students will possess a good understanding of the fundamental areas of expertise involved in the various approaches and working methods of political science. These include: formulating questions, formulating hypotheses, case selection, the linking of theories and operationalization, research strategies as well as the ability to produce home work assignments, short oral papers, handouts, analyses and reviews of a correct academic standard in terms of content and form. Students will additionally develop a fundamental knowledge of the methods involved in empirical social research.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module also provides an overview of the central methods of empirical social science as they apply to political science as well as an introduction to techniques of academic work and the fundamentals of academic theoretical work. An introductory lecture will present the essential knowledge required for quantitative and qualitative methods. The pro-seminar entitled "Techniken des wissenschaftlichen Arbeitens" [Methods of academic work] is thematically linked to the pro-seminar of another compulsory module. This should ensure that the methods of academic work are tested with concrete examples.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> one semester			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> Methods II			
<b>Objectives:</b> Skills for critical reflection and application of different quantitative and qualitative methods of empirical social science are to be acquired in this module.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module examines the fundamentals of quantitative and qualitative methods in more depth. In two pro-seminars methodological knowledge will be applied practically to examples. The focus of each of the two pro-seminars is on quantitative and qualitative methods respectively. In addition to acquiring skills in developing concepts and operationalizing, quantitative methods of data analysis, in particular basic statistics, the logic of quantifying using different levels of measurement, the processing of data, data analysis and data presentation, the development of control samples and basic population (primary and secondary statistics); univariate and/or bivariate statistical processes (including data matrix and frequency distribution; cross-tabulation and contingency tables, characterising measured values and the most important presentation graphics; absolute and relative concentration analysis (co-efficient and Lorenz functions); correlation analysis using the same and different levels of measurement; correlation and regression analysis; working with time series and indices as well as economic and social statistics, the fundamentals of macro economical accounting; analysis of aggregate and secondary data, measurement of groupings and connections, index construction and index series. The main focus of the qualitative methods to be presented are observation, conducting interviews, processing practical analyses of quantitative and qualitative contents, document analysis; discourse analysis, case analysis and field research as well as experimentation (e.g. simulations).			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (one pro-seminar per semester)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science			

**Study Area: Political theory and the fundamentals of politics**

<b>Module:</b> History of political ideas and political philosophy			
<b>Objectives:</b> The aim of this module is that students acquire hermeneutic skills of a context-related understanding of the classical reasoning of political thought. The meaning of contingency will be brought into a sharper focus. Students will be able to recognize contemporary structures, institutions and fundamental beliefs as historically preconditioned and also be aware of repressed and superseded alternatives.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module achieves an overview of conceptual, notional and normative fundamentals of politics in its historical fluctuations. Political systems, programmes and processes of today draw upon idealistic achievements which can be questioned and which require diachronic explanation. Continuities and breaches in human understanding of the world and how it is structured will be addressed. Traditional political thinking will be presented. The therein contained premises for Utopian designs which both did and did not come to fruition are subjected to a critical analysis. This process will serve to counter a facile updating of key historical figures and events such as is the case with the ideal image of Athenian democracy, as well as a tendency to reduce them to museum pieces. The history of "great ideas" will at the same time be incorporated into an analysis of evolutionary and revolutionary changes in social structures and ways of living.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice – a foreign language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (beginning with lectures, with the pro-seminars to be attended in the following semester)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, 30 credit point curriculum in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in political science, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> Modern political theory			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module fosters the hermeneutic skills involved in the understanding, classification and critical evaluation of the standards and contents of contemporary political theory and philosophy. In addition to this students will achieve an understanding of the fundamentals of a theoretically based conceptualization and structuring of empirical analyses.			
<b>Contents:</b> The aim of this module is to open up the theoretical bases of political science as a normative, interested, reflective science of reality. Notional, conceptual and normative fundamentals of research and approaches to problems of contemporary political science as well as academic theoretical questioning of issues form the subject matter of this module. Modern political theory differs from the history of ideas within political science through its explicit concentration on the political situation of our time. Modern political theory also differs from the theories of sub areas of the subject in its high level of generality which encompasses the entire subject area. For empirical political science, modern political theory provides a reflection on means of access to the subject area. Broad terms such as systems theory, post-structuralism or theories of rational choice serve to support the structuring of empirical research. Normative political theory or political philosophy enquires into the justification of political systems, programmes and processes by measuring them against fundamental principles such as justice, human rights, democracy or the common good.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester (beginning with lectures, with the pro-seminars to be held in the following semester)			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> Fundamental legal aspects of politics			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students with the core skills required for the interpretation of law as well as the application of law as a normative basis and instrument of governance. The module will also foster the ability to incorporate law into any analysis of questions and problems of political science and the ability to compare laws.			
<b>Contents:</b> The module addresses the historical (ideas), theoretical, philosophical and sociological fundamentals of law. In particular the development and significance of constitutions for an understanding of modern states and systems of law will be addressed as central themes. The tension between politics and law are to be made clear both with regard to the binding nature of state politics through law and regarding the creation and development of law through political processes and developments. Additionally the module will provide theoretical and empirical knowledge concerning the effect upon governance (and the failure of governance) of law within the political system in specific political fields and subsystems of society in the German Federal Republic, as well as in the context of European politics and international relations.			
<b>Forms of teaching and study</b>	<b>Input required</b>		<b>Active forms of participation</b>
	<b>Study requiring classroom presence</b> (Hours per week = hpw)	<b>Self study</b> (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in political science			

<b>Module:</b> (International) Political economy			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students with the core skills for analysing economic processes, national and international economic institutions as well as for the assessment and evaluation of the instruments and problems of economic policy. In addition to the skills required for critical reflection upon the mechanisms of dependency and interdependence between politics and the economy, students will also develop methodological skills for dealing with economic data and the “readability” of economic statistics.			
<b>Contents:</b> The term political economy refers to the political implications of the economy and the extent to which politics is contingent upon economics. Questions concerning the economy impact upon the type and scope of configuration in all political fields. Taking fundamental theoretical aspects into account, the module draws together the socio-economic analysis of single political fields and global processes and the examination (from a political science perspective) of the consequences of globalisation for power structures and hegemonic practices in local, national and international spheres. Students will gain an understanding of the interdependencies and dependencies between the economies, states and (civil) societies on a national, regional and global level as well as the possibilities and scope for taking action on the part of national politics and players in the context of global competition among locations. The key thematic points are			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) trans-national processes and structural dynamics of globalisation (e.g. in the fields of trade, finance and migration), basic theoretical approaches to providing explanations and the discussion of the consequences of globalisation with respect to the environment and work;</li> <li>b) international economic institutions (e.g. International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organisation), their interactions with national states, leading market players, and the civil society in selected political fields.</li> <li>c) Introduction to the institutions, key players, instruments and problems of German economic policy; analysis of the structures and problems of the modern market economies of different states (“varieties of capitalism”).</li> </ul>			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in political science, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			



**Study Area: Political systems**

<b>Module:</b> Political system of the German Federal Republic			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students with a fundamental knowledge of the structures and functions of the political system of the German Federal Republic as well as the skills to apply different theoretical and methodological approaches to the analysis of political systems.			
<b>Contents:</b> The analysis of the political systems of the German Federal Republic deals with the institutional foundations as well as its practical functions, political processes and central political areas. Even though national sovereignty is today being challenged by supranational institutions and players, or at least is being integrated at a new level and is being breached by the process of globalisation, it remains the central task of political science to educate students concerning the political system of the German Federal Republic and its structures and functions. The functions of political institutions and the functional conditions of decision making occupy a central position here. The threats to democracy in Germany will also be systematically and academically examined.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, 30 credit point curriculum in political science bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> Comparative analysis of political systems and policy analysis			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students with the fundamental skills for analysing the structures and functions of the political system of the German Federal Republic, the skill to apply different theoretical and methodological approaches to the analysis of political systems as well as theoretical and methodological social sciences skills for comparative studies and policy analysis.			
<b>Contents:</b> The content of the module includes both the analysis of systems of government, their intermediary structures and cultural features as well as a comparative analysis of how political decisions are reached, how they are implemented and how they impact upon single areas of policy such as social, environmental and industrial policy. Apart from central questions of policy analysis, fundamental terms such as the “politological triangle” (policy content, political process, the constitution of politics) the “policy cycle” with its various stages and the “political arena” as well as political styles, the structure of instruments and the institutional context of actors and actions including political learning will be explained during the module. The comparison of political systems and comparative analysis of policy will serve to enable students to break free of a parochial point of view and to generate and examine social science theories and hypotheses. An introductory lecture will provide an overview of the fundamental questions, of the theoretical and methodological implications as well as of the current state of research in both of the focal areas of this module. When choosing the pro-seminar, students will need to decide in which of the two main areas of interest they wish to gain a deeper knowledge.			
<b>Forms of teaching and study</b>	<b>Input required</b>		<b>Active forms of participation</b>
	<b>Study requiring classroom presence</b> (Hours per week = hpw)	<b>Self study</b> (Hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures in the first half of the module, pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 30 credit point curriculum in political science, bachelor programme in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> Political sociology			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will equip students with the fundamental skills for the critical evaluation and application of theoretical and methodological concepts of political sociology. Students will be in a position to analyse and evaluate the intermediary structures of the political system as well as to assess patterns of orientation and individual and group behaviour in all their diverse forms.			
<b>Contents:</b> The module addresses the various formats of the relationship between the citizens of a state and politics with regards to patterns of orientation and behaviour. The module will in particular analyse the orientation of citizens with respect to individual and collective political actors, the political system, the political community and the contents of politics as well as the various forms of citizens' involvement in political events. Intermediary institutions – parties, organisations, social movements, lobbies and the media – will also be considered.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in political science			

<b>Module:</b> Regional political analysis			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will equip students with the fundamental skills for analysing the political and societal structures of individual macro regions. This module will also provide students with theoretical and methodological skills regarding both comparative politics and transformation research.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module will inform students about the socio-economic, socio-cultural and political structures and processes in various macro-regions. The analysis of individual societies, the comparison of various political systems, the development of bi-lateral and multi-lateral relations within the macro-regions as well as the formation of transnational modes of interaction are regarded as being important core areas as is the analysis of crisis situations and transformation processes in political and economic development.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, 60 credit point curriculum in political science			

**Study Area: International Relations**

<b>Module:</b> Theory, empiricism and the history of international relations			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will enable students to gain a fundamental knowledge of the subject of international relations. This will enable students to perform methodologically based analyses, reflecting theory, of international problems and to place students in the position to actively participate in the wide range of discussions and debates concerning the theory and practice of international relations.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module introduces students to the complexity of world politics in the 21st century. International relations here means that area of political science concerned with foreign relationships of states (foreign policy), relationships between states (international politics) and between the various societies in different states (trans-national politics). The content of the module thus deals systematically with theoretical schools of thought, historical roots and central empirical issues of international relations, the various key players, structures and processes. Central points to be addressed are: international systems and institutions, conflict and cooperation, integration, fragmentation and the shift in statehood, regionalisation and globalisation.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 30 credit point curriculum in political science, 60 credit point curriculum in political science			

<b>Module:</b> International security politics / peace and conflict studies			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students with the theoretical and methodological skills to analyse and explicate structures and changes in international security policy as well as to research the conditions leading to violent conflicts and international peace strategies. Linked to this is the development of skills for establishing perimeters and borders between different types of partial phenomena (e.g. conflict, war, terrorism, and intervention) and a critically reflected classification of current problems of international peace and security policy.			
<b>Contents:</b> Security, peace and conflict (war) are not just key terms within international relations, they are also at the heart of current theoretical debates and empirical challenges. Beyond “traditional” conflicts and threatening situations between states, threats to peace today are being multiplied by non-state and trans-nationalised problem areas (such as “new” wars, markets of violence, international terrorism, and humanitarian intervention). This leads to the emergence of new demands affecting the content of research of peace and conflict as well as for institutionalised security strategies. The module will therefore, on the one hand deal with the causes and dynamics of armed conflicts as well as attempt to establish how changes to the forms that violence takes can be analytically defined. On the other hand the roles that institutes of cooperative security (including the UN, NATO; OSZE; EU) play in the resolving of conflicts and the development of strategies for peace will also be explored.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

<b>Module:</b> European integration			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students with the skill to be able to critically reflect the various issues of European integration and to analyse them in connection with other disciplines – comparative government studies, international relations, policy analysis and political theory. In addition, students will gain the skills to deal with EU-specific sources and to apply various research methods. The linking of different dimensions of integration research will deepen the understanding of European integration by teaching the application of theory-based analysis to concrete issues.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module addresses the regional integration of Europe with particular attention to the European Union (EU) as its most prominent institutional manifestation. In addition to providing basic knowledge concerning processes and structures the module also examines current European/integration research. An introductory class (either a lecture or a pro-seminar) will provide an overview of the historical development of the integration process, the political system of the EU, central policies and various fundamental aspects of integration theory. A (further) pro-seminar will serve to provide a greater depth of fundamental knowledge in the analysis of individual policies (e.g. social policy, foreign relations) or specific challenges of processes on integration (expansion, deepening, constitutionalisation). Against a background of various integration theories the role of key players and processes in the multi-level system of the EU will be illuminated and explanations for the emergence and development of the integration process sought.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Proseminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

**Specialisation module**

<b>Module:</b> Specialisation module			
<b>Objectives:</b> This module will provide students, according to their individual priorities, with a deepened or broadened understanding of what they learned in the study areas “Political Theory and the Fundamentals of Politics”, “Political Systems” and “International Relations” within the bachelor curriculum for Political Science (§ 8 section. 1 No. 2 to 4 of the regulations relating to studies) or the Diploma degree curriculum in political science as well as the ability to carry out independent analyses in these areas.			
<b>Contents:</b> In order to deepen and broaden their professional competence in political science based upon individual setting of priorities and career perspectives, students will take a lecture and pro-seminar in this specialisation module, which are offered as part of one of the modules of the above-mentioned areas of study. Alternatively, the lecture can be replaced by a second pro-seminar. It is not permitted for students to repeat courses they have already completed.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Lecture or pro-seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Proseminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (lectures or pro-seminars in the first half of the module with pro-seminars to follow in the second)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science			



**Continuation modules**

<b>Module:</b> Political theory and the Fundaments of Politics			
<b>Objectives:</b> The module promotes a deeper understanding of the theoretical, legal and economic pre-requisites of political processes. It deepens and expands the skills acquired in the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules of the area of study "Theory and the Fundaments of Politics". Students will be able to apply the theoretical and methodological fundamental skills acquired in the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules to conduct independent analyses in the area of theory and the legal and economical bases of politics.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module will provide a deepening of the fundamental knowledge acquired on the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules within the Political Theory and Fundamental Aspects of Politics course of studies. Individual themes and central problem areas will be studied in greater depth in two thematically closely linked advanced seminars, according to the individual areas focused upon. The advanced seminars are assigned to the following areas: The history of political ideas, modern political theory, political economy and the legal fundaments of politics.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Advanced seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Advanced seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (one advanced seminar each semester)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in political science			

<b>Module:</b> Political systems			
<b>Objectives:</b> The module promotes a deeper understanding of the nature of the functions and the conditions governing political systems and processes. It aims to deepen and broaden the skills acquired in the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules of the study area Political Systems. The students will learn to work independently and, by theoretical reflection, handle issues and research questions relating to the conditions and mechanisms of political processes and the contents of single policies from a national or comparative perspective.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module deepens the knowledge dealt with in the compulsory and compulsory elective modules in the study area Political Systems. According to individual areas of focus central questions and problem areas will be theoretically and methodologically examined in more detail. (These areas include: the altered role of the state, current questions of policy research and comparative studies, political orientation and different ways in which populations conduct themselves, intermediary institutions, trans-national patterns of interaction, crises and transformation processes in the political and economic development of macro regions). Possibilities for specialization exist in the area of political systems of the German Federal Republic, the comparative analysis of political systems and policies, political sociology and regional political analysis.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Advanced seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Advanced seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters (one advanced seminar each semester)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies, 60 credit point curriculum in political science, 30 credit point curriculum in political science			

<b>Module:</b> International relations			
<b>Objectives:</b> The skills and knowledge acquired in the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules in the study area International Relations will be deepened and broadened in this module. Students will be enabled to define and deal in a methodologically-based and theoretically reflective process of formulating problems and questions relating to research in the area of international relations in an independent manner. In addition to research-oriented skills, students will also develop the abilities required to work out options for political action and decision submittals. Skills will be taught for taking decisions in complex social and political contexts on a national and global level.			
<b>Contents:</b> The fundamental knowledge gained in the compulsory and compulsory-elective modules of the study area International Relations will be examined in more depth in this module. Individual and central questions and problem areas will be theoretically and methodologically studied in more detail according to individual areas of focus. (These areas are: international systems and institutions, conflict and cooperation, integration, fragmentation and change in statehood, regionalisation and globalisation as well as development and under-development). Possibilities for specialization exist in the area of European integration and international security policy.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Advanced seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 120 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
Advanced seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation for examination and taking of examination 120 h	
<b>Teaching language:</b> German or – with advance notice– another language			
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 300			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semester (one advanced seminar each semester)			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science, bachelor programme in social studies, 30 credit point curriculum in political science, 60 credit point curriculum in social studies			

**Study Area: General career preparation**

<b>Module:</b> Internship			
<b>Contents und Objectives:</b> The core of this module is an internship. Students will be prepared for this through an introductory presentation on strategies for the successful organisation of an internship as well as typical set-ups for internships. This will be backed up by a support colloquium where feedback, typical problems, strategies for resolving conflicts and so on can be discussed. The colloquium exists as both a tangible meeting place and as a “virtual” space within the Free University of Berlin e-learning environment. Within an internship students become acquainted with a career field and learn to deal with practical issues and challenges. The aim is to acquire practical experience in career fields for political scientists within the European labour market. The career-related internship can be completed at one time or spread over the whole time span of studies. The length of an internship based on a part-time arrangement must be increased accordingly.			
<b>Forms of teaching and study</b>	<b>Input required</b>		<b>Active forms of participation</b>
	<b>Study requiring classroom presence</b> (Hours = h)	<b>Self study</b> (Hours = h)	
Introductory meeting	2 h	Preparation and follow-up work 80 h	Tasks related to the internship depending on the actual nature of the internship, submission of a report on the internship (approx. 5 pages)
Internship	360 h		
Colloquium	8 h		
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 450			
<b>Duration of module:</b> two semesters			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			

<b>Module:</b> Practical career experience module in the area of planning and administration			
<b>Objectives:</b> In addition to academic subject knowledge, this module will enable students to acquire practical knowledge and skills in this field. The focus will be on administrative and financial knowledge and skills as well as organisational skills and how these can be put into practice, and will as such provide an important additional skill for a career in the public sector, particularly in the realm of administration at local, state or federal level or within the framework of the European Union.			
<b>Contents:</b> This module provides an overview of various career opportunities within the area of planning and administration and introduces students to examples taken from federal, state and local administration as well as from European administrative practice within the areas of public planning and administration. The seminars will be led by representatives from these career areas or supplemented by their appearances.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Career-oriented seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 60 h  Preparation for examination and taking of examination 60 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 150			
<b>Duration of module:</b> one semester			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> Bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science			

<b>Module:</b> Practical career experience module in political consulting, political communications and the media			
<b>Objectives:</b> Students will acquire, over and beyond their academic studies, knowledge and skills requisite for professional activities. The module deals with the core skills of journalism, practical aspects of political communication, academic consulting and lobbying. Additionally students will acquire work-relevant knowledge of media structures as well as production requirements and practices within the media.			
<b>Contents:</b> The module provides an overview of career options for political scientists in the areas of political consulting, political communications and media and provides an introduction by means of examples to diverse aspects of the practice of being a political consultant, political communications, lobbying and political journalism. Additionally the module focuses on the training of communicative and analytical skills which are of particular importance for careers as political consultants, political communications experts and political journalists.			
<b>Forms of teaching and study</b>	<b>Input required</b>		<b>Active forms of participation</b>
	<b>Study requiring classroom presence</b> (Hours per week = hpw)	<b>Self study</b> (Hours = h)	
Career-oriented seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 60 h  Preparation for examination and taking of examination 60 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 150			
<b>Duration of module:</b> one semester			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science			

<b>Module:</b> Practical career experience module in the field of adult political education			
<b>Objectives:</b> The students will, in addition to academic studies, acquire knowledge and skills necessary for professional life. The module addresses the ability to transform the goals of political education into concepts for seminars in adult political education and the extracurricular education of young people, the problems involved in extracurricular education, the issue of voluntary participation concerning political education as well as an overview of experiences in the application of individual methods.			
<b>Contents:</b> The module provides an overview of career opportunities for political scientists in the field of adult political education concerning the specifics of this occupational field and the qualifications needed for a career in this field. The module additionally offers the chance to gain practical insights and it focuses additionally on the links between political education, politics and political science. Seminars where the emphasis is on practical skills concentrate on specific target groups and/or topical fields of adult political education.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Career-oriented seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 60 h  Preparation for examination and taking of examination 60 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
<b>Input required/total number of hours:</b> 150			
<b>Duration of module:</b> one semester			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science			

<b>Module:</b> Practical career experience module in the field of international services			
<b>Objectives:</b> Over and beyond their academic studies, students will acquire the necessary skills and knowledge for starting a career and performing career tasks. This deals in particular with specific knowledge concerning structures and processes in individual sectors of the professional field. In particular the aim is to teach students about the various aspects of project work in an international context, i.e. the skills of project planning and project management and project evaluation. In addition to this, intercultural skills for conducting negotiations will be taught.			
<b>Contents:</b> The module dealing with the occupational field of international services provides an overview of internships and career options in individual sectors of the occupational area. The module provides students with a practical understanding of the working methods of international organisations and institutions as well as businesses, organisations and non-government organisations (NGOs) in an international context. Career relevant skills will be acquired through the drafting of minutes, report writing and training for applying for jobs, particularly in English. Seminars will be led by professionals within the career branch or supplemented by their participation. Training will be provided for concrete working forms and situations through negotiation and planning simulations.			
Forms of teaching and study	Input required		Active forms of participation
	Study requiring classroom presence (Hours per week = hpw)	Self study (Hours = h)	
Career-oriented seminar	2 hpw = 30 h	Preparation and follow-up work 60 h  Preparation for examination and taking of examination 60 h	Discussion, seminar paper, handout, report, excerpts, working groups or similar.
<b>Input required/total number of hours: 150</b>			
<b>Duration of module:</b> one semester			
<b>Module offered:</b> every semester			
<b>Applicability:</b> Bachelor (BA) programme in political science, Diploma degree programme in political science			