

Differences between Old and New Study Regulations of the MA “Sociology – European Societies”

	Old Regulations (2013)	New Regulations (2024)
Validity Period	Valid until end of summer term 2028	Valid from 1 October 2025 <i>(transfer to new regulations possible upon request)</i>
Module 1 – Written Exam	Graded	Pass/Fail only (no grade)
Module 2, 4–6 – Term Papers	3,000 words	5,000 words
Module 7 – Research Placement Report	10,000 words	7,000 words
Module 8 – Specialization	Flexible choice of methods/content seminars	Choice between two elective modules: 1. Advanced Methods of Empirical Social Research 2. Special Fields of Sociological Research
Module 8 – Transfer Rules	Not applicable	If 2 methods seminars done → Methods module recognized If 2 content seminars done → Content module recognized If mixed → Content module recognized; Methods module on request only
Master's Thesis	Minimum 24,000 words	Minimum 15,000 words + approx. 500-word abstract Default in English, German/other languages upon request
Colloquium	No ECTS, integrated in thesis supervision	Separate 5 ECTS module titled “Sociological Research”

Transfer Rules for Thesis Registration	Not applicable	Transfer must occur max. 3 weeks before thesis registration; No transfer possible after thesis registration; Transfer is irreversible
Module Titles	German and English titles	English only
Language of Instruction	German and English possible	English only. German external courses upon request
Official Language of the Program	German and English	English only