M.A. Political Science

Presentation of the new module area "Political Science Methods"



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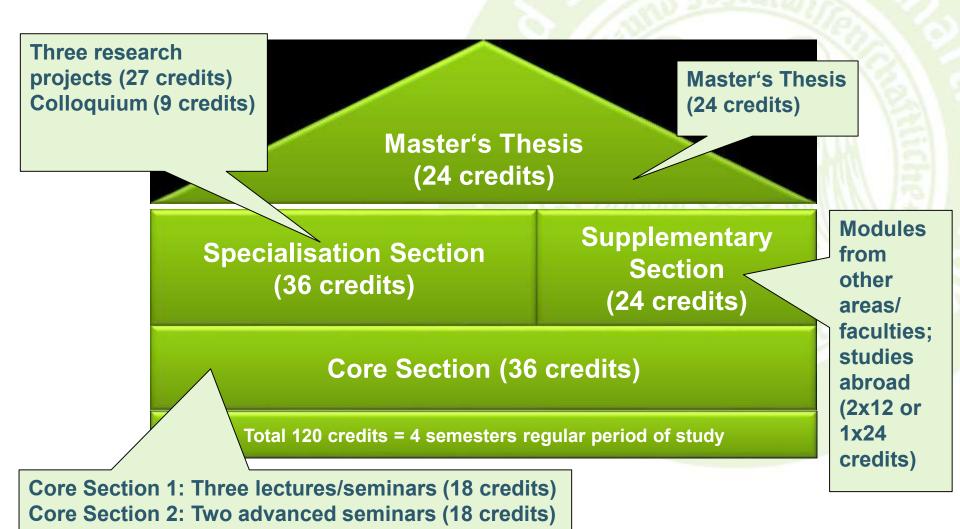








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M.A. Political Science: Module areas

Comparative
Analysis of
Political
Institutions

Comparative Political Economy

Political Theory and History of Ideas

International Relations

European and Multilevel Politics

NEW: Political Science Methods











Programme overview M.A. Political Science

	I – Comparative Analysis of Political Institutions	II – Comparative Political Economy	III – Political Theory and History of Ideas	IV – International Relations	V – European and Multilevel Politics	VI – Political Science Methods
Core and Advanced S	Section (36 credits	s)				
Core Modules (18 credits) chose 3 out of 6	Lecture Comparative Political Institutions 6 credits	Lecture Comparative Political Economy 6 credits	Lecture Genealogie der Erfahrung 6 credits	Seminar Internationale Beziehungen 6 credits	Lecture Comparing European Democracies 6 credits	Seminar Research Logic & Design
Core Module Seminars (18 credits) chose 2 out of 6	Comparative Political Institutions	Comparative Political Economy	Political Theory and History of Ideas	International Relations	European Politics	Introduction to Quantitative Methods
	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits
Specialisation Section	n (36 credits)					
Research projects (27 credits) chose 3 out of 6	Comparative Political Institutions	Comparative Political Economy	Political Theory and History of Ideas	International Relations	European Politics	Introduction to Qualitative Methods
	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits
Colloquium (9 credits)	Obligatory module: presentation of M.A. thesis					
Supplementary Section	on (24 credits)					
Master's thesis (24 ci	redits)					
Total: 120 credits						











M.A. Political Science: New module area "Political Science Methods"

Three modules with introductory courses focusing on methods

- "Research Logic & Design" (André Kaiser) summer (core module)
- "Introduction to Quantitative Methods (in R)" (Bruno Silva) winter (core module seminar)
- "Introduction to Qualitative Methods" (Ingo Rohlfing) winter (specialization module)











Core Module Political Science Methods (module manager: Prof. Kaiser)

"Research Design"

Type: Seminar. Examination: Presentation + Term paper.

Cycle: Summer term

Content:

- Research Questions
- Conceptualisation
- Hypotheses
- Research designs
- Case selection strategies
- Compiling and analysing data
- Seminal studies in political science











Core Module Seminar Political Science Methods (module manager: Prof. Proksch)

"Introduction to Quantitative methods"

Type: Seminar. Examination: Portfolio. Cycle: Winter term Content:

- Statistical programming language R
- Sampling and statistical inference
- Estimation and interpretation of the linear regression model
- Introduction to quantitative analysis of texts
- Automated data collection and visualisation
- Seminal quantitative studies in political science.











Specialisation Module Political Science Methods (module manager: Prof. Rohlfing)

"Introduction to Qualitative methods"

Type: Seminar. Examination: Portfolio. Cycle: Winter term Content:

- Characteristics of the qualitative paradigm of research
- Seminal qualitative studies in political science
- Qualitative research designs
- Strategies of case selection in qualitative research
- Case study techniques
- Causal effects and causal mechanisms
- Process tracing











Substantive modules with methods training

Advanced methods – while dealing with substantive questions – are also taught in research projects of module areas I-V. Recommended to take introductory courses prior to advanced.

- Winter term 2018/19:
 - "Research Designs and Case Studies in Comparative
 Political Economy" (seminar dealing with research designs, strategies of case selection, within-case and cross-case methods, conceptions of causality, and best practice studies in comparative political economy; students present their own research designs) (Tue, 4:00-5:30pm, Christine Trampusch)
- Summer term 2019
 - "Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)" (Ingo Rohlfing)
 - "Analyzing EU Politics with Big Data" (Sven-Oliver Proksch)
 - "Causal Inference and Public Policy in Europe" (Bruno Silva)









Thank you for your attention! Q & A











