

Module Handbook

MA Study Programme

European Culture and Economy (MA ECUE)



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DURATION OF STUDIES

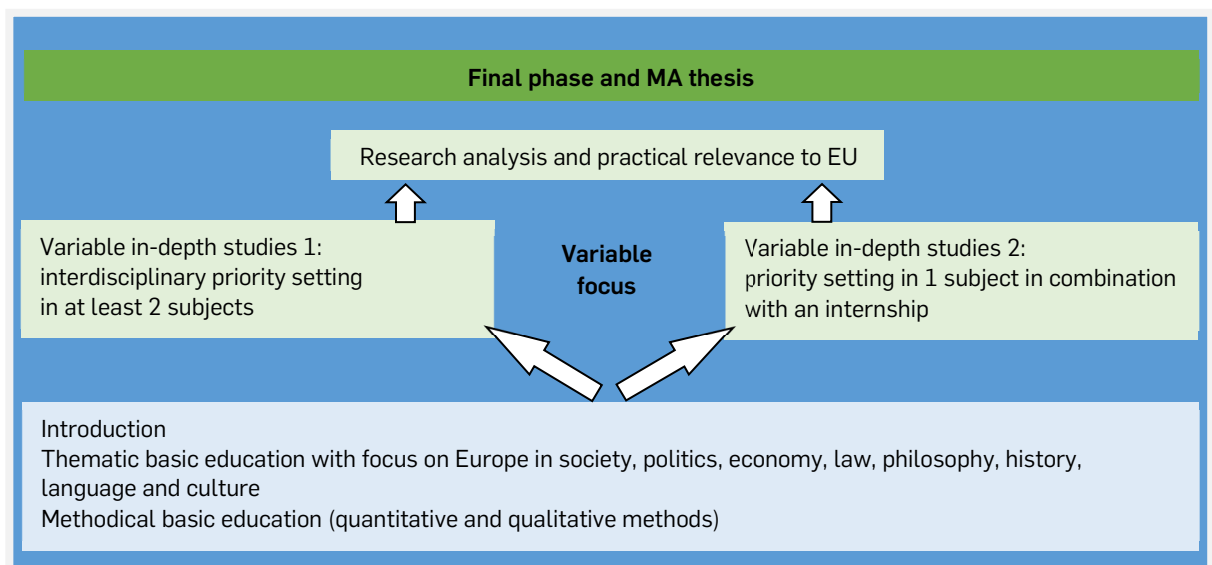
The study programme comprises two years (4 semesters standard period of study) and 120 ECTS. The entire curriculum of the study programme is modularised. The modules are self-contained both thematically and temporally. Each module is assessed with an overall grade and is assigned credit points (CP) according to the ECTS standard, which correspond to the respective required study effort.

CONTENTS AND AIMS

The internationally and interdisciplinary oriented MA study programme ECUE focuses on European, social, cultural, economic and political developments, structures and processes. It enables students to deal with these topics in depth through the multi-perspective and interdisciplinary interlinking of knowledge from the participating subjects in the fields of sociology, political science, economics, philology, history and philosophy. The central subject of the study programme is to work out, reflect and analyse developments, structures and processes of the European social, cultural and economic area in a comparative perspective. In doing so, Europe and the construction of the European as a problem - and not as a presupposed definition - form the focus of the study programme.

The declared aim of the MA study programme ECUE is to address the convergence and divergence of the social, cultural and economic area of Europe in a comparative perspective and to enable students to engage in in-depth discussions. Taking into account the requirements and changes in the professional world, the study programme provides students with the subject-specific knowledge, skills and methods that enable them to work scientifically, to critically classify scientific findings and to act responsibly. The students acquire analytical, methodical, communicative, social and cultural competences both in the subject modules and in separate offers, in which reflection, dialogical understanding and argumentation are practised through self-activity and in teamwork and lead into public presentations of achieved study results. Thus, interdisciplinary theoretical and methodological competence is trained. The teaching content in the modules is linked to international lines of research and discussion.

Schematic Overview of the Study Structure



In detail, the following modules are studied:

- Introductory Module (IM)
- Basic Module Philosophy and Law (BPL)
- Basic Module History (BH)
- Basic Module Language and Culture (BLC)
- Basic Module Economics (BE)
- Basic Module Politics and Society (BPS)
- Research Methods 1 (RM1)
- 2 In-depth Modules (IDM1 and IDM2) OR In-depth Module (IDM1) and Practice Module (PM)
- Research Methods 2 (RM 2)

The following is specified for the formal structure of the modules:

- all modules in the MA study programme ECUE are understood as curricular units that should basically only be studied in their entirety;
- a module usually consists of two courses (4 contact hours per week);
- exceptions are the module Research Methods 1 (three courses with a total of 6 contact hours per week) and Research Methods 2 (two courses and study excursion with a total of 7 contact hours per week); the structure of the specialisation modules depends on what is offered by the participating faculties;
- the module scope in the basic modules and in the in-depth modules is 10 credit points (CP) each according to ECTS;
- the module scope in the Research Methods modules RM1 and RM2 is 12 CP resp. 15 CP according to ECTS.

Basic Studies

The subject-specific basic modules (1st – 2nd semester) cover the following study contents:

- introductory module and intercultural competence in theory and practice
- European philosophy (e.g., questions of economic ethics, climate and energy ethics, digital ethics, morality and responsibility)
- European law
- European history (19th and 20th century)
- EU-English (language training with special relation to institutions of the EU and current debates)
- Concepts of Europe from cultural and historical perspectives
- Basics of micro and macroeconomics
- European integration and economic policy
- Institutions and political system of the EU
- sociological aspects of societies and cultures in Europe

All contents have an introductory character, diverse thematic overlaps with different disciplinary perspectives and a reference to Europe. The distribution among the subjects involved in the MA study programme ECUE – sociology, political science, economics, philology, history, and philosophy – in combination with the respective subject background from the first degree and the methods training, guarantees preparation for the individually selectable, subject-specific specialisation in the 3rd semester.

Methods Studies

The basic method training in the first semester is interdisciplinary with a focus on subject-related needs of the ECUE students. In the 2nd semester selective subject-related qualitative research methods allows an initial specialisation option and orientation with regard to the deepening of disciplinary content in the 3rd semester.

In-Depth Studies

Through the selection of study foci in the in-depth modules (3rd and 4th semesters), a target guidance of the study towards the degree takes place. In their interdisciplinary final thesis, students consider at least one subject in which they have taken an in-depth module.

There are two options for specialising within the framework of the in-depth modules:

- an interdisciplinary specialisation in European or international subject areas in at least two of the subjects involved in the study programme;

- a specialised in-depth study of European or international topics in combination with an internship.

Integration of an Internship

With the option of an internship module, students have the opportunity to integrate an internship into the course of study. An internship of at least six weeks' duration (incl. internship report) is credited with 10 CP in the specialisation area when choosing the internship module.

The preparation and search for a suitable internship place is done by the students. A feedback discussion based on the internship report takes place within the framework of the study progress report.

Mobility (optional study abroad)

There is no compulsory study abroad during the study programme; however, it can be integrated into the course of study. Achievements made in the study abroad can be credited after consultation with the study programme coordinator and/or the module coordinators. Due to the variable design of the specialisation modules, it is recommended to carry out a study abroad in the 3rd or 4th semester.

STUDY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MODULE EXAMINATIONS

Modules	Study Achievements*	CP
Introductory Module (IM)	2 S	3
Basic Module Philosophy and Law (BPL)	2 S/1 ME	10
Basic Module History (BH)	2 S/ 1 ME	10
Basic Module Language and Culture (BLC)	2 S/ 1 ME	10
Basic Module Economics (BE)	2 S/ 1 ME	10
Basic Module Politics and Society (BPS)	2 S/ 1 ME	10
Research Methods 1 (RM 1)	2 S/ 1 ME	12
Research Methods 2 (RM 2)	2 S/ 1 ST/ 1 ME	15
In-depth Module 1 (IDM 1)	2 S/ 1 ME	10
In-depth Module 2 (IDM 2) <i>or</i> Practice Module (PM)	2 S/ 1 ME <i>or</i> internship + report	10
Final Module (FM): MA thesis	4-6 months	20
	Sum of study achievements	120

* S = study achievement/ ME = module examination/ ST = study trip

Examination standard in the modules is the module examination (ME), which is embedded in a course (seminar or lecture). Module examinations can be written examinations (min. 90/max. 120 min.) or oral examinations (min. 20/max. 30 min.). However, both types of examinations are more of a supplement to the forms of examination integrated into the courses. In general, the dominant form of examination in the subjects involved in the MA study programme ECUE is a presentation in combination with a term paper (usually 15–20 pages/max. 50,000 characters). The respective range of examination forms is determined by the individual lecturers, who also ensure that the learning objectives of the entire module are focused on as examples. At least three assignments and one oral examination must be completed within all module examinations in order to graduate.

In addition to the examinations during the course of study or at the end of the module, the instrument of ungraded study achievements (S) is used as a prerequisite for the completion of a module. This is a didactic device of involving the students in the teaching process, for example, the preparation of lesson minutes, the writing of short thematic essays, input presentations, the assumption of leadership of working groups, etc.

MASTER'S EXAMINATION

The grade of the Master's examination is calculated from the module examinations completed during the course of study and the Master's examination. All examinations are integrated into the course of study, take place during the studies, and must be passed in the end.

The overall grade is calculated from the arithmetic mean of the module grades and the grade of the Master's thesis with the following weighting:

- arithmetic mean of the module grades: 60 %
- MA thesis: 40 %

When calculating the arithmetic mean of the module grades, the following are taken into account:

- four out of five module grades of the basic modules,
- one out of two module grades of the modules Research Methods 1 and 2,
- one module grade from the in-depth studies.

The Master's thesis (80 pages/ 200,000 characters) is written on an interdisciplinary topic or question from the context of the MA study programme ECUE. The topic or question should be linked to a completed specialisation module. Students have a period of four months (max. six months for an empirical topic) to complete the Master's thesis (20 CP).

MODULE STRUCTURE

1st – 2nd semester					
Introductory Module (IM) (3 CP/ 2 S)					
Basic Module Philosophy and Law (BPL) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)	Basic Module History (BH) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)	Basic Module Language and Culture (BMLC) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)	Basic Module Economics (BE) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)	Basic Module Politics and Society (BPS) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)	Research Methods 1 (RM 1) (12 CP/ 3 S + 1 ME)
3rd – 4th semester					
In-depth Module 1 (IDM 1) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)		In-depth Module 2 (IDM 2) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)			Research Methods 2 (RM 2): 3rd semester - Research Design in EU Studies - 4days study trip to Brussels
OR					
In-depth Module (IDM) (10 CP/ 2 S + 1 ME)		Practice Module (PM) (10 CP/ minimum 6 weeks internship + report)			4th semester - Interdisciplinary Final Colloquium
MA-Arbeit (20 CP) Interdisziplinäre Abschlussarbeit mit Schwerpunkt in mindestens einem Fach, in dem ein Vertiefungsmodul belegt wurde					(15 CP / 2 S, 1 ST, 1 ME)

(CP = Credit Points according to ECTS / S = study achievement/ ME = module examination / ST = study trip)

CURRICULUM ¹

1th – 2nd semester				
	Module	Contact Hours	Module Completion	CP
Introduction	Introductory Module (IM)	3	active participation	3
	Basic Module Philosophy and Law (BPL)	2 2	exam* to one out of two courses	10
	Basic Module History (BH)	4	exam* in 1th semester	10
Basics	Basic Module Language and Culture (BLC)	2 2	exam* to one out of two courses	10
	Basic Module Economics (BE)	2 2	exam* to one out of two courses	10
	Basic Module Politics and Society (BPS)	2 2	exam* to one out of two courses	10
Methods	Research Methods 1 (FM 1)	4 2	exam* in 2nd semester	8 4
max sum of CP in 1st +2nd semester				65
Optionally, a module completion of a basic module, which is not chosen as a focus in the in-depth module(s), can be achieved in the 3rd semester.				
minimum sum of CP im 1st +2nd semester				59
3. – 4. semester				
	Module	Contact Hours	Module Completion	CP
specialisation	In-depth Module 1 (IDM 1)	4	exam* to one out of two courses	10
	In-depth Module 2 (IDM 2)	4	exam* to one out of two courses	10
methods	Research Methods 2 (RM 2)	6 2	exam* in 3rd semester	12 3
degree	MA thesis			20
OR				
specialisation	In-depth Module (IDM)	4	exam* to one out of two courses	10
	Practice Module (PM)	internship (full time, minimum 6 weeks) + report (after 2nd and before 4th semester)		10
methods	Research Methods 2 (RM 2)	2 4	exam* in in 3rd semester	12 3
degree	MA thesis			20
max sum of CP in 3rd + 4th semester (incl. 6 CP from 2nd semester)				61
minimum sum of CP in 3rd + 4th semester				55

¹ This is an exemplary course of study, i.e. deviations can be made depending on the specific study planning.

* Forms of examination can usually be: in-class written test, term paper, oral examination, or equivalent forms. More details can be found in the respective module and/ or course description.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

Mandatory Module „Introductory Module“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
IM	3 CP	90 hours	1st	annual (winter semester)	1 semester
Courses			Contact Hours	Self Study	Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Introduction to Intercultural Competence in Theory and Practice 			3	45 hours	maximum 35 students
Participation Requirements					
<p>formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE</p> <p>content: knowledge from the BA studies</p> <p>preparation: Literature for the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge will be announced in good time before the start of the course, if applicable.</p>					
Learning Objectives					
<p>After successful completion of the module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students are able to reflect on their own professional context, • students can recognise differences in scientific standards and have basic scientific working techniques at their disposal, • students are able to reflect on their own cultural context in relation to different cultural imprints and perceptions, • students have acquired knowledge of relevant theoretical foundations on the topic of intercultural competence. 					
Contents					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction to structures and the specific conditions of the interdisciplinary MA study programme ECUE, scientific work and methods, contextualising different structural and subject-related study experiences (international and national) • theoretical basics to different concepts of culture, dimensions of culture, to intercultural competence, ethnocentrism, in combination with the reflection of the own cultural understanding and the critical reflection of dimension of practical trainings 					
Form					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introductory colloquium: 2days compact seminar • basics of intercultural competence in theory and practice: 3days compact seminar 					
Examination Forms					
group work, contribution to discussions, presentation, poster-session					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
Study achievements in both compact seminars of the module through active participation in group work, minimum of 3 contributions to discussions, 1 presentation or poster-session					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
without grading					
Module Coordinator: Marcus Reinecke					
Main Lecturer: Marcus Reinecke					

Mandatory Module „Basic Module Philosophy and Law“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
BPL	10 CP	300 hours	1st and 2nd	each semester	1–2 semesters
Courses			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 lecture on European Law 1 seminar on current topics of applied economic ethics 			4	240 hours	maximum 35 students in each course
Participation Requirements					
<p>formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE</p> <p>content: knowledge from BA-studies</p> <p>preparation: basic literature of ECUE; further literature on the courses of the module as well as further prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable</p>					
Learning Objectives					
<p>After successful completion of the module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> students are able to make analytically differentiated conceptual distinctions, students are able to classify and answer basic positions and current questions of global justice, business and corporate ethics, students have gained knowledge of concepts related to ethics and morality, students have gained knowledge of the possibilities and limits of European law in the area of tension between communitarisation, harmonisation, coordination, the striving for sovereignty of nation states and diversity. 					
Contents					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> basic understanding and fundamentals of normative and applied business ethics and selected topics on current debate and problems in business ethics (e.g. market and morality, justice in a sustainable healthcare system, ethics of financial markets, climate change and energy ethics, global justice, digitalisation, ethics of risk).. EU law and its influence on the institutional and economic structure of the EU 					
Teaching Forms					
lecture, seminar					
Examination Form					
<p>graded examination following one of the courses; possible examinations: written in-class test (90 minutes), oral module examination (30 minutes) or term paper (15-20 pages, 50,000 characters); submission by the end of the respective semester related to the seminar; at the latest by the end of the 2nd semester</p> <p>The selection of possible examinations is announced in the current course catalogue or at the beginning of the seminar at the latest.</p>					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
<p>passed module examination; regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in both courses (e.g., through paper, presentation, essay, protocol, ...)</p> <p>The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.</p>					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE (individual courses of the module can also offered in modules of the MA programme Ethics – Economics, Law and Politics and at the Faculty of Economics)					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Modul Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Klaus Steigleder					
Main lecturers: Prof. Dr. Klaus Steigleder; external lecturer					

Mandatory Module „Basic Module History“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
BH	10 CP	300 h	1st (optionally, 3 rd)	annual (winter semester)	1 semester
Courses 1 lecture and 1 Seminar on European history (19th and 20th century)			Contact Hours 4	Self-Studies 240 hours	Size Lecture: approx. 80 students Seminar: maximum 35 students
Participation Requirements formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE content: knowledge from BA-studies preparation: The basic literature for the module can be found in the study guide. Further literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.					
Learning Objectives After successful completion of the module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students are able to understand Europe as a political, cultural and economic space that transcends nation states, • students can explain national and regional characteristics and differences of a Europe that transcends nation states in a historical context. 					
Contents fundamentals of European history and its historical relations resp. contemporary developments in the Mediterranean region and non-European neighbouring countries					
Teaching Forms lecture, seminar					
Examination Forms graded examination following the seminar of the module; possible examinations: oral module examination (30 min.) or term paper (15-20 p., 50,000 characters); submission by the end of the respective semester related to the seminar. The selection of possible examinations will be announced in the current course catalogue or at the beginning of the seminar at the latest.					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP) passed module examination; regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in the seminar (e.g., through presentation, essay, protocol, ...) The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes) seminar: exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE lecture: within the course offer of the Department of History at the Faculty of History					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Modul Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Markus Koller Main Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Markus Koller; Dr. Jan de Graaf					

Mandatory Module „Basic Module Language and Culture“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
BSC	10 CP	300 h	1st and 2nd	each semester	1–2 semesters
Courses			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 course on English as technical language in the EU (level C1/ C2) 1 lecture series with seminar on concepts of Europe from cultural and historical perspectives 			4	240 hours	maximum 35 students
Participation Requirements					
<p>formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE</p> <p>content: knowledge from BA-studies</p> <p>preparation: The basic literature for the module can be found in the study guide. Further literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.</p>					
Learning Objectives					
<p>After successful completion of the module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> students are able to speak English as an economic and institutional language in Europe and EU institutions at C1/ C2 level, students can carry out technical language reflections on relevant topics, students have learned the basics and methods of cultural studies, have acquired knowledge of different cultural studies concepts of Europe in order to understand and analyse Europe as a culturally diverse space. 					
Contents					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English as a technical language of business and the EU general principles of cultural studies methods and theories cultural studies concepts of Europe in exemplary, historical contexts and current discussions 					
Teaching Forms					
lecture series with seminar, technical language-related course					
Examination Forms					
<p>graded examination following one of the courses; possible examinations: essays, panel discussion, poster-session, oral examination (30 min.) or term paper (15-20 p., 50,000 characters); submission by the end of the respective semester related to the seminar</p> <p>The selection of possible examinations will be announced in the current course catalogue or at the beginning of the seminar at the latest.</p>					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
<p>passed module examination; regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in both courses (e.g. presentation, essay, protocol, poster-session, ...)</p> <p>The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.</p>					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Roland Weidle					
Main Lecturers: lecturer of the Centre for Foreign Languages; different lecturers from the field of cultural studies; Prof. Dr. Roland Weidle; Marcus Reinecke					

Mandatory Module „Basic Module Economy“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
BE	10 CP	300 h	1st and 2nd	each semester	1–2 semesters
Courses			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 seminar on fundamentals in micro and macroeconomics • 1 lecture in the field of European or international economics 			4	240 h	seminar: maximum 35 students lecture: 80–100 students
Participation Requirements					
formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE content: knowledge from BA-studies; preconception in relation to politics, economy, and law preparation: The basic literature for the module can be found in the study guide. Further literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.					
Learning Objectives					
After successful completion of the module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students have gained knowledge of the basics of micro and macroeconomics, • students have gained knowledge about European integration, • students are able to discursively deal with the possibilities and limits of European economic policy in the area of tension between communitarisation, harmonisation, coordination, the striving for sovereignty of nation states and diversity. 					
Contents					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • theoretical foundations and possible applications of microeconomics (market economy, market efficiency, market failure, state intervention) and macroeconomics (business cycle, growth, inflation and employment) • economic theoretical foundations of European integration and current issues of international economics 					
Teaching Forms					
seminar, lecture					
Examination Forms					
graded examination following both courses; possible examination: written in-class test (90 minutes)					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
passed module examination; regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in the seminar (e.g., presentation, essay, protocol, ...) <p>The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.</p>					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
seminar of the module: exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE; lecture of the module is part of the course offer at the faculty of management and economics					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Johann-Christian Pielow					
Main Lecturers: appointed from the faculty of management and economics; lecturer from the field of economics and economic policy e.g., Dr. Thomas Ebben; Dr. Joan Serra					

Mandatory Module „Basic Module Politics and Society“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
BPC	10 CP	300 hours	1st and 2nd	each semester	1–2 semesters
Courses			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 lecture on the political system of the EU • 1 seminar on societies and cultures in Europe 			4	240 hours	lecture: 80–100 students seminar: maximum 35 students
Participation Requirements					
<p>formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE</p> <p>content: knowledge from BA-studies; preconception in relation to politics, economy, and law</p> <p>preparation: The basic literature for the module can be found in the study guide. Further literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.</p>					
Learning Objectives					
<p>After successful completion of the module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students are able to critically reflect on current academic discourses on political action in European policy fields from a political science perspective., • Students are able to understand and explain Europe as a historically evolved social space in its connecting and differentiating aspects with the help of sociological theories and methods. 					
Contents					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work of institutional and collective actors in the European multi-level system in different policy fields • commonalities and differences of European national societies, underlying cultural and value orientations and institutional systems 					
Teaching Forms					
lecture, seminar					
Examination Forms					
<p>graded examination following one of the courses; possible examinations: oral examination (30 minutes) or term paper (15-20 p., 50,000 characters); submission by the end of the respective semester related to the seminar</p> <p>The selection of possible examinations will be announced in the current course catalogue or at the beginning of the seminar at the latest.</p>					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
<p>passed module examination and regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in the seminar (e.g., presentation, ...); passed written in-class test in the lecture</p> <p>The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.</p>					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
seminar of the module: exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE; lecture of the module is part of the course offer at the faculty of social science.					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert					
Main Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Rainer Eising, Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert					

Mandatory Module „Research Methods 1“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
RM 1	12 CP	360 hours	1st and 2nd	each semester	1–2 semesters
Courses			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 seminar on methods and research design in comparative political science 1 seminar on qualitative research methods 			6	270 hours	maximum 35 students
Participation Requirements					
<p>formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE</p> <p>content: knowledge from BA-studies</p> <p>preparation: Specific literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.</p>					
Learning Objectives					
<p>After successful completion of the module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all students have gained an understanding of basic research methods in the field of comparative politics, all students are able to develop their own smaller research designs, all students will have a solid understanding of the main usages, the strengths as well as the drawbacks of case study work all students will be familiar with major theories and aspects of European integration, politics, and policy-making all students are able to comprehend and evaluate method-based analyses in scientific essays, all students are able to apply and adequately present qualitative research methods and to comprehend the results of qualitative research in the respective scientific subject context. 					
Contents					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> major methodological aspects of case studies such as logics of case selection and process tracing, selected set of classic and more recent case studies on European politics and policy-making, central forms and methods of qualitative research and consolidation of theoretical foundations 					
Teaching Form					
seminar					
Examination Forms					
<p>graded examination following the seminar on methods and research design in comparative political science; examination: term paper (15-20 p., 50,000 characters); submission by the end of the respective semester related to the seminar</p>					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
<p>passed module examination and regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in both seminars (e.g., presentation, protocol, group work, ...);</p> <p>The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.</p>					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
<p>seminar on methods and research design in comparative political science: exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE</p> <p>Seminar on qualitative research methods is part of the course offer at the faculty of social science.</p>					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Rainer Eising					
Main Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Rainer Eising; different lecturers of the faculty of social science					

Mandatory Module „Research Methods 2“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
RM 1	15 CP	450 hours	3rd and 4th	each semester	1–2 semesters
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 seminar on Research Design in EU Studies • 4days study trip to Brussels • 1 final colloquium 			Contact Hours 6	Self-Study 360 hours	Size maximum 35 students
Participation Requirements formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE; successful completion of 3 out of 4 basic modules; successful completion of module Research Methods 1 content: knowledge of module Research Methods 1 preparation: Specific literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.					
Learning Objectives After successful completion of the module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students are able to develop social science questions themselves and have practised the individual steps of the research process within the framework of empirical case studies and comparative studies, • students acquire the competence to review and question research results in the practical field of the EU, • students are familiar with the research logic in the disciplines involved, • students have gained independent expertise and reflect on their own competence profile. 					
Contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • central aspects of research design using the example of social science research on the EU (especially the formation of questions, formulation of concepts and theoretical statements, logic of hypothesis formation and testing, conducting case studies and comparative studies, analysis of data sources), • deepening the analysis of empirical example cases in relation to the study trip to Brussels, • addressing current EU policy issues in practice, • interdisciplinary and European aspects of selected problems, • final evaluation, occupational field and profile analyses 					
Teaching Forms seminar, study trip, colloquium					
Examination Forms graded examination following the seminar of the module; examination: research paper (20 p., 50,000 characters); submission by the end of the respective semester related to the seminar (by the end of the 3rd semester at the latest)					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP) passed module examination and regular, active participation as well as successful academic performance in the seminar (e.g., presentation, protocol, ...), active participation in the study trip and written report; active participation and presentation in the final colloquium The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes) exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Rainer Eising Main Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Rainer Eising; Marcus Reinecke					

Mandatory Module „In-Depth Module“					
(A maximum of two In-Depth Modules – IDM 1 and 2 – can be studied; at least one In-Depth Module must be taken. *)					
Abbreviation IDM	Credits 15 CP	Workload 450 hours	Semester 3rd and 4th	Cycle each semester	Duration 1–2 semesters
Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 courses from a module of the subjects involved in the MA study programme ECUE or • 2 courses from the range of subjects involved in the MA study programme ECUE, which are clearly related to each other in terms of content, and which are selected by the respective module coordinators. 			Contact Hours 4	Self-Study 240 hours	Size different
Participation Requirements formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE; successful completion of 3 out of 4 basic modules; successful completion of module Research Methods 1 content: knowledge from basic modules and module Research Methods 1 preparation: Specific literature on the courses of the module as well as further necessary prior knowledge can be found in the annotated course catalogue of the respective semester, if applicable.					
Learning Objectives After successful completion of the module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students have deepened their subject knowledge in a chosen subject area and have set their focus on the possible topic area of the MA thesis. 					
Contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepening and specialisation in contents that cover a thematic area of the subjects involved in the study programme and reflect a proven European and/or international reference. 					
Teaching Forms seminar, lecture					
Examination Forms Examination forms correspond to the specifications of the faculty offering the course and are usually: term paper, written examination or oral examination. The selection of possible examinations is announced in the current course catalogue or at the latest at the beginning of the courses.					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP) passed module examination in one part of the module as well as successful academic performance in both parts of the module (e.g., presentation, protocol, essay, written in-class test, ...) The module grade results from the grade of the module examination.					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes) Seminars and lectures of the module are offered in modules of the subjects/ sections of the participating faculties involved in the MA study programme ECUE.					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade The module grade is included with 10% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: (depending on the chosen subject area, one of the module coordinators of the basic modules) Main Lecturers: lecturer of the subjects/ sections of the participating faculties involved in the MA study programme ECUE					
* If the combination IDM 1 and IDM 2 is chosen, in the second specialisation module the student must choose courses from a different subject area than in IDM 1.					

Compulsory Elective Module „Practice Module“ (The practice module can be chosen instead of an in-depth module.)					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
PM	10 CP	minimum 300 hours	after 2nd semester	each semester	minimum 6 weeks (full-time work)
Courses			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
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<p>Participation Requirements</p> <p>formal: English language skills according to the admission criteria of the MA study programme ECUE; successful completion of 3 out of 4 basic modules</p> <p>content: planning agreements with the module coordinator</p> <p>preparation: ---</p>					
<p>Learning Objectives</p> <p>After successful completion of the module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students have gained an insight into possible professional fields, • students have developed their reflective competence, • students have trained their soft skills accordingly, • students are able to take stock of their practical experience with regard to a possible later professional activity. 					
<p>Contents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepening and specialisation in contents that cover a thematic area of the subjects involved in the MA study programme ECUE and reflect a proven European and/ or international reference. 					
<p>Teaching Forms</p> <p>---</p>					
<p>Examination Forms</p> <p>Internship report and a feedback discussion related to the report; a module grade is not awarded.</p>					
<p>Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)</p> <p>proof of the internship completed and internship report</p>					
<p>Use of the Module (in other study programmes)</p> <p>exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE</p>					
<p>Value of the Grade for the Final Grade</p> <p>without grading</p>					
<p>Module Coordinator: Marcus Reinecke</p> <p>Main Lecturers: ---</p>					

„Final Master Module“					
Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Semester	Cycle	Duration
FMM	20 CP	600 hours	end of studies	each semester	1 semester
Part of the Module			Contact Hours	Self-Study	Size
MA thesis			---	600 hours	---
Participation Requirements					
successfully completed modules amounting to at least 75 CP					
Learning Objectives					
Students					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possess a broad interdisciplinary knowledge of the content areas of the study programme, • have in-depth knowledge of scientific theories, methods and subject areas of the chosen specialisation, • are able to independently work on a challenging interdisciplinary topic within a given period of time, taking into account relevant theories and the application of scientific methods, • are able to present their results in writing in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the criteria of scientific work. 					
Content					
The students write their written MA thesis in the MA study programme ECUE. They are individually advised and supervised by two examiners from two different sections/ departments.					
Learning Form					
individual advice and supervision					
Examination Form					
MA thesis					
Requirements for the Award of Credit Points (CP)					
successful completion of the MA thesis					
Use of the Module (in other study programmes)					
exclusively in the MA study programme ECUE					
Value of the Grade for the Final Grade					
The module grade is included with 40% in the final grade.					
Module Coordinator: Marcus Reinecke					
Main Lecturers: ---					