

§ 4 Course Types

The programme contains the following course types:

- **Proseminar (PS)** is a scientifically oriented (lower-level seminar-style) course and the pre-stage for seminars. Based on applied as well as theoretical work students will acquire basic knowledge and abilities in terms of scientific work and research and thereby contribute to the class actively. Students' performance is assessed constantly throughout the course and attendance is mandatory.
- **Seminar (SE)** is a scientifically advanced course. It provides in-depth knowledge in the respective area and encourages discussion and reflection on scientific themes through the active participation of students. Students' performance is assessed constantly throughout the course and attendance is mandatory.
- **Exercise Course with Lecture (UV)** connects the theoretical introduction to a field with the teaching of practical skills, whereby exercises play the major role. Students' performance is assessed constantly throughout the course and attendance is mandatory.

§ 5 Required Courses and Plan of Study

The following contains a list of modules and courses in the master's programme in Political Science. The division into semesters serves as a recommendation designed to ensure that the order in which the courses are taken builds on knowledge acquired successively and that the workload of 60 ECTS points in an academic year is not exceeded. If there are no prerequisites, modules and courses can however be taken in a different order in accordance with § 11.

Detailed descriptions of the modules including the knowledge, methods and skills to be acquired can be found in Annex I: Module Descriptions:

Master's Programme in Political Science								
Module	Course	Hours	Course Type	ECTS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
(1) Elective Modules (2 out of 3)								
Students must select 2 out of the modules 1 to 3.								
Module 1: Comparative Politics								
Proseminar Foundational Texts		2	PS	6	6			
Seminar I		2	SE	6	6			
Seminar II		2	SE	6		6		
Subtotal for Module 1		6		18	12	6		

Module	Course	Hours	Course Type	ECTS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
Module 2: Multilevel Politics – Austria and Europe								
	Proseminar Foundational Texts	2	PS	6	6			
	Seminar I	2	SE	6	6			
	Seminar II	2	SE	6		6		
	Subtotal for Module 2	6		18	12	6		
Module 3: International Relations								
	Proseminar Foundational Texts	2	PS	6	6			
	Seminar I	2	SE	6	6			
	Seminar II	2	SE	6		6		
	Subtotal for Module 3	6		18	12	6		
	Total for Elective Modules	12		36	24	12		
(2) Compulsory Modules								
Module 4: Advanced Thematic Courses in Political Science								
	Seminar I	2	SE	6			6	
	Seminar II	2	SE	6			6	
	Subtotal for Module 4	4		12			12	
Module 5: Methods in Political Science								
	Methods in Political Science I	2	UV	6	6			
	Methods in Political Science II	2	UV	6		6		
	Subtotal for Module 5	4		12	6	6		
Module 6: Professional Skills								
Students must select 2 out of the following 4 courses.								
	Advanced Methods: Course I	2	SE	6		6		
	Advanced Methods: Course II	2	SE	6		6		
	Applied Course	2	SE	6		6		
	Academic Writing	2	SE	6		6		
	Subtotal for Module 6	4		12		12		
Module 7: Socio-ecological crises								
	Freely selectable courses focusing, in particular, on gender studies, sustainability and climate crisis, democracy education, poverty or migration studies.			6			6	
	Subtotal for Module 7			6			6	

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					I	II	III	IV
Module 8: Master's Seminar and Master's Thesis								
	Master's Seminar	2	SE	6			6	
	Master's Thesis			24				24
	Subtotal for Module 8	2		30			6	24
	Total for Compulsory Modules			48	6	18	24	24
	(3) Free Elective Courses			6			6	
	(4) Master's Examination			6				6
	Sum Total			120	30	30	30	30

§ 6 Elective Modules

The master's programme Political Science contains three elective modules, which correspond to the three thematic areas (see § 2 para. 1 and Annex I: Module Descriptions). Students must choose two out of these three modules as fields of specialisation.

§ 7 Free Elective Courses

- (1) In the master's programme in Political Science, students are to complete elective courses totalling 6 ECTS points. These elective courses are designed to further the acquisition of additional professional skills and strengthen individual areas of focus within a student's course of study. They can be completed at any accredited postsecondary institution.
- (2) Recommended areas from which students can choose elective courses comprise:
 - Contemporary History
 - European Union Studies
 - Gender Studies
 - Geography and Spatial Planning
 - Communication Science
 - Law (e.g., Public/Constitutional Law, International Law, European Law)
 - Political Economy
 - Regional Studies
 - Sociology
 - Sustainability Studies