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Study schedule for M.A. “Strategy and International Security”

First Semester	International Security 2 Seminars 1 Termpaper 2SWS 10 ECTS	Strategy 2 Seminars 1 Termpaper 2SWS 10 ECTS	Research Methods and Tools 2 Seminars 1 Research Paper 2SWS 10 ECTS	International Law 2 Lectures, 1 Seminar 1 Exam , 1 Research Paper 6SWS 10 ECTS	Geostrategy, Technology and Security 2 Seminars 1 Termpaper 2SWS 10 ECTS	Internship (recommended 3 months, minimum 6 weeks) also possible abroad (e.g. ERASMUS)
Second Semester	Global Power Shifts and International Order 2 Seminars 1 Termpaper 2SWS 10 ECTS	German Foreign Policy and Security Policy 2 Seminars 1 Termpaper 2SWS 10 ECTS	2SWS 10 ECTS	6SWS 10 ECTS		
Third Semester (possible window of mobility)	Foreign Policy and International Relations 1 Plenary, 1 Seminar, 1 Tutorial 1 Exam 2SWS 10 ECTS	2SWS 10 ECTS	Emerging Security Challenges (Bonn) 10 ECTS	War and Conflict Studies (Potsdam) 10 ECTS		
Fourth Semester	Master Thesis and Colloquium 30 ECTS		Terrorism and Regional Security (Herzliya) 10 ECTS		10 ECTS	
Explanation	Basic Modules (40 ECTS) Compulsory Modules	Elective Modules (30 ECTS) Select 3 out of 4 Modules	Partner Modules (10 ECTS) Select 1 out of 3 Modules	Internship and Thesis (40 ECTS) Compulsory Modules		

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Module Title: International Security (Basic) Module ID/Code: 553104900						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	Students learn about the theoretical debates, empirical themes, and actors in the field of security and strategic studies. They will gain an overview of security risks such as terrorism, climate change, mass migration and transnational non-state armed groups as well as interstate war, nuclear proliferation and political violence. They will also gain an overview and understanding of economic, political and military means (including sanctions, trade flows, propaganda, militaries, media, access to resources etc.) and the different strategies of how various actors apply these means to achieve certain outcomes in world affairs. This includes learning about (grand) strategies in geopolitics, geo-economics, warfare and global governance.					
Learning outcomes	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss and engage in debates on the theoretical basics of international security • discuss and engage in different forms of strategic thinking • discuss the main concepts and terminology of international security • discuss the history, evolution, and current aspects of security studies • understand and independently analyze modern security challenges • identify current trends in security studies • conduct independent research on the topics of national and international security • apply strategic concepts and knowledge to practical, contemporary strategic problems using case studies from a range of global environments and circumstances. 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Seminar 1	Security Studies	English	30	2	60
	Seminar 2	Security Studies	English	30	2	60

3. Prerequisites for the module			
Compulsory	None		
Recommended	None		
4. Degree program allocation			
	Study program	compulsory/ elective	Semester
	M.A. Strategy and International Security	Compulsory	1
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)			6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h] - ungraded		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h] - graded		
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time
Summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Module coordination			
Teacher	Dr. Enrico Fels		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie		
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology		
Further information			
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.		

Module Title: Strategy (Basic) Module ID/Code: 553105000						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	This module aims at enabling students to better understand the principles, history and practice of diplomacy in a world marked by rising uncertainties. It addresses the limitations, working processes and negotiation strategies in the context of bilateral, multilateral and multinational institutions. It is dedicated to promoting the study and understanding of diplomacy and statecraft in a rapidly changing environment. A special emphasis will be on a Franco-German perspective. A two-day field trip is a mandatory part of this module.					
Learning outcomes	Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquire in-depth knowledge about the role and function of diplomacy • have a better understanding of diplomacy in a globalized world • aim is to critically discuss the role of governance in international politics • develop a better understanding of international problems 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Work-load [h]
	Seminar 1	Strategy	English	30	2	60
	Seminar 2	Strategy	English	30	2	60
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					
Recommended	None					
4. Degree program allocation						
	Study program			compulsory/ elective	Semester	
	M.A. Strategy and International Security			Compulsory	1.	

5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)		6. Amount of credit points		
Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h] - ungraded	10 ECTS		
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h] - graded			
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration	
Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time	1 Semester
Module coordination				
Teacher	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie			
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie			
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology			
Further information				
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.			

Module Title: Geostrategy, Technology and Security (Basic) Module ID/Code: 553105200						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	<p>Goeconomic rivalry, especially between the United States and China, has a massive impact on Germany and Europe. It will also significantly impact Franco-German relations, an aspect which will require further study. New global market-power conditions require geo-economic rethinking, a broader concept of security that combines economic, military, and security-related dimensions. The concept of geo-economics is used to put non-military instruments of statecraft in the analytical focus. In this utilitarian understanding, economics, in particular trade, investment, technology or fiscal policy, is understood as a means for achieving (geo)strategic objectives. In concrete terms, it is a question of managing or manipulating energy, industrial, data and financial flows politically with regulations, (secondary) sanctions, or controlling investment in strategic sectors.</p>					
Learning outcomes	<p>Students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn to understand geo-economic logic • acquire the skills to elaborate sound practice-oriented policy advice, which is not an academic glass bead game, but provides forward-looking and thus timely help to solve problems • gain a more practice-oriented thinking beyond the classical economics training and an expanded geo-economic rethinking of international relations • develop concrete ideas for problem-oriented foreign policy advice in order to improve German and European decision-making in the face of new market power conditions 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Seminar 1	Geostrategy, Technology and Security	English	20	2	60
	Seminar 2	Geostrategy, Technology and Security	English	20	2	60

3. Prerequisites for the module			
Compulsory	None		
Recommended	None		
4. Degree program allocation			
	Study program	compulsory/ elective	Semester
	M.A. Strategy and International Security	Compulsory	2.
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)			6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h] - ungraded		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h] - graded		
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester	1 Semester
Summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/>	semester <input type="checkbox"/>	
300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time			
Module coordination			
Teacher	Prof. Dr. Stefan Fröhlich; Dr. Heiko Borchert		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie		
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology		
Further information			
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.		

Module Title: Research Methods and Tools (Basic) Module ID/Code: 553105300						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	Security studies as a specific field of political science contains its own methodological and analytical peculiarities which will be dealt with in this course. The focus lies on analyzing security challenges and issues, using the tools of security research. The classification and handling of sources and the understanding of theory-based approaches are the focal point of this module. It also serves as a preparation for the in-depth content of the study program.					
Learning outcomes	The goal is to provide the students with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the necessary tools and knowledge of the methodology to analyze different areas and challenges of security studies • an overview of trends and current standards of Research Methods in the field of Security Studies 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Seminar 1	Research Methods and Tools	English	30	2	60
	Seminar 2	Research Methods and Tools	English	30	2	60
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					
Recommended	None					
4. Degree program allocation						
	Study program			compulsory/ elective	Semester	
	M.A. Strategy and International Security			Compulsory	1.-2.	
5. Requirements for the award of credits (ECTS)					6. Credits	

Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h]		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h]		
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter and Summer semester	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time	2 Semesters
Summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/> semester X		
Module coordination			
Teacher	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie, Dr. Enrico Fels		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie		
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology		
Further information			
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.		

Module Title: International Law (Elective) Module ID/Code: 553105100						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	This module addresses the normative basis of the international order, in particular, the rules of international law governing the use of force, the collective security system as well as international and non-international conflicts. It also outlines the role of regional organizations, the protection of human rights and the functions of the International Criminal Court.					
Learning outcomes	Students will acquire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in-depth knowledge of the legal foundations of international order, international humanitarian law and human rights law • the ability to engage in a range of debates at the intersection of international politics and international law • to assess problems and current developments under international law 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Lecture	The Normative Foundations of the International Order	English	20	2	40
	Lecture	Security and the Use of Force in International Law	English	20	2	40
	Seminar	The Guiding Legal Principles of the International Order	English	20	2	40
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					
Recommended	None					

4. Degree program allocation			
	Study program	compulsory/ elective	Semester
	M.A. Strategy and International Security	elective	1.-2.
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)			6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	None		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Written Exam (50 %) and Term paper (50 %) (in English) [Workload 180 h] - graded		
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time	2 Semesters
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	semester X		
Module coordination			
Teacher	Teacher of the Institute for Public International Law		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Matthias Herdegen		
Institute/Department	Department of Law / Institute for Public International Law		
Further information			
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	-		

Module Title: Global Power Shifts and International Order (Elective)						
Module ID/Code: 553105600						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	The course will look at major power shifts in the making and their impact on the international system and future challenges. It will analyze central issues such as the rise of Asia, the growing strength of China and the future role of Russia and will focus on the necessities to adjust international institutions such as the United Nations Security Council, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the World Trade Organization. It will also discuss the implications of the current major power shifts for the future of the international order.					
Learning outcomes	<p>The aim is to provide the students with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a greater understanding of the mode of operation of the International System • the ability to recognize potential conflicts in various areas on a global scale • the development and presentation of scientific solution approaches is a fundamental part of the course 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Seminar 1	Global Power Shifts and International Order	English	30	2	60
	Seminar 2	Global Power Shifts and International Order	English	30	2	60
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					

Recommended	None		
4. Degree program allocation			
	Study program	compulsory/ elective	Semester
	M.A. Strategy and International Security	Elective	2.
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)			6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h] - ungraded		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h] - graded		
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter and Summer semester	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time	1 Semester
Summer semester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		
Module coordination			
Teacher	Teacher of the Institute for Political Science and Sociology		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie		
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology		
Further information			
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.		

Module Title: German Foreign and Security Policy (Elective) Module ID/Code: 553105500						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	This module offers from a historical point of view an in-depth insight into national actors, the national and international legal framework as well as concepts and strategies of German foreign policy since 1945. Key-periods and concept of (West)German foreign policy, cf. “west-orientation” or the “new eastern policy” of the social-liberal coalition, will be situated in their historical context and related to their impacts on today’s German foreign policy positions. There will be a special emphasis on the historical conditions of German foreign policy as well as the special interrelationship between German foreign and national security policy.					
Learning outcomes	Students will gain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of the driving forces and historical foundations of German security policy • the ability to reflect on German foreign policy and to explain German approaches to foreign policy as a product of particular circumstances and historical context • a deeper knowledge of key-dates and concepts of German foreign policy 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Seminar 1	German Foreign and Security Policy	English	30	2	60
	Seminar 2	German Foreign and Security Policy	English	30	2	60
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					
Recommended	None					

4. Degree program allocation			
	Study program	compulsory/ elective	Semester
	M.A. Strategy and International Security	Elective	2.-3.
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)			6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h] - ungraded		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h] - graded		
7. Frequency		8. Workload	9. Duration
Winter semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter and Summer semester	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time	2 Semesters
Summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/> semester X		
Module coordination			
Teacher	Prof. Dr. Joachim Scholtzseck, Prof. Dr. Friedrich Kießling, Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie		
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology in cooperation with the Department of Historical Studies		
Further information			
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.		

Module Title: Foreign Policy and International Relations (Elective) Module ID/Code: 536133800						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	Plenary and Tutorial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> historical, ideological, material, and institutional foundations of United States and Canadian foreign and security policies and their analysis, particularly in the context of transatlantic relations introduction to theories of international relations comparative analysis of relationships and interdependencies between the United States, Canada, Europe, and other world regions facilitation of knowledge and methods for independent work Seminar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in-depth exploration of selected issues and research questions in the field of international relations and the foreign and security policies of the United States and Canada 					
Learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> overview of actors, structures, and processes foreign policy with a focus on North America knowledge of international relations theory understanding of the historically-developed relationships and interdependencies between the United States, Canada, Europe, and other world regions analytical skills, competence in handling a variety of discourses, ability to use and develop concepts intercultural competence methodological competence 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Plenary	North America Studies	English	15	2	60
	Seminar	North America Studies	English	15	2	90
	Tutorial	North America Studies	English	15	2	60

3. Prerequisites for the module			
Compulsory	None		
Recommended	None		
4. Degree program allocation			
	Study programs	compulsory/ elective	Semester
	M.A. Strategy and International Security	Elective	3.
	M.A. North American Studies	Elective	
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)			6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	T: a written or oral assignment (presentation, test/quiz, short essay) S: one written and one oral assignment (presentation, test/quiz, short essay) [Workload 40 h] - ungraded		10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Written final exam [Workload 50 h] - graded		
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	300 h in total, thereof 210 h of attendance and 90 h self-study time	1 Semester
Module coordination			
Teacher	Teacher of the Department of English, American, and Celtic Studies		
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke, Prof. Dr. Sabine Meyer		
Institute/Department	Department of English, American, and Celtic Studies in cooperation with the Department of Political Science and Sociology		
Further information			

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Module Title: Emerging Security Challenges (Partner) Module ID/Code: 553105800						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	The Module will focus on the identification and analysis of current and future security threats, particularly in the context of Europe and the European Union. Geographically, however, areas that could have an indirect or direct impact on Europe will also be covered. The content focus will be on both classic and modern threats. The analysis of security concepts of different actors will also be a target of the study.					
Learning outcomes	The students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be enabled not only to identify security challenges, but also to develop solution-oriented courses of action. • develop a better understanding of the action mechanisms of states and other actors such as the EU • attain a greater insight in the systematic analysis and presentation of safety challenges 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Workload [h]
	Seminar 1	Emerging Security Challenges	English	20	2	60
	Seminar 2	Emerging Security Challenges	English	20	2	60
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					
Recommended	None					
4. Degree program allocation						
	Study program			compulsory/ elective	Semester	
	M.A. Strategy and International Security			Partner	3.	

5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)		6. Amount of credit points		
Required achievements	Presentation, Exercise, Essay [Workload 40 h] - ungraded	10 ECTS		
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Term Paper (in English) [Workload 140 h] - graded			
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration	
Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	300 h in total, thereof 120 h of attendance and 180 h self-study time	1 Semester
Module coordination				
Teacher	Teacher of the Institute for Political Science and Sociology			
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie			
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology			
Further information				
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The term paper can only be registered after both Seminars (1 and 2) have been completed.			

Module Title: Terrorism and Regional Security (Partner)						
Module ID/Code: -						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	The module is aimed at providing a deeper understanding of modern terrorism. Students will analyze its characteristics, methods and prevalence, as well as the resulting challenges for states, policymakers and security establishments. The course will also focus on post-modern phenomena, such as cyber-terrorism. In addition, students will explore varying counter-terrorism strategies and tactics.					
Learning outcomes	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the developments of modern terrorism; its characteristics and methods; • understand the resulting challenges for different political and security actors; • discuss post-modern forms of terrorism and varying solution approaches and regional differences • analyze post-modern phenomena; and conduct independent research on international terrorism 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time [h]	Work load [h]
	Seminar 1	Terrorism and Regional Security	English			60
	Seminar 2	Terrorism and Regional Security	English			60
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory						
Recommended						
4. Degree program allocation						
	Study program			compulsory/ elective	Semester	
	M.A. Strategy and International Security			Partner	4.	

5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)		6. Amount of credit points
Required achievements	The specifications are set by the Reichman University	10 ECTS
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	The specifications are set by the Reichman University	
7. Frequency	8. Workload [h]	9. Duration
Winter semester <input type="checkbox"/> Summer semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Semester
Module coordination		
Teacher		
Module coordinator	The specifications are set by the Reichman University	
Institute/Department	Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy (Reichman University)	
Further information		
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	The specifications are set by the Reichman University	

Module Title: Internship Module ID/Code: 553105400						
1. Content and intended learning outcomes						
Content	<p>The students are expected to complete an internship. The internship is completed independently in an institution of the student's choice. Suitable institutions are research institutes, media, cultural institutions such as museums, foundations, archives, ministries and other authorities, companies and interest groups. Students strengthen their cooperation skills and intercultural-communicative competence through practical application of theoretical knowledge. The focus is on the experience of the interaction between theory and practice. The students become acquainted with institutions and establish pre-vocational contacts.</p> <p>An internship should have a minimum duration of at least 6 weeks.</p>					
Learning outcomes	<p>The learning outcomes of the internship are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • problem-solving and action-oriented thinking • acquisition of social skills and the ability to work in a team • acquisition of practical skills and abilities 					
2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time	Workload [h]
	Internship					300
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	None					
Recommended	None					
4. Degree program allocation						
	Study program		compulsory/ elective	Semester		
	M.A. Strategy and International Security		Compulsory	3.		
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)					6. Amount of credit points	
Required	Internship certificate				10 ECTS	

achievements	- ungraded			
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	None			
7. Frequency		8. Workload [h]	9. Duration	
Winter semester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester	X	300
Summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer semester		1 Semester
Module coordination				
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schlie			
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology			
Further information				
(Reading lists, information links etc.)	-			

Module Title: Master Thesis Module ID/Code: -	
1. Content and intended learning outcomes	
Content	<p>Logic of scientific argumentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description • Analysis • Evaluation • Problematization • Theory reference • Hypothesis derivation • Methodical operationalization • Data interpretation • Conclusion <p>Part of this module will be a colloquium. In the colloquium, students will have the opportunity to discuss advanced research projects, to gain insights into methodological and research techniques, to sharpen their own research interests and to receive suggestions for their own master's thesis.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>The module offers the opportunity to get to know the current research discussions in the modules, to present master projects and to critically examine them together with the other participants and exam candidates. The aim of the colloquium is to deepen formal and methodological skills, to get to know new research techniques, to test presentation possibilities of research projects, to present one's own master project, to accompany the step-by-step preparation of the master thesis. The colloquium is complemented by the preparation of a publishable paper which is intended to prepare students for practical work in political science.</p> <p>In addition, the Master thesis should provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognition of the immanent logic of scientific argumentation. • independent implementation/application of the conceptual links in the scientific argumentation sequence • translation of the own subject-related and socio-political interests into a topic for the thesis appropriate to the degree pursued • reflection of the own contribution in the context of the subject-specific scientific or subject-specific didactical discussion • reflection of the. own contribution in the context of socio-political challenges/current issues • ability to write a scientific paper

2. Teaching and learning methods						
	Type of instruction	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Weekly contact time	Workload [h]
	Colloquium					40
3. Prerequisites for the module						
Compulsory	At least 60 credit points in the master's program.					
Recommended	None					
4. Degree program allocation						
	Study program			compulsory/ elective	Semester	
	M.A. Strategy and International Security			Compulsory	4.	
5. Requirements for the award of credit points (ECTS)					6. Amount of credit points	
Required achievements	Presentation [Workload 20 h] - ungraded				30 ECTS	
Assessment (incl. weighting) and examination language	Master Thesis [Workload 840 h] - graded					
7. Frequency			8. Workload [h]	9. Duration		
Winter semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	X	900	1 Semester		
Module coordination						
Teacher						
Module coordinator	Examining Board of the Faculty of Philosophy					
Institute/Department	Institute for Political Science and Sociology					
Further information						