



# Study Guide

## Master of European Union Studies



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# Welcome to the Master Programme in European Union Studies!

*This Study Guide is your manual to guide you through the Curriculum in EUS.*

*Please read it thoroughly!*

*It will answer your questions, help you to pass the programme, and provide you with important tips and information.*

*If you are new to Salzburg, we also recommend our SCEUS Survival Guide!*

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# Why study EUS

European Union Studies offers you the opportunity to become a comprehensively trained EU-Expert. Imparting you with a profound theoretical and practical knowledge of European institutions, policies, decision making procedures and law, the unique Master Programme prepares you for working in the public and private sectors. These qualifications are extremely relevant as all areas are highly influenced by European decision-making.

Emphasizing an interdisciplinary approach, the programme combines courses in European Politics, Law, Economic Integration, History, Sociology and Communication Sciences. In study trips and specialized interdisciplinary seminars you get a first intensive experience of EU-Institutions and meet experts and practitioners, thus gaining direct insights into political processes and decision making mechanisms within the European Union.

You will also put your knowledge into practice in simulations and moot courts, taking over the roles of relevant actors in the EU-institutions and engage in negotiating current issues together with your colleagues, supervised by teams of teachers from different fields as well as experts from outside the University.

Being English-taught, the programme furthermore allows for an international educational environment and enhances your international qualifications and language competences. That focus is additionally deepened by attractive opportunities for studying abroad including the chance to acquire a Double Degree.



## *In a Nutshell:*

- Become an interdisciplinarily trained EU-Expert in a challenging programme of very high quality
- Look behind the scenes in study trips
- Meet experts and practitioners from EU-Institutions and Academia
- Get active in moot courts and simulations
- Enhance your language skills in an English-taught programme+
- Develop your cultural and international qualifications within an international educational environment
- Acquire additional skills by studying abroad at our partner Universities



## Admission

There is a limited number of study places every year. To register for the Master Programme in European Union Studies, students have to apply in a formal three-step admission procedure. During the process, applicants must provide documents and credentials to prove that they meet the requirements to apply for this programme. It takes place in spring and summer, allowing qualified students to start the programme in October. All information about the process, required qualifications etc. can be found at [www.sceus.at](http://www.sceus.at).

Most importantly, to qualify for EUS students need to hold a Bachelor's (or higher) or other equivalent degree (worth at least 180 ECTS credits) at a recognized Austrian or foreign postsecondary institution. In general, all university study programmes qualify students for the Master Programme in European Union Studies, except the fine and performing arts. Students holding a degree from universities of applied sciences qualify for the Master Programme in European Union Studies if they have studied legal, social science or economic subjects.

As the programme is in English, students need to be proficient users of this language. (CEFR level C1 or higher).

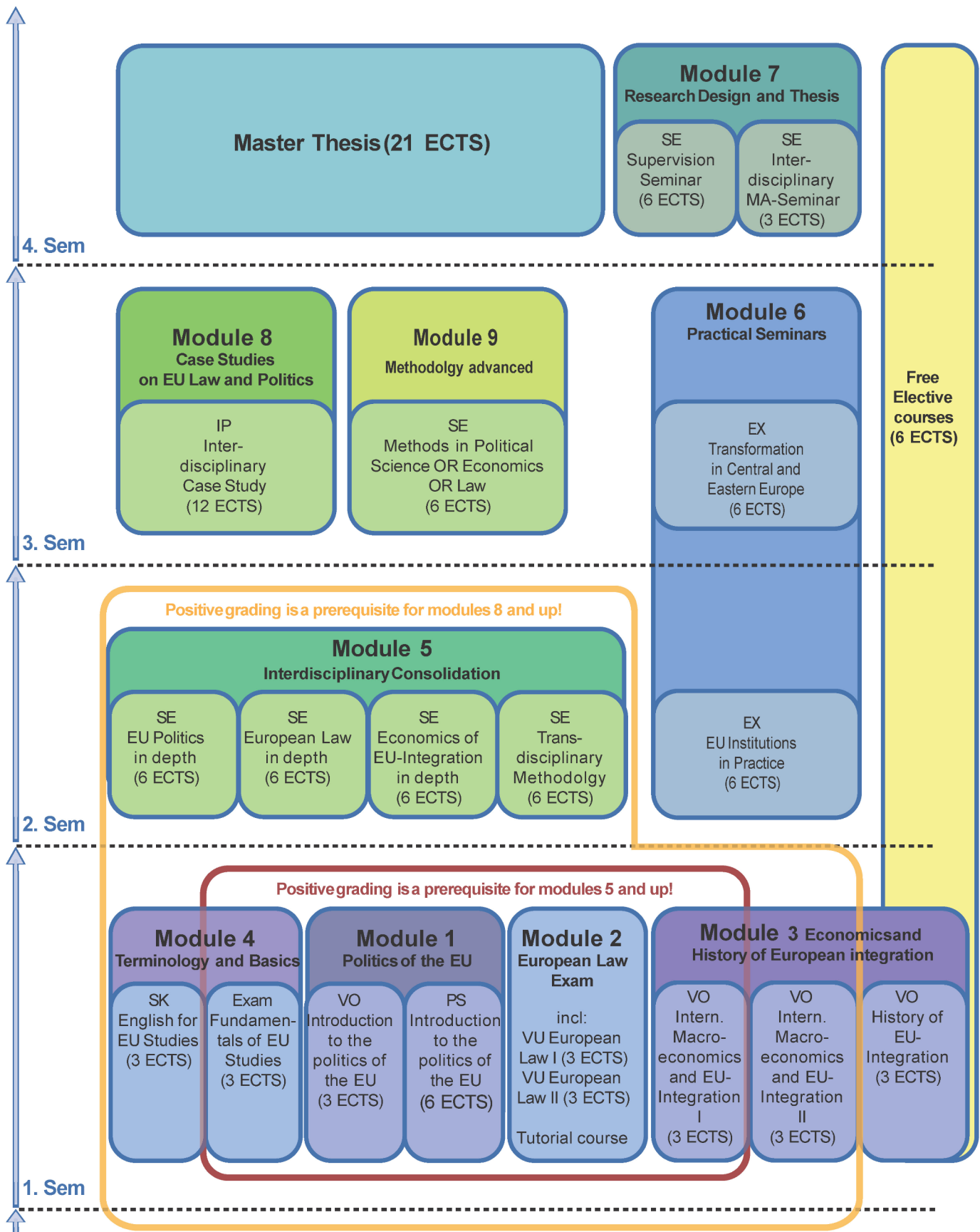
Besides the formal requirements and high-level language skills, the key criteria for selection are, inter alia, proven interest and motivation to study European Union Studies, and familiarity with the general methodological approaches of the core disciplines of the programme: political science, economics and law.

Additionally, students need to be willing to make some effort in studying. Teachers and students find the Master Programme challenging: many students have to familiarize themselves with new issues, disciplines and methods in a short amount of time. Experience shows that most beginners successfully master these challenges. But, from the first semester, this demands a willingness to acquire missing knowledge in the main topics through self-study, supported by tutorials and learning groups, which must not be underestimated.

***For application and all information about it please visit [www.sceus.at](http://www.sceus.at)***



# Master Programme European Union Studies Curriculum 2023



## Important to know

**Most courses are building up on each other and have to be followed in a special order!**

→ Stick to our guide when choosing your courses to avoid problems.

**The deadline for fulfilling the prerequisites** is the 15th of March/October (depending on the Semester). Courses demanding prerequisites need to be attended until this date, if you still have the chance to complete the prerequisites before the deadline. If the deadline has passed and you were not able to complete the prerequisites, you have to drop out of the courses.

### **Prerequisites 1. → 2. semester**

<b>Course / module:</b>	<b>a prerequisite for:</b>
Complete Module 1 Complete Module 2 (Subject Exam) VO International Macroeconomics and European Integration I (from Module 3) Fundamentals of EU studies (Subject Exam) (from Module 4)	Modules 5 and up

Other courses of the first semester must be completed by the end of the 2nd semester at the latest; you can therefore choose a later examination date.

**Caution:** a lot of the courses are only offered once a year; make sure not to miss them!

### **Prerequisites 2. → 3. semester**

<b>Course / module:</b>	<b>a prerequisite for:</b>
Complete Module 5 VO International Macroeconomics and European Integration II (from Module 3) SK English for EU studies (from Module 4)	Module 8 and up



## Some special steps

**Subject exam European Law:** this examination covers the content of several lectures. Because of the amount and the complexity of the examination material, thorough preparation is essential. Start studying right at the beginning of the semester and attend the tutorial course which is offered as an additional preparatory class! To make sure that an initial fail will not delay your study progress, we also recommend you to register for early examination dates.

**Fundamentals of European Union Studies:** This course right at the beginning of your first semester includes a written examination and covers questions on basic knowledge of the European Union. Information for preparation is provided by the SCEUS.

**Free elective courses:** You need to do 6 ECTS out of “free elective courses”. It does not matter in which semester you do them, also the number of courses is up to you, they just have to add up to (at least) 6 ECTS. They can be of any kind, e.g. language courses or courses at other departments. Just browse through the course-lists of the faculties and departments in Plusonline to find courses and register for them. It is also possible to complete a work placement for the free elective courses.

**Practical seminars:** Firstly the course “EU-Institutions in Practice” offers intensive contact with European institutions and their representatives in a study visit to the most important organs of the EU in Frankfurt, Luxembourg and Brussels. Combined with seminar sessions, the course will convey profound insights into the most important EU institutions. It also offers the chance to ask questions and build important contacts to their representatives. Secondly the course “Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe” is built around an excursion to Olomouc (Czech Republic). It aims to allow for a deeper understanding of the transformation process since the fall of the iron curtain and the Eastern enlargement of the EU in 2004. Taught by experts from Palacký University Olomouc, it provides a survey of Czech politics and history as a way of better understanding this process during the last century and how the political system operates in today society, including its political parties and decision-making structures.

**Moot Court/Case Studies:** These courses focus on giving practical insights into decision-making processes within the European Union. In the moot court you will take roles (of judges, advocate general, parties to the national procedure, European Commission) within the framework of a procedure in front of the European Court of Justice. The Interdisciplinary Case Studies highlight the procedures leading up to the passing of legislative acts within the European Union. These courses are taught by teams of teachers of different disciplines and experts from European institutions. Besides a theoretical input, a lot of emphasis is put on team work and simulation of negotiations in EU institutions.

**Master thesis:** Starting at the end of the second semester you should start looking for a possible subject for your thesis. Ideally it will cover an interdisciplinary question. You find a list of possible supervisors and more info about the thesis and completion of the programme on the website.

# Examinations and Assessment

**Examination types:** You will be dealing with two types of exams: course exams (covering the content of a specific course) and subject exams (covering particular topics). Exams can be either in written or oral form. You will be informed about the method of the exam in advance.

**Limitation of exams:** You have a maximum of four attempts per course/subject exam in total, whereas the last attempt has to be done in front of a commission. If you fail an exam for the fourth time, you are not allowed to continue studying this programme according to University law! (Re-taking the class in the next semesters does NOT reset the number of attempts!)

**Course attendance and assessment:** There are different types of courses, some demanding continuous assessment, others don't. Check §4 of the curriculum for details. For Non-continuous assessment courses your attendance is not tracked and you pass the course by passing the exam. We recommend you to still attend the classes, it is at your own risk if you don't and miss important information. Usually there are three exam-dates. You can see them in time in Plusonline - you have to register for them! We recommend you to choose early dates so you still have the chance to retake the exam in case you fail the first time.

Classes demanding continuous assessment are structured differently. Your attendance is tracked as part of the assessment. You are only allowed to miss a small percentage of the course, usually two sessions. The assessment will also include other tasks, like presentations, homework, papers etc. Your professor will explain everything in the beginning of the course.

**Retaking exams/courses:** If you receive a negative grade in a class with continuous assessment, you have to retake the whole course. For Non-continuous assessment classes you just have to retake the exam. You are allowed to retake classes/exams even if you got a positive grade, but only once and only up to max. twelve months after the first try. Caution, the first grade will be invalidated in that case and the second one will count, so it is possible to deteriorate, not only improve the grading.

**Exam registration:** You have to register for exams in time! Usually that works via Plusonline – except for the EU-Law subject exam, where you have to register at the secretary. The registration period is visible in Plusonline. In case you decide not to attend an exam for which you registered, you need to deregister. Not every professor is terribly strict on that, but still keep an eye on (de-)registration to avoid problems.

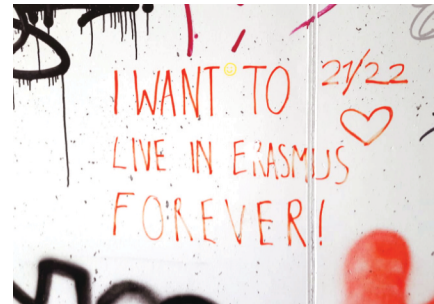
**Grades:** You will see all your grades in Plusonline and have the right to access your graded exams if you have questions. (You need to schedule an appointment with the respective examiner to do so.)

## International experience

Students in the Master Programme in EUS are encouraged to spend a period of study abroad. Further to exchange programmes like Erasmus, we offer two possibilities to gain some international experience and even acquire a Double Degree. Our Partner Universities are the Palacký University in Olomouc and the Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli in Rome.

Students have to apply for a Double Degree at the SCEUS. Official calls for applications are open every summer semester.

Check the [website](#) for further info, experience reports and details!



### ***Double Degree Salzburg - Olomouc***

As an EUS-student you have the opportunity to combine studying abroad in Olomouc and acquire a Magister degree in European Law and EU Policies of the law faculty of Palacký University additionally to your Master's degree in EU Studies.

To be awarded the Double Degree, the first three semesters have to be completed in Salzburg. This is followed by a stay in Olomouc which usually takes one semester - or two, if you prefer. In Olomouc you take courses according to the requirements of the Palacký University as well as your EUS curriculum. Additionally the master thesis has to focus on current EU topics and may include reference to the Czech Republic. The master thesis has to be co-supervised from authorized professors in Olomouc and Salzburg. With successful completion of the master programme in Salzburg, a request for the Double Degree can be made, according to the requirements of both universities.

### ***Double Degree Salzburg - Rome***

SCEUS also runs a Double Degree Programme with our partner-university Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS) Guido Carli in Rome, offering a challenging programme aimed at students enrolled in the Master Programme EUS at Salzburg University.

You will follow the first three semesters in Salzburg and after having completed them you spend another two semesters in Rome, taking courses according to the requirements of both universities. You will be exempted from the LUISS study fees.

Your master thesis has to focus on current EU topics and will be co-supervised from authorized professors in Salzburg and Rome and at the end of the programme, if compliant with both LUISS and Salzburg academic requirements, you will acquire two degrees, a Master's Degree in International Relations at LUISS and a Master of Arts in EU Studies at Universität Salzburg.



## Need Assistance?

### *The Student Representation is happy to help!*

We give advice happily and provide you with information about the study programme. Especially when you are in your first semester, we help you to find your way through your studies. So, please do not hesitate to ask us all your questions. But the Student Representation does even more! In the meetings of the curricular commission and in meetings with the faculty and the professors we advocate the interests of the students and try to be a link between the professors and the students. Nevertheless, the Student Representation also wants to enhance the connection between the students as well through different events, like the Welcome Day or parties.

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### *Consult our Survival Guide to student life in Salzburg!*

The SCEUS Survival Guide is a manual for new EUS students and your first reference point, containing all info you need to find your way through student life in Salzburg. If you read it thoroughly, you will certainly be well equipped to enjoy student life in Salzburg and successfully finish your study programme! You can get it as printed version at the SCEUS and online on our [website](#).

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# Curriculum for the Master Programme European Union Studies of the Paris-Lodron University of Salzburg

**(Version 2023)**

At its meeting on 23 May 2023 the senate of the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg adopted the following version of the curriculum for the Master Programme in EU Studies, as finalized by the EU Studies Curriculum Commission of Salzburg University on 9 May 2023

Its legal basis is the 2002 Federal Act on the Organization of Universities and their Studies (Universities Act 2002 – UG), Federal Law Gazette No. 120/2002, and the section of the Statutes of the University of Salzburg relating to university studies.

## **§ 1 General Provisions**

(1) The overall scope of the Master Programme in EU studies is 120 ECTS credits. This corresponds to an intended study duration of 4 semesters.

(2) Graduates of the Master Programme in EU studies are awarded the academic degree "Master of Arts", abbreviated as "MA".

(3) For admission to the Master Programme, students must have completed a bachelor's degree, Fachhochschule bachelor's degree or another equivalent programme at a recognized domestic or foreign post-secondary educational institution (see. UG2002 §64 para. 5). A subject-specific training is not required; the study is aimed at graduates of all disciplines.

(4) If a student's bachelor's degree is not deemed equivalent to an acceptable extent, the student may be required to complete additional work worth up to 45 ECTS credits; these requirements must be satisfied by the end of the Master Programme. Only the Rectorate or a member of staff at the University of Salzburg designated by the Rectorate is authorized to make a determination of equivalency.

(5) ECTS credits will be allocated with regard to all relevant student achievements. One ECTS credit is equivalent to 25 hours of work and denotes the average workload required to achieve the expected learning outcomes. The workload of one academic year corresponds to 1.500 real hours and thus an allocation of 60 ECTS credits.

(6) Students with disabilities and / or chronic illness will not experience any discrimination while studying. The principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Federal Equal Treatment Act and the Principle of Disadvantage Compensation will apply.

(7) The language of instruction is English. Classes in other languages may be taken as elective courses if they are offered as Master courses equivalent to the courses taught in English.

## **§ 2 Overview of the Degree Programme and Professional Skills**

### **(1) Overview of the Degree Programme**

The programme aims to provide students with in-depth knowledge of European Union institutions, their functioning and decision-making, and of selected political themes. For this purpose, an interdisciplinary approach is pursued, reflecting political, legal, socio-economic and historical aspects, augmented by the involvement in the instruction process of practical experts at European and national level.

### **(2) Professional Skills and Competences (Learning Outcomes)**

After completing the Master Programme in European Union Studies, students will have the following skills:

#### Knowledge:

- Comprehensive knowledge of European Union institutions, actors, decision-making, legal and economic fundamentals, policy areas and norms
- In depth practical understanding of the policy-making process at European level through simulations and moot courts
- The ability to understand socioscientific, legal and economic research compiled using high methodological standards, and to transfer their knowledge to other areas
- The ability to write research in the individual disciplines using an interdisciplinary approach and the skills learned in the programme
- The ability to analyze and apply the theories and concepts from the individual disciplines
- The ability to evaluate and reproduce the decision-making processes of the European Union in a legal, political, economic, and historical context
- Language skills, as a result of the option to acquire additional qualifications during a semester abroad

#### Methodological skills:

- The ability to apply the basic methods and techniques of the individual disciplines, also with regard to interdisciplinary research
- The ability to design research projects in the individual disciplines, but also using an interdisciplinary perspective.
- The ability to cooperate with others (interdisciplinary and in groups) and to conduct joint research
- The ability to present complex academic studies and their own research outcomes

#### Application skills:

- The ability to combine academic and practical aspect of learnings, and to conduct practice-led research
- The ability to work within the framework of stakeholder relationships, having acquired academic insight into the actions of EU institutions and stakeholders



### **(3) Importance and Relevance of the Degree to the Academic Community, Society and the Labour Market**

Political, legal and economic issues are now largely determined by European-level decisions. Knowledge of European institutions, policies and decision-making processes and European law is therefore of vital importance to understanding developments in the public and private sectors. A variety of public and private actors, large, medium and small enterprises, interest groups and members of wider civil society constantly need to assert their positions under changing conditions, and therefore look increasingly to the European level. The Master Programme in EU Studies provides the necessary expertise.

The following career fields are available to graduates:

- Occupations in European institutions and their environment
- Employment in EU-related areas of public administration at national and regional level
- Interest groups at European and national level
- EU-specific political consulting and lobbying
- Public Policy Departments in companies and business organizations
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### **§ 3 Structure of the Programme**

The Master Programme in EU Studies consists of 9 modules, for which 90 ECTS credits are allocated. Additionally, 6 ECTS credits are assessed for free elective courses. The Master Thesis is worth 21 ECTS credits

Name of Module	ECTS Credits
Module 1: Introduction to the Politics of the EU	9
Module 2: European Law	6
Module 3: Economics and History of European Integration	9
Module 4: Terminology and Basics	6
Module 5: Interdisciplinary Consolidation	24
Module 6: Practical Seminars	12
Module 7: Research Design and Thesis	9
Elective Module 8: Case Studies on EU-Law and Politics	12
Elective Module 9: Methodology advanced	6
Free Elective Courses	6
Master Thesis	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>

## § 4 Course Types

(1) The following types of courses are included in the programme:

A **Lecture (VO)** gives an overview of a subject or one of its component parts and its theoretical approaches, and presents different doctrines and methods. The content is mainly taught in lecture style. The course is assessed by examination and there is no obligation to attend lectures.

A **Lecture with Exercises (VU)** connects the theoretical introduction of an area of study with developing practical skills. The course is assessed by examination and there is no obligation to attend lectures.

An **Excursion (EX)** is used to develop and illustrate knowledge outside the university. An Excursion is a continuous assessment course with compulsory attendance.

A **Proseminar (PS)** is an academically oriented course and prepares the students for seminar courses. Knowledge and skills are developed through theoretical and practical study, and the active participation of the students. A Proseminar is a continuous assessment course with compulsory attendance.

A **Seminar (SE)** is a course that consolidates knowledge of a particular subject. It facilitates the acquisition of a deeper specialized knowledge and the capacity for discussion and reflection on academic themes, in the context of collaborative learning by the student. A Seminar is a continuous assessment course with compulsory attendance.

A **Language Course (SK)** enables the acquisition and deepening of language skills through the active participation of the students. A language course is a continuous assessment course with compulsory attendance.

An **Interdisciplinary Project (IP)** uses approaches, ways of thinking and methodologies from different disciplines to interconnect subjects, and combines theoretical and practical objectives. An Interdisciplinary Project is a continuous assessment course with compulsory attendance.

(2) Courses and examinations can be held in other languages than the main language of instruction. For organizational reasons, courses can be allocated increased weekly hours during a part of a semester (block courses).

(3) Different courses from other fields of study may be designated as acceptable courses under the scope of § 1 with the agreement of the course leader, as long as the content and methodology of the replacement course is substantially similar.

## § 5 Required Courses and Plan of Study

The modules and courses of the Master Programme are listed below. The assignment to semesters is a recommendation and ensures that the sequence of courses is optimal, based on knowledge previously obtained, and that one year of work does not exceed 60 ECTS credits. Modules and courses can be taken in a different order, as long as the preconditions according to § 13 are not violated.

Detailed descriptions of the modules, including the associated competences, methodologies and skills can be found in Annex I: Description of Modules.

Master Programme EUS								
Module	Lecture	SSt.	Type	ECTS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
<b>(1) Compulsory Modules and Courses</b>								
<b>Module 1: Introduction to the Politics of the EU</b>								
Introduction to the Politics of the European Union		2	VO	3	3			
Introduction to the Politics of the European Union		2	PS	6	6			
Module 1 Subtotal		4		9	9			
<b>Module 2: European Law</b>								
European Law I		2	VU	3	3			
European Law II		2	VU	3	3			
Module 2: Subtotal		4		6	6			
<b>Module 3: Economics and History of European Integration</b>								
International Macroeconomics and European Integration I		2	VO	3	3			
International Macroeconomics and European Integration II		2	VO	3	3			
History of European Integration		2	VO	3	3			
Module 3 Subtotal		6		9	9			
<b>Module 4: Terminology and Basics</b>								
English for EU Studies		2	SK	3	3			
Subject Exam - Fundamentals of EU Studies		0	-	3	3			
Module 4 Subtotal		2		6	6			
<b>Module 5: Interdisciplinary Consolidation</b>								
EU Politics in depth		2	SE	6		6		
European Law in depth		2	SE	6		6		
Economics of European Integration in depth		2	SE	6		6		
Transdisciplinary Methodology		2	SE	6		6		
Module 5 Subtotal		8		24		24		
<b>Module 6 Practical Seminars</b>								
Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe		2	EX	6			6	
EU Institutions in Practice		2	EX	6		6		
Module 6 Subtotal		4		12		6	6	
<b>Module 7 Methods, Research Design and Thesis</b>								
Interdisciplinary Master Seminar		1	SE	3				3
Supervision Seminar		2	SE	6				6
Module 7 Subtotal		3		9				9
<b>Total Compulsory Modules and Compulsory Courses</b>								
		32		75	30	30	6	9
<b>(2) Elective Modules</b>								
Elective Case Studies on EU Law and Politics		6	IS	12			12	
Methodology advanced : Methods in Political Science OR Economics OR Law		2	SE	6			6	
Total Elective Modules		8		18			18	
<b>(3) Free Elective Courses</b>								
				6			6	
<b>(4) Master Thesis</b>								
				21				21
<b>Totals total</b>								
				120	30	30	30	30



## § 6 List of Elective Modules and / or Linked Elective Modules

Module	Lecture	SSt	Type	EC TS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
1 Elective Module 8: Case Studies on EU Law and Politics (one out of two)								
Module 8a Interdisciplinary Case Study A								
Interdisciplinary Case Study A		6	IP	12			1 2	
Module 8a Subtotal		6	IP	12			1 2	
Module 8b Interdisciplinary Case Study B								
Interdisciplinary Case Study B		6	IP	12			1 2	
Module 8b Subtotal		6	IP	12			1 2	
2 Elective Module 9: Methodology advanced: Methods in Political Science OR Economics OR Law (one out of three)								
Methods Advanced : Methods in Political Science		2	SE	6			6	
Methods Advanced : Methods in Economics		2	SE	6			6	
Methods Advanced : Methods in Law		2	SE	6			6	
Module 2 Subtotal		6	SE	18			1 8	
Total Elective Modules		8		18			1 8	

## § 7 Free Elective Courses

Free elective courses to the value of 6 ECTS credits must be completed as part of the Master Programme. They can be selected from courses offered at any recognized post- secondary educational institution and will enable the study of focal points within the Master Programme.

## § 8 Master Thesis

- (1) The Master Thesis should demonstrate that students can perform independent academic research in the area of European Integration according to current academic research methods and standards.
- (2) The topic of the Master Thesis should be chosen in such a way that it is reasonable and appropriate for completion within six months (cf. UG2002 §81 para. 2)
- (3) The topic of the Master Thesis must be chosen from the fields of political science, law, economic and social history, economics, or communication science. It should have a specific relevance to European Integration and should use an interdisciplinary approach as part of the methodology. The student is entitled to propose a topic or select a topic from the suggestions of available supervisors.
- (4) It is to be noted that both the student's work on the topic and advisor's work with the student are governed by Austrian copyright law, Federal Law Gazette No. 111/1936 (cf. UG2002 §80 para. 2).

## § 9 Work Placement

Students are recommended to complete a work placement in the context of the free elective courses, comprising at least three consecutive weeks in full time employment (this corresponds to 4.5 ECTS credits). The work placement should be completed during the study programme at an institution that mainly deals with issues connected to European Integration, and should be authorized by the relevant authority before commencement. The student should write a report about the work placement, which should then be confirmed by the institution.

## § 10 Study Abroad

Students in the Master Programme in EU Studies are encouraged to spend a semester of study abroad. This semester abroad should ideally be scheduled in the second or fourth semester of study. Recognition of the courses completed at the university abroad will be granted by the responsible body. Documents needed for the assessment should be provided by the student.

The semester abroad can be completed without causing a delay in a student's course of study if the following conditions are met:

- At least 30 ECTS credits are earned in each semester of study abroad
- The content of the courses completed during the period of study abroad is not identical to courses already completed at the University of Salzburg
- Formal confirmation in writing before beginning the study of which courses and/or exams planned to be taken abroad are transferable to the University of Salzburg

In addition to field-specific knowledge and skills, students stand to gain the following qualifications by studying abroad:

- Acquisition and consolidation of field-specific knowledge in a foreign language
- Acquisition and consolidation of general foreign-language skills (comprehension, conversation, etc.)
- Acquisition and consolidation of organizational skills gained by independently navigating the bureaucracy and organizational structure of a university abroad, as well as the daily challenges of student life abroad
- Becoming acquainted with international student exchange programmes and broadening one's perspectives in one's own field of study
- Acquisition and consolidation of intercultural communication skills

Students with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses will be assisted in their search for an opportunity to study abroad, and in planning for their semester abroad, by the Office of the Rectorate for Disability & Diversity.

## § 11 Double Degree Programmes

(1) Students enrolled for the Master Programme "**European Law and EU Policies**", Palacky University in **Olomouc** (Czech Republic) may apply to have their credits recognized as follows:

### Outgoing

- Proof of course examinations in the Master Programme to the value of 24 ECTS credits, replacing the lectures in module 5 (Interdisciplinary Consolidation).
- Evidence of the positive assessment of a Master Thesis in the Master Programme, replacing the thesis detailed in this curriculum.
- Evidence of an examination in the subject of the Master Thesis in the amount of 9 ECTS credits, replacing Module 7.

### Incoming

- Graduates of the respective Master Programme at Palacky University should have proof of the successful completion of the Elective Module Case Studies on EU law and politics (12 ECTS), the Elective Module: Methodology advanced (6 ECTS), and free elective courses (6 ECTS) at the University of Salzburg.

(2) Students enrolled for the Master Programme in „**International Relations**“ at the LUISS – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, **Rome**, may apply to have their credits recognized as follows:

#### Outgoing

– Evidence of the successful completion of a Master Thesis in the Master Programme in International Relations, replacing the Master Thesis for this curriculum. Evidence of completion of examinations corresponding to 9 ECTS credits from the subject area or with respect to the Master Thesis, replacing module 7

#### Incoming

– Proof of completion of examinations corresponding to 60 ECTS credits from legal, economic, or political science courses with particular European or international relevance from the Master Programme, replacing modules 1-5.

### § 12 Allocation of Places in Courses with a Limited Number of Participants

(1) The maximum number of participants in the Master Programme in EU Studies for the following course types is limited as shown below:

Lectures (VO), Lectures with exercises (VU)	no limit
Excursion (EX)	25
Proseminar (PS)	30
Seminar (SE)	20
Language Course (SK)	30
Interdisciplinary Project (IP)	20

(2) In instances in which courses with a restricted number of participants are oversubscribed, priority of enrolment will be given to students for whom the course is part of the curriculum.

(3) Students in the Master Programme in EU Studies will be given places in courses based on the following criteria in the order listed below:

- a student was on the waiting list in the course in the previous academic year
- a student has earned a higher total number of ECTS credits in the programme so far
- a student has completed a greater number of courses and/or exams
- a student has completed a greater number of semesters in the programme of study
- a student has a higher ECTS weighted grade point average
- random selection

Available places will be allocated to students from other programs using the same criteria in the same order.

(4) For students participating in international exchange programs, additional places constituting at least ten percent of the maximum number of participants in each course will be made available. These places will be allocated randomly.

### § 13 Conditions of Admission to Examinations

(1) The following prerequisites apply:

Course / module:	a prerequisite for:
Module 1: Introduction to the Politics of the EU Module 2: European Law (Subject Exam) VO International Macroeconomics and European Integration I Fundamentals of EU studies (Subject Exam)	Modules 5, 6 and 7
Module 5 VO International Macroeconomics and European Integration II (Module 2), SK English for EU studies (Module 4)	Elective Module 8: Case Studies on EU Law and Politics, and Elective Module 9: Methodology advanced

(2) These admission requirements maybe waived for students participating in Double Degree Programmes (§ 11) allowing for proper proceedings of their studies.

### § 14 Examination Regulations

(1) The tests should be taken as written examinations at the end of the course. In the case of European Law, the test can be offered in written form (Duration: 120min) or as an oral examination; testing of the Fundamentals of European Union Studies is a written exam (duration: 90min).

(2) Substitution of Courses:

If a student has completed courses in a previous study programme, which comprise the same content as compulsory courses in this Master Programme, it is possible to replace them with free elective course with the equivalent ECTS value.

### § 15 Effective date

The curriculum comes into force 1 October, 2023.

### § 16 Transitional Provisions

Students enrolled in the curriculum for the Master Programme European Union Studies at Paris Lodron University Salzburg (June 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 Version, University Bulletin, Special Issue 109) for the term when this curriculum comes into force may complete the curriculum in which they are enrolled until 30.9.2024.

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### Descriptions

Module Title	<b>Module 1: Introduction to the Politics of the EU</b>
Module code	M1
Total workload	9 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- detailed knowledge of the central EU institutions and decision-making processes</li> <li>- knowledge of theories and theoretical debates on European Integration</li> <li>- Basic knowledge of the different policy areas of European Integration</li> <li>- knowledge of combinations of actors, also from a historical perspective</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- understanding of the methodologies used in current political science publications on European Integration</li> <li>- ability to incorporate research questions into a theoretical framework</li> <li>- knowledge of the most important publications and journals</li> </ul> <p><i>Interpretational skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to assess and classify steps in integration from different theoretical perspectives</li> <li>- understanding of the research design theory current in political science research on European Integration</li> <li>- ability to question and critically assess research findings</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to develop their own research questions derived from prior research, and to develop using the appropriate literature</li> <li>- ability to use basic political science methodologies applicable to the research of European Integration</li> <li>- ability to carry out research in literature without supervision</li> <li>- are prepared to re-enact EU decision-making processes within the framework of case studies.</li> </ul>
Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- overview of the integration steps since the establishment of the European Union</li> <li>- theories of integration</li> <li>- the institutions and decision-making processes of the EU</li> <li>- cooperation between the European level and national governments</li> <li>- developments in particular areas of politics</li> <li>- combinations of actors</li> </ul>
Courses	VO Introduction to the Politics of the EU (2 Sst, 3 ECTS) PS Introduction to the Politics of the EU (2 Sst, 6 ECTS.)
Method of Examination	Written examination (VO) and continuous assessment (PS)



Module title	<b>Module 2: European Law</b>
Module code	M2
Total workload	6 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in-depth knowledge of the core areas of institutional and substantive European law</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to follow doctrinal arguments in the field of European law</li> <li>- ability to independently understand legal issues and situations</li> <li>- ability to independently analyse, review and assess legislation, including decisions of supreme courts</li> <li>- ability to analyse complex technical texts in English</li> <li>- mastery of legal jargon, active and passive, in English.</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of legal issues, the practical application of the law, and of configuration possibilities in all areas of European law</li> </ul>
Module content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-depth knowledge of the core areas of institutional European law (EU institutions and their interaction, legislation, competence)</li> <li>- In-depth knowledge of the European legal system and its relationship to national law</li> <li>- In-depth knowledge of the core areas of the substantive European law (fundamental freedoms, internal market and EMU, competition law)</li> </ul>
Courses	VU European Law I (2 Sst, 3 ECTS) VU European Law II (2 Sst, 3 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Combined Subject Exam on both courses

Module Title	<b>Module 3: Economics and History of European Integration</b>
Module code	M3
Total workload	9 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-depth knowledge of the historical foundations of European Integration (including its origins after the first world war)</li> <li>- In-depth knowledge of the effects and modes of action of European economic integration, from the customs union to the single European market.</li> <li>- Knowledge of the structure, tools and effects of European Monetary Union.</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to assess historical context and background of European Integration</li> <li>- assessment of basic economic dependencies with respect to the material and monetary sides of European Integration.</li> <li>- Ability to interpret simple economic indicators to assess the economic situation of a country or the EU</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assessment of basic economic dependencies.</li> <li>- Ability to evaluate alternative economic policy instruments.</li> </ul>
Module content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigation of the historical foundations of European Integration.</li> <li>- Investigation of the foundations of material and monetary side of European Integration.</li> <li>- Consolidation of economic knowledge based on selected (the most recent) aspects of European Integration.</li> </ul>
Courses	VO International Macroeconomics and European Integration I (2 Sst, 3 ECTS) VO International Macroeconomics and European Integration II (2 Sst, 3 ECTS)

	VO History of European Integration (2 Sst, 3 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Written examinations

Module Title	<b>Module 4: Terminology and Basics</b>
Module code	M4
Total workload	6 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- basic knowledge as a foundation for further courses</li> <li>- learning English with specific EU terminology</li> <li>- knowledge of the fundamentals of European politics, European law and economic integration</li> <li>- Basic knowledge of the functioning of the European institutions, and decision-making processes</li> <li>- knowledge of the content of ECJ decisions promoting integration</li> <li>- expertise in dealing with EU terminology</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to apply basic methodologies in the fields of political science and the economics of European Integration</li> <li>- ability to present historic decisions in the field of European Integration</li> <li>- ability to use English in discussions and to write academic papers in English</li> <li>- acquisition of language skills, particularly in the context of Case Studies and to write up results in a Master Thesis.</li> </ul> <p><i>Interpretational skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to coordinate the different disciplines and to evaluate integration steps and decisions of European institutions from the political, legal and economic point of view</li> <li>- Presentation of consolidating literature regarding the theoretical background</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use of specific English vocabulary in the field of European Integration</li> <li>- classification of integration steps in reference to a theoretical framework, as well as in terms of the most important decisions of the CJEU</li> <li>- consideration of European Integration from different disciplinary perspectives</li> <li>- knowledge of the main publications dealing with the individual disciplines</li> </ul>
Module content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basics of European Integration in the sub-disciplines Politics of European Integration, Economics of European Integration and European Law</li> <li>- English Language with particular reference to the terminology of European Integration</li> <li>- Basic theories of integration</li> <li>- Groundbreaking ECJ decisions</li> <li>- Basic methods and theories of macroeconomics, with particular reference to European Integration</li> </ul>
Courses	SK English for EU Studies (2 Sst, 3 ECTS) Subject Examination - Fundamentals of EU Studies (2 Sst, 3 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Written examination and continuous assessment (English), and written examination (Fundamentals of EUS)

Module Title	<b>Module 5: Interdisciplinary Consolidation</b>
Module code	M5
Total workload	24 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in-depth knowledge of the relationships between law, politics and economics in the European Integration process concentrating on selected subject areas</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to formulate questions regarding the study of European Integration from the perspective of the three disciplines</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to assess the relevance of different methodologies in different areas of European Integration research</li> <li>- ability to interpret qualitative and quantitative results in the various fields of European Integration research</li> <li>- ability to apply selected qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies to at least one of the three disciplines relevant to the Master Programme</li> </ul> <p><i>Interpretational skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consideration of European Integration from different disciplinary perspectives in selected and advanced subject areas</li> <li>- ability to use literature specific to selected issues from the disciplines</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to assess the different disciplinary perspectives of integration steps and the decisions of European institutions</li> <li>- ability to present theoretical discourses and empirical research</li> <li>- ability to assess the relevance of approaches and to develop open questions from particular disciplinary points of view, but also combined with the other disciplines</li> </ul>
Module content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consolidation courses in the areas of European Politics, European Law and European Economics on the basis of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- recent theoretical and empirical research results</li> <li>- discussion of the various disciplinary approaches</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Courses	SE EU Politics in depth (2 Sst, 6 ECTS) SE European Law in depth (2 Sst, 6 ECTS) SE Economics of European Integration in depth (2 Sst, 6 ECTS) SE Transdisciplinary Methodology (2 Sst, 6 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Continuous assessment

Module Title	<b>Module 6: Practical Seminars</b>
Module code	M6
Total workload	Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe 6 ECTS EU Institutions in practice 6 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- knowledge of transformation processes ( European Integration) and related issues in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)</li> <li>- with emphasis on the Czech Republic</li> <li>- knowledge of the operations of the various EU institutions in practice</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- transmitting previously acquired knowledge on current research issues</li> <li>- presentation of research</li> </ul> <p><i>Interpretational skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consideration of European Integration using different disciplines in a practical perspective</li> <li>- ability to bring subject-specific issues to experts, then to discuss and critically reflect on the issues in a practical perspective</li> <li>- ability to connect theory and practice</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- combination of theoretical knowledge and practical application</li> </ul>
Module Content	<p><i>Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- overview of the historical development and transformation processes in a particular CEE country</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- overview of the legal, economic and social life in the chosen country</li> <li>- discussion of current political, economic and social issues with stakeholders and the students in the chosen country</li> </ul> <p><i>EU institutions in practice:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparatory course regarding the institutional framework and current legal issues, in the form of simulations</li> <li>- Visits to the most important EU institutions, possibly also attendance at a hearing at the ECJ, discussions with key local stakeholders</li> </ul>
Courses	EX Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe (2 Sst, 6 ECTS) EX EU Institutions in practice (2 Sst, 6 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Continuous Assessment

Module title	<b>Module 7: Research Design and Thesis</b>
Module code	M7
Total workload	6 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- advanced knowledge of the creation of a research design and the selection of different methods to implement research in a given case</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to choose and apply the appropriate methods for handling complex issues in the given case of the student's Master thesis</li> </ul> <p><i>Interpretational skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to choose the appropriate forms of investigation to compliment the research designs with a view to the developing of the the student's Master thesis</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to independently write and develop an academic thesis, as well as the presentation of the results</li> </ul>
Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- formulation of appropriate questions and theories to be developed in a Master Thesis</li> <li>- Critical assessment and discussion of concepts, forms of investigation and ways to generate data</li> <li>- presentation of research findings</li> </ul>
Courses	SE Interdisciplinary Master Seminar (1 Sst, 3 ECTS) SE Supervision Seminar (2 Sst, 3 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Continuous assessment

Module Title	<b>Module 8: Elective Module Case Studies on EU Law and Politics</b>
Module code	M8
Total workload	12 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge and ability to understand complex negotiation processes at EU level and to actively participate as an actor in these processes.</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability to analyze complex academic texts in German and English</li> <li>- Ability to prepare and present position papers</li> <li>- Ability to prepare and present compromise positions in complex negotiations</li> <li>- skills for negotiation and session management</li> </ul>

	<i>Application skills:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assessment of complex factual issues at EU level from the legal, political and economic perspective</li> <li>- independent formulation of a negotiating position and the defence of this position in complex negotiation processes</li> </ul>
Module content	Simulation of a practical (legislative) project at European level. After a sound introduction to the relevant topics from a legal, economic and political perspective, the students work on a particular issue individually and in groups, from the perspective of specific interest groups, stakeholders, political parties or other actor. On this basis, one or more negotiation processes are simulated (eg a European Council session, COREPER, an EP Committee session). Students create position papers and negotiate in different roles, formulating compromises and alternative positions in the role of negotiator, proceeding to a formal final vote
Courses	IP Interdisciplinary Case Study (6 Sst, 12 ECTS) One out of two, at the choice of the students
Method of Examination	Continuous Assessment

Module Title	<b>Module 9: Elective Module Methodology advanced</b>
Module code	M9
Total workload	6 ECTS
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>Knowledge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- knowledge of the creation of a research design and the selection of different methods to implement research</li> <li>- knowledge of data collection and data analysis techniques or literature review in accordance with the requirements of the research design</li> <li>- knowledge of different programmes for the purpose of data analysis and different databases for access to literature</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodological skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to choose and apply the appropriate methods for handling complex issues</li> <li>- Ability to use and apply various forms of data collection (interview, questionnaire, content analysis, observation)</li> <li>- Ability to independently perform data analysis or literature review</li> </ul> <p><i>Interpretational skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to choose the appropriate forms of investigation to compliment the research designs</li> <li>- Ability to classify, critically question and comment on the results of scientific studies.</li> </ul> <p><i>Application skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to independently write an academic thesis, beginning with the formulation of a research question and the creation of an appropriate research design, selecting the appropriate methods for data collection and analysis, and writing the thesis itself, as well as the presentation of the results</li> <li>- students learn the ability to raise and discuss cross-disciplinary issues</li> </ul>
Module content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- formulation of questions and theories (from different disciplinary perspectives)</li> <li>- hypotheses and definition of concepts</li> <li>- selection of forms of investigation and ways to generate data</li> <li>- selection of suitable methods for data analysis, and application of these methods</li> <li>- presentation of research findings</li> </ul>
Courses	SE Methods in Political Science or Economics or law (2 Sst, 6 ECTS)
Method of Examination	Continuous Assessment



## Appendix II: Equivalence List

Version 2018	Version 2023
Master thesis 20 ECTS	Master thesis 21 ECTS
Supervision Seminar 3 ECTS	Supervision Seminar 6 ECTS



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