

MA Political Science 2024 – Recommended plan of study

(according to curriculum)

§ 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 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		

Module	Course	Hours	Course Type	ECTS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
(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	
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

