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| 03-MA DC-B-1 | Democracy | 1st sem. | 10 CP |
| Module | Democracy | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation – Foundational study – Module 1 | | |
| Faculty/Subject/Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 1 st semester | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | |
| Prerequisites | None | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will learn the most important theories of democracy in political science and will be able to discuss them independently and competently as they apply to current global challenges. They will become familiar with an overview of the key areas of democratic theory. They will develop a structured understanding of areas of their own political/social system within the context of global developments and use this knowledge to conduct comparative analyses. | | |
| Module content | The lecture covers political institutions, figures, processes, and cultures within democracies. Theories of democracy and issues facing democracies will be taught using empirical, formal, and normative approaches. The seminar expands upon the material from the lecture with a focus on the normative and institutional dimensions of democracy from a global perspective, considering historical and contemporary processes as well as democratic movements, structures of conflict and cooperation at all levels of democratic decision-making, and problems democracies face when dealing with market economies and cultural and/or religious pluralism. | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Lecture series, A2 Seminar | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examination | | |
| Total workload in hours / Credits | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Lecture series | A2 Seminar | |
| Aa Contact hours | 15 | 30 | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 90 | 90 | |
| B Independent work | 75 hours (further reading for the lecture and seminar; readings from a pre-determined foundational reading list) | | |
| C Final module examination | There are no examinations | | |
| Final mark | In this module there will be no differentiated grading. The course workload (i.e. participation, independent work) will determine the mark for the module. Performance in the seminar, may be counted toward exam requirements; if this is the case, notice will be given at the start of the semester. The final module mark will not be part of a student's overall mark. | | |
| Frequency, duration in semesters | Annually, in the winter semester Duration: 1 semester | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: open; A2: 30 | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | |

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| 03-MA DC-B-2 | Participation | 1 st sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Participation | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation – Foundational study – Module 2 | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | |
| Associated degree course(s) / Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 1 st semester | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | |
| Prerequisites | None | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will learn about the most important concepts of societal involvement (such as the tension between participation and representation) and form an understanding of the historical debates and contemporary areas in, forms of, opportunities for, and obstacles to societal political participation. Students will learn to evaluate the significance of opportunities for civic engagement in democratic societies. They will also learn to compare and analyse problems, conflicts, prospects, and possibilities for cooperation within local, national, and transnational democratic processes. | | |
| Module content | <p>The first seminar introduces students to the discipline by offering an overview of selected areas in which opportunities for societal participation are especially relevant, e.g. conventional and unconventional politics, professional and family work, engagement in civil society, and education/knowledge. In addition, the seminar will cover theoretical concepts (citizenship, inclusion and exclusion, input and output legitimation, the public and private spheres, statehood, and trans-nationalisation) and empirical information (history of social movements, electoral systems, parties, attitudes, etc.).</p> <p>The second seminar goes into greater depth in these areas with a theoretical focus, possibly in relation to a specific political field, working with examples of the complexity of institutional and societal structures and the network of political players.</p> | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar I, A2 Seminar II | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar I | A2 Seminar II | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 30 | 30 | |
| B Independent work | 180 | | |
| C Final module examination | | | |
| Module-component examinations | <p>Exam requirements and methods of assessment in the individual courses of the module will be determined by the professors according to Special Policy §11 and will be announced at the start of the semester.</p> <p>Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examination.</p> <p>Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or an oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering material from the entire module.</p> | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50%, A2: 50% | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Annually, in the winter semester, Duration: 1 semester | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30; A2: 30 | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | |

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| 03-MA DC-B-3 | Theory Formation and Methodology | | 1 st sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Theory Formation / Empirical Social Research | | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation – Foundational study – Module 3 | | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 1 st semester | | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | | |
| Prerequisites | None | | | |
| Learning outcomes | <p>Students will deepen their prior knowledge of theories and methods of empirical social research.</p> <p>In terms of critically studying theory, students will focus on acquiring the ability to reconstruct, explicate, and refine theories and approaches by systematically breaking them down into their structural components (axioms, core theories, measurement theory). The knowledge gained can be analysed using central concepts, assertions, and hypotheses and with examples from the history of scholarly theory and epistemological questions as well as from contemporary political science debates. Based on this, students will be able to demonstrate their ability to distinguish between individual theoretical approaches and to simultaneously integrate them.</p> <p>In terms of methodology, students will learn how to apply advanced qualitative and quantitative methods to topics and problems within the field of political science. Through the structured planning, execution, and evaluation of their own empirical study, students will learn how to organise and complete a research project of their own.</p> | | | |
| Module content | The module aims to develop students' abilities to think critically and conduct advanced empirical research. In addition to expanding their fundamental understanding of scholarly theories, students acquire comprehensive skills, from setting up and applying a model to handling methodological questions as well as project design, developing measurement instruments, and various methods of assessment (i.e. content analysis, structural equation models). | | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar, A2 Tutorial | | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar (theories and methods) | A2 Tutorial (practical application) | | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 30 | 30 | | |
| B Independent work | 180 | | | |
| C Final module examination | | | | |
| Module-component examinations | <p>Exam requirements and methods of assessment in the individual courses of the module will be determined by the professors according to Special Policy §11 and will be announced at the start of the semester. Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examination.</p> <p>Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or an oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering material from the entire module.</p> | | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50%, A2: 50% | | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Annually, in the winter semester, Duration: 1 semester | | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30; A2: 30 | | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | | |

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| 03-MA DC-B-4 | International Cooperation | | 2nd sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | International Cooperation | | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation – Subject area – Module 4 | | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 2 nd semester | | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1 and 2 | | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will be able to independently analyse trends and patterns of cooperation and integration within international relations as well as their transformation at both the regional and global level, with a particular focus on the European context. To that end, students will apply practical methods of classical inquiry to study how to convert the anarchistic structures in states and societies into cooperative structures and systems. | | | |
| Module content | Topics covered in the seminars include theorems of international systems of organisation and governance, peace and conflict theory, transition and transformation theory, worldviews and theories of organisation, political figures (in particular in the EU), international regimes and organisations, interconnections between democratic order/civil society and foreign policy with a focus on democracy/civil society, and the democratisation of regional and international organisational models. | | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar I, A2 Seminar II | | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar I | A2 Seminar II | | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 30 | 30 | | |
| B Independent work | 180 | | | |
| C Final module examination | | | | |
| Module-component examinations | Exam requirements and methods of assessment in the individual courses of the module will be determined by the professors according to Special Policy §11 and announced at the start of the semester. Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examination. Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or an oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering material from the entire module. | | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50% A2: 50% | | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Annually, in the summer semester Duration: 1 semester | | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30; A2: 30 | | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | | |

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| 03-MA DC-T-5 | Government and Governance | | 2 nd /3 rd sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Government and Governance | | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation– Subject area – Module 5 | | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 2 nd /3 rd semester | | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1 and 2 | | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will understand the most important aspects of governmental studies. They will be able to independently and competently discuss and, in particular cases, apply those aspects in relation to today's global challenges and the relativisation of national systems of governance. Students will be familiar with the main theories of governance, federal control (hierarchy, the market, negotiation, cooperation, networks, etc.), and administration and coordination in terms of the nation as a whole as well as between society and the state. By the end of the course, students will be able to recognise and analyse connections between new forms of cooperation resulting from different methods of governance and changes in the form and quality of democracies. | | | |
| Module content | The seminars cover (comparatively, to an extent) institutions, political figures, and processes of contemporary systems of governance. Subjects to be discussed include the possibilities and limits of public action and the influence of interest groups and other non-state agents at local, regional, national, and transnational levels. In studying these topics, students will analyse questions of political and social structures and of expertise and decision-making abilities. Of particular interest will be governance in multi-level systems (in particular the EU and federal states) and developments in supra- and subnational regionalisation (including decentralisation), since the connection between a greater need for cooperation and coordination and theoretical/practical democratic consequences is of growing importance. | | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar I, A2 Seminar II | | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar I | A2 Seminar II | | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 30 | 30 | | |
| B Independent work | 180 | | | |
| C Final module examination | | | | |
| Module-component examinations | Exam requirements and methods of assessment in the individual courses of the module will be determined by the professors according to Special Policy §11 and announced at the start of the semester. Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examination. Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or an oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering material from the entire module. | | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50%, A2: 50% | | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Every semester Duration: 1 semester | | | |
| Intake capacity | A1 and A2: 30 | | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | | |

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| 03-MA DC-T-6 | Norms and Institutions | 2 nd /3 rd sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Norms and Institutions | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation– Subject area – Module 6 | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 2 nd /3 rd semester | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1 and 2 | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will become familiar with key political and societal norms and the corresponding institutional models and be able to assess them at all political levels (local, national, continental/regional, international) in terms of their rights, performance, and potential for conflict. Students will thereby gain a fundamental understanding of political systems that will qualify them for independent work analysing institutions and normative political theory. | | |
| Module content | <p>The first seminar deals with the normative principles of democratic societies (e.g. liberty, equality, solidarity, justice, rights vs. duties, the misguided vs. the virtuous, individual vs. collective, etc.) from perspectives based on history, democratic theory, and/or institutional analysis. The focus will be whether and how norms are brought into inter-governmental and societal relations and, in particular, how the norms take root as fundamental principles in those relationships.</p> <p>The second seminar explores these topics in depth, with a focus on societal problems and topics such as national and transnational constitutional history and politics; intra-societal, regional, and global standardisation processes; international regime and negotiation structuring; decision theories; etc. The seminar also considers the concept of <i>good governance</i> as it applies to the horizontal and vertical cooperative relationships within and between states and societies.</p> | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar I, A2 Seminar II | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar I | A2 Seminar II | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 30 | 30 | |
| B Independent work | 180 | | |
| C Final module examination | | | |
| Module-component examinations | A1: Written assignment A2: Written assignment Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examinations within 14 days. Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering content from the entire module. | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50%, A2: 50% | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Every semester Duration: 1 semester | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30; A2: 30 | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | |

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| 03-MA DC-T-7 | Policies | 2 nd /3 rd sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Policies | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation– Subject area – Module 7 | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 2 nd /3 rd semester | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1 and 2 | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will develop an understanding of important concerns facing democratic theory and participation concepts in terms of differing forms of governance in a particular policy area. Students will become competent in critically discussing the processes and forms of institutionalisation related to the general topics of democracy and cooperation; they will also develop proposals for contributions to material policies. | | |
| Module content | In this module, students have the opportunity to learn about developments in various policy fields (e.g. development policy, gender equality policy, media policy, social policy). Instead of studying the policy that may happen to be most hotly debated at the moment, the focus will be more generally on clarifying questions of democracy and cooperation in terms of practical application. | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar I, A2 Seminar II | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar I | A2 Seminar II | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 90 | 90 | |
| B Independent work | 60 (extended readings) | | |
| C Final module examination | | | |
| Module-component examinations | Exam requirements and methods of assessment in the individual courses of the module will be determined by the professors according to Special Policy §11 and announced at the start of the semester. A1 and A2: oral or written examination depending on the number of students in the module. Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examinations. Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or an oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering material from the entire module. | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50% A2: 50% | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Every semester Duration: 1 semester | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30; A2: 30 | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | |

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| 03-MA DC-T-8 | Problems and Processes | | 2 nd /3 rd sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Problems and Processes | | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation– Subject area – Module 8 | | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 2 nd /3 rd semester | | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1 and 2 | | | |
| Learning outcomes | Students will learn to analyse conflicts within and between democracies and non-democratic systems of government, to diagnose problems related to those conflicts, and to formulate potential plans to manage those problems. They will be able to determine the theoretical and practical conditions necessary for constructive and cooperative work on conflicts in the areas of leadership, security, and welfare. They will recognise the relevance of and the possible overlaps between internal societal conflicts and international conflicts. | | | |
| Module content | Topics covered in the seminars include democratisation and de-democratisation; processes of change in terms of the market and politics; peace and development processes; transformation and transition (in Eastern Europe and outside of Europe); lines of societal and political conflict in the national, transnational, and international realms; changes in national sovereignty; debates surrounding selected topics (human rights, citizenship, security, resources and the public good, etc.); democratic norms; and principles of organisation related to forms of action for societal and international cooperation. | | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Seminar I A2 Seminar II | | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Seminar I | A2 Seminar II | | |
| Aa Contact hours | 30 | 30 | | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | 90 | 90 | | |
| B Independent work | 60 (extended readings) | | | |
| C Final module examination | | | | |
| Module-component examinations | Exam requirements and methods of assessment in the individual courses of the module will be determined by the professors according to Special Policy §11 and announced at the start of the semester. Module-component retake examination: retake of any failed examinations. Module retake examination: written examination (minimum 90 minutes) or an oral examination (minimum 30 minutes) covering material from the entire module. | | | |
| Final mark | A1: 50%, A2: 50% | | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Every semester Duration: 1 semester | | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30, A2: 30 | | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | | |

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| 03-MA DC-P-9 | Practical Training | 2 nd sem. | 10 CP |
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| Module | Practical Training | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation – Practical study – Module 9 | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 2 nd semester | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1 and 2 | | |
| Learning outcomes | The work placement module prepares students for the beginning of their careers and the specific requirements they will be expected to fulfil. It supports the practical aims of the study programme and serves as an orientation for students transitioning into the professional world. Students will make connections between the content from their studies and possible practical applications outside of the university. | | |
| Module content | The work placement helps students combine scholarly material with concrete applications and establish contact with representatives in the professional field. Along with fulfilling formal requirements (by attending career fairs, etc.), students will also discuss the transition from academic to professional work. The work placement report documents each student's tasks and their relationship to his/her studies. | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Work placement course (block of courses) A2 Work placement according to arrangement, minimum 6 weeks duration | | |
| Method of assessment | Module-component examinations | | |
| Total workload in hours | 300 = 10 ECTS credits | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | A1 Work placement course | A2 Work placement | |
| Aa Contact hours | 10 | 240 | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | | | |
| B Independent work | 50 (organising the work placement position, completion of work placement report) | | |
| C Final module examination | | | |
| Module-component examinations | A2: Composition of work placement report. Module retake examination: students must rewrite or revise their work placement report or complete the work placement a second time. More details can be found in the work placement regulations. | | |
| Final mark | The work placement report will not receive a specific mark; instead, it will be graded pass/fail. The mark for this module does not contribute to a student's overall mark. | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Annually, in the summer semester Duration: 1 semester | | |
| Intake capacity | A1: 30 | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | |

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| 03-MA DC-T-10 | Thesis | 4th sem. | 10 CP |
| Module | Thesis | | |
| Module code | 03 – MA Democracy and Cooperation – Thesis – Module 10 | | |
| Faculty/Subject/ Department | FB03 / Institute for Political Science | | |
| Associated degree course(s)/Semester taken | MA Democracy and Cooperation / 4 th semester | | |
| Module coordinator | cf. German version | | |
| Prerequisites | Modules 1-9 (where applicable, outside elective module) | | |
| Learning outcomes | Each student will develop a question related to a topic in the discipline and work independently to answer it using scholarly methods while presenting results in a manner appropriate to the area of study. | | |
| Module content | The master's thesis can build upon and extend beyond the material from the work placement semester or expand upon work done in a subject area module. Content will be approved by the advisor; when possible, student suggestions will be taken into consideration. | | |
| Form(s) of instruction | A1 Colloquium | | |
| Method of assessment | Final module exam | | |
| Total workload in hours | 900 = 30 ECTS credits | | |
| Consisting of: A Courses | | | |
| Aa Contact hours | | | |
| Ab Preparation/revision | | | |
| B Independent work | Composition of master's thesis: 800 Preparation of colloquium: 100 | | |
| C Final module examination | One-hour colloquium based on the submitted master's thesis. | | |
| Module-component examinations | -- | | |
| Final mark | A1: 80% master's thesis 20% oral examination (thesis defence) Module retake examination: a thesis receiving a failing mark must be rewritten according to §34 par. 2, sentence 2 <i>Allgemeine Bestimmung</i> (General Regulations). A failed oral examination must be retaken. | | |
| Frequency, Duration in Semesters | Annually, in the summer semester Duration: 1 semester | | |
| Intake capacity | | | |
| Language of instruction | German, English | | |

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