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und Sozialwissenschaften

English-taught Modules Bachelor and Master

Social Sciences and Public Affairs (Staats- und Sozialwissenschaften)



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Thank you for your interest in studying at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at the University of the Bundeswehr Munich. In accordance with the internationalisation of our University, our Faculty offers a range of courses in English at both the BA and MA levels. Whether you are planning a short visit or a longer stay, we are happy to welcome you.

In this brochure you will find short descriptions of our core curriculum in English: courses in international relations, law, history, economics, sociology and related disciplines, with the main requirements and the number of ECTS points you may receive upon completing them. Please feel free to contact lecturers directly, in case you have any questions or need more information.

In addition to the courses listed below, in each trimester members of our Faculty may offer other seminars in English, along with public lectures or workshops. Many of them are also glad to supervise your project during your stay – you can read more about upcoming events and our professors' fields of interest on the Faculty's website:

<https://www.unibw.de/sowi-en>

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our lively, interdisciplinary, and internationally embedded community!

Module: Internationale und innerstaatliche Konflikte / International and Intra-state conflicts

Academic: Prof. Timothy Williams

Season: 5th Trimester **Winter**

Option A, Credit points: 4 ECTS

Course Title: Seminar in module – changes annually

Weekly contact hours: 2 per week = 90 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: active participation in course; research paper of 4,000-6,000 words.

Total workload: 120 hours

Course description:

The module consists of a German-language lecture introducing peace and conflict studies (it is possible to visit this for an additional 2 ECTS), as well as seminar courses that deep-dive into individual topics. At least one seminar course is offered in English, in most years it will be multiple courses. Topics vary and include violence and perpetrators, conflict resolution, colonial legacies, populism, transitional justice and others.

Option B, Credit points: 8 ECTS

Course Title: Seminar in module – changes annually

TWS: 2 seminars, each of 2 per week = 90 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: active participation in both courses; one research paper of 4,000-6,000 words in each course (altogether two research papers).

Total workload: 240 hours

Course description:

The module consists of a German-language lecture introducing peace and conflict studies (it is possible to visit this for an additional 2 ECTS), as well as seminar courses that deep-dive into individual topics. In years where more than one English-language course is offered, two courses can be taken in parallel. Topics vary and include violence and perpetrators, conflict resolution, colonial legacies, populism, transitional justice and others.

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Module: Macht, Herrschaft, Gesellschaft / Power and Society

Academic: Prof. Dr. Endre Dányi & Dr. Jenni Brichzin

Season: 6th Trimester **Spring**

Credit points: 5 ECTS

Course Title: Power and Society

Proficiency: interest in political sociology and/or social theory

Weekly contact hours: 2+2 per week = 180 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: regular participation in both seminars, weekly comments on required readings, one in-class presentation and a final paper of 4-6000 words (deadline: 15 July)

Total workload: 150 hours

Course description:

This introductory course for BA students aims to provide an overview of the most important conceptualisations of power in sociology and related fields. Throughout the trimester students will be introduced to the works of Marx, Weber, Foucault, Goffman, Bourdieu and Butler, as well as a number of postcolonial theorists and theorists of the Anthropocene. They will also have the chance to assess the relevance of these works through contemporary examples.

Reading List: a reading list is made available prior to the spring term (FT).

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Module: Menschenrechte / Human Rights

Academic: Thomas Frenz, Mag. theol.

Season: 6th Trimester **Spring**

Credit points: 2–3 (depending on record of achievement)

Proficiency: interest in ethics and economics

Weekly contact hours: 2 per week = 90 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: Credits are awarded upon the successful completion of a short essay, a 20-minute oral exam, or a final paper of 4,000–6,000 words based on the course content.

Total workload: approximately 75 hours (depending on record of achievement)

Course Title: Economic Globalization and Human Rights

Course description:

The module consists of two German-language lecture courses that analyze human rights from an ethical/historical and from a legal perspective. In addition, students choose from a selection of seminar courses, one of which is the above-mentioned one conducted in English. The ethics course analyzes the ongoing debate on economic globalization from a human rights perspective. Class material will range from influential texts by critics and proponents of international economic integration from the early 2000s to current attempts of implementing economic, social and cultural rights in the global economy, e.g., the UN Global Compact or the EU Supply Chain Act. The course, in this way, seeks to uncover the human rights dimension of the globalization debate and explore the potentials and limits of a human rights-based approach to global justice.

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Module: Internationale Beziehungen in Geschichte und Gegenwart / International Relations in History and Present

Academic: Prof. Marc Frey

Season: 7th Trimester **Autumn**

Credit points: 5

Proficiency: interest in international law or history

Weekly contact hours: 2 per week = 90 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: readings, active participation, one essay of 8.000 words based upon a minimum of 10 books and articles. Deadline for the submission of the essay: December 15.

Total workload: 100 hours

Course Title: t.b.a.

Course description:

The module consists of two German-language lecture courses in international law and international history. In addition, students take a seminar course in either international law or international history. One seminar course is offered in English. Topics vary and include international organizations or human rights (international law) and colonialism or war and peace (international history). Specific course title will be available in the early summer prior to the fall term.

Reading List: a reading list will be available in the early summer prior to the fall term.

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Module: Friedens- und Konfliktforschung / Peace and Conflict Studies

Academic: Prof. Stephan Stetter

Season: 1st Trimester **Winter**

Credit points: 6

Proficiency: BA-level knowledge on IR theories and international politics

Weekly contact hours: 2 per week = 90 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: readings, active participation, working groups (in the tutorial) and short essays and flashlight questions in the accompanying seminar

Total workload: 180 hours

Course Title: Peace and Conflict in World Politics: Historical and Sociological Perspectives

Course description:

In this class we focus on core texts written in the disciplines of International Relations (IR) as well as Peace and Conflict Studies that address key dynamics of war, peace, security and conflict in world politics. The course covers topics such as, inter alia, the evolution and history of the world political system and war, the role of sovereignty, the relevance of human rights, the status of great powers, and peacebuilding and peace-related governmentally in world politics. Students are required to read core texts on these topics. Historical and current developments in world politics are then discussed in relation to these overarching topics and the required readings. Students will in particular acquire advanced knowledge about historical-sociological approaches to the study of world politics and develop competences in relating this to the study of empirical phenomena in this realm.

Reading List: a reading list will be distributed when the course starts.

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**Module: Aktuelle Fragen zur Entwicklung von Staat und Gesellschaft /
Current Issues in the development of state and society**

Academic: Prof. Marc Frey

Season: 1st Trimester **Winter**

Credit points: 5

Proficiency: MA-level

Weekly contact hours: 150 minutes each week.

Course title: yearly changing

Course Description:

The module consists of up to three parallel seminar courses, one of which is being offered in English. In the past, the English-language course covered the following topics: history of development thought and practices, Empires, history of international relations in the twentieth and twenty first century.

The topics vary, please see what is respectively announced.

Reading List: a reading list is made available prior to the fall term (HT).

Contact: Prof. Frey at marc.frey@unibw.de

**Module: Internationales Recht und Internationale Politik in der Praxis /
International Law and International Politics in Practice**

Academic: Prof. Christina Binder (in cooperation with Prof. Frank Höpfel, Prof. Ursula Kriebaum, Prof. Stephan Wittich (University of Vienna), Prof. Gerhard Fiolka (Université de Fribourg))

Season: 2nd Trimester **Spring**

Credit Points: 7

Proficiency: interest in international law, especially international criminal law

Weekly contact hours: 4 hours [3 days of the seminar will take place in Vienna, including the excursion to the United Nations; the reminder is held at the UniBWM]

Record of achievement: Presentation (30%), excerpt & written seminar paper (70%), active participation in the excursion to the United Nations in Vienna.

Total workload: 210 hours in total; time in presence 48h, self-study 162h

Course Title: Theories of Globalisation; Globalisation in Practice

Course description:

The seminar is offered jointly with the University of Vienna; it is held in English. Participants will be offered in-depth knowledge of international criminal law from an international law, criminal law and human rights perspective. An excursion to the United Nations in Vienna will demonstrate the practical relevance of the topic. In this context, representatives of international organizations and institutions (UNODC, etc.) active in the practice of international law will report on current issues from their field of activity.

Reading List: a reading list will be provided early spring before each seminar. Likewise, a list with possible seminar topics will be provided before each seminar.

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Module: Globalisierung und Mobilität / Globalisation and mobility

Academic: Prof. Dr. Endre Dányi & Dr. Jenni Brichzin

Season: 3rd Trimester **Autumn**

Credit points: 7

Proficiency: interest in theories of globalisation, political sociology and/or cultural anthropology

Weekly contact hours: 2+2 per week = 180 minutes weekly

Record of achievement: regular participation in both seminars, weekly comments on required readings, one in-class presentation and a final paper of 6-8000 words (deadline: 15 January)

Total workload: 210 hours

Course Title: Theories of Globalisation; Globalisation in Practice

Course description:

The purpose of this MA course is twofold: 1) to introduce students to the most important works on globalisation by such sociologists and cultural anthropologists as Arjun Appadurai, Ulrich Beck, Zygmunt Bauman, Saskia Sassen and Anna Tsing, and 2) to examine how globalisation as a meta-discourse has changed over the past couple of decades. The latter will be achieved through a close engagement with recent studies of the Anthropocene.

Reading List: a reading list is made available prior to the fall term (HT).

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Module: Forschungsseminar I&II / Research Seminar
Different Academics: Prof. Martin Binder and others
Season: Autumn and Winter

For example Prof. Binder - will be offered HT 24

Proficiency: Participating students should have successfully completed introductory statistics classes and be familiar with basic descriptive and inferential statistics. Additional knowledge in econometrics is helpful but not necessary.

TWS: 2 per week = 90 minutes weekly

Total workload: 180 hours

Course Title: Introduction to Econometrics Using R

Course description:

The seminar series “Introduction to Econometrics Using R” (consisting of the consecutive courses “Forschungsseminar 1” and “Forschungsseminar 2”) introduces students to the methods of applied economics by analyzing observational data via regression analysis (using the freely available statistical software packages R and R Studio). During the seminar series, students develop their own research question to be answered with data sets such as the European Social Survey (ESS) or World Values Survey (WVS), which allow for answering a multitude of different research questions (in the areas of economics, the environment, sociology or political science).

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Module: Vergleich politischer und gesellschaftlicher Systeme / Comparison of political and social systems

Academic: Dr. Wiebke Drews

Season: not before **Winter** 2026

Course Title: "Digital Politics: Participation, Elections & Information"

Course description:

The seminar explores how the digital age and particularly social media affect political expressions and behavior. Students gain insights into the constantly changing social media landscape and will learn to critically interpret and review recent scholarly work on political communication, digital politics, and democracy.

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