

Master Sociology – European Societies

In accordance with the study and examination regulations of May 15 ,
2024

Overview of all modules

Basic area

- Modul 1 The Political Unification Process in Europe and the Development of European Societies since 1945 (10 LP)
- Modul 2 Sociological Theories of Societal Changes and Societal Integration (10 LP)
- Modul 3 Methods of Comparative Social Research (10 LP)

Consolidation area

- Modul 4 Social Structure and Inequalities in European Societies (10 LP)
- Modul 5 Values and Culture from a European Comparative Perspective (10 LP)
- Modul 6 Globalization and Regional Development (10 LP)

Specialization area

- Modul 7 Research Internship (15 LP)
- Modul 8: entweder: a) Specialization – Advanced Methods of Empirical Social Research (15 LP)
b) Specialization – Special Fields of Sociological Research (15 LP)
- Modul 9 Sociological Research (5 LP)

The compulsory modules (basic)

Semester	Modules	CP	Courses	Forms of active participation	Module Exam
Basic (Semester 1), 30 CP					
1. FS (Winter)	The Political Unification Process in Europe and the Development of European Societies since 1945	10 CP	1 lecture/ Intr. course (2 h/p. week) + 1 advanced seminar (2 h/p. week)	Lect.: Recapitulation of the lecture, discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, use of interactive learning media, passing a test; Adv. Sem.: Discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, preparation of excerpts and thesis papers, assumption of presentations and discussion facilitation, use of interactive learning media, participation in group work, processing of assignments, term paper or essays	Written exam (90 minutes)
1. FS (Winter)	Sociological Theories of Societal Changes and Societal Integration	10 CP	1 lecture/ Intr. course (2 h/p. week) + 1 advanced seminar (2 h/p. week)	Lect.: Recapitulation of the lecture, discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, use of interactive learning media; Adv. Sem.: Discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, preparation of excerpts and thesis papers, assumption of presentations and discussion facilitation, use of interactive learning media, participation in group work, processing of tasks	Term paper (approx. 5000 words)
1. FS (Winter)	Methods of Comparative Social Research	10 CP	1 lecture/ Intr. course (2 h/p. week) + 1 advanced seminar (2 h/p. week)	Lect.: Recapitulation of the lecture, discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, use of interactive learning media, passing a test; Adv. Sem.: Discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, preparation of excerpts and thesis papers, assumption of presentations and discussion facilitation, use of interactive learning media, participation in group work, processing of assignments, term paper or essays	Written exam (90 minutes)

The compulsory modules (advanced)

Semester	Module	CP	Courses	Forms of active participation	Module Exam
Consolidation (Semester 2), 30 CP In these three modules of this study section, an oral examination and two term papers must be completed. Both forms of examination are offered in each module (PO 2013 § 4, para. 2). Free choice of which of the three modules the oral examination will be taken					
2. FS (Summer)	Social Structure and Inequalities in European Societies	10 CP	1 Advanced Lecture (2 h/p. week) + 1 advanced seminar (2 h/p. week)	Adv. Lect.: Recapitulation of the lecture, discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, use of interactive learning media, passing a test; Adv. Sem.: Discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, preparation of excerpts and thesis papers, taking over presentations and leading discussions, use of interactive learning media, participation in group work, processing of tasks	Term paper (approx. 5000 words) or oral exam (approx. 25 minutes)
2. FS (Summer)	Values and Culture from a European Comparative Perspective	10 CP	1 Advanced Lecture (2 h/p. week) + 1 advanced seminar (2 h/p. week)	Adv. Lect.: Recapitulation of the lecture, discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, use of interactive learning media, passing a test; Adv. Sem.: Discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, preparation of excerpts and thesis papers, taking over presentations and leading discussions, use of interactive learning media, participation in group work, processing of tasks	Term paper (approx. 5000 words) or oral exam (approx. 25 minutes)
2. FS (Summer)	Globalization and Regional Development	10 CP	1 Advanced Lecture (2 h/p. week) + 1 advanced seminar (2 h/p. week)	Adv. Lect.: Recapitulation of the lecture, discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, use of interactive learning media, passing a test; Adv. Sem.: Discussion on the basis of preparatory reading, preparation of excerpts and thesis papers, taking over presentations and leading discussions, use of interactive learning media, participation in group work, processing of tasks	Term paper (approx. 5000 words) or oral exam (approx. 25 minutes)

Modules Area of Specialization

Semester	Module	CP	Courses	Forms of active participation	Module Exam
Area of Specialization (Semester 3), compulsory modules 20 CP					
3. FS (Winter)	Compulsory module: Research Internship	15 CP	1 research replacement (4 h/p. week)	participation in the teaching discussion; Preparation of exposés and Research plans, independent selection of secondary data (if necessary, independent data collection), data preparation, data evaluation and data documentation, preparation of excerpts and literature reports, presentation of results, use of interactive learning media (e-learning), participation in dialogical forms of learning	Research report (approx. 7000 words)
4. FS (Summer)	Compulsory module: Sociological Research	5 CP	1 Colloquium (accompanying the master's thesis)	Reading, presentation of your own research work, presentation own contributions to the discussion, preparation of an exposé	None
Specialization: Elective modules, 1 of 2 must be completed, 15 CP					
3. FS (Winter)	Elective module: Specialization – Advanced Methods of Empirical Social Research	15 CP	2 Advanced seminars (each 2 h/p. week)	Both Ad. Sem: Participation in the lecture, preparation of reviews, literature reports and thesis papers, taking over presentations and leading discussions, use of interactive learning media (e-learning), participation in group work, processing of tasks, Term paper or essays	Presentation with paper (approx. 3000 words); this module examina- tion is not graded
3. FS (Winter)	Elective module: Specialization – Special Fields of Sociological Research	15 CP	2 Advanced seminars (each 2 h/p. week)	Both Ad. Sem: Participation in the lecture, preparation of reviews, literature reports and thesis papers, taking over presentations and leading discussions, use of interactive learning media (e-learning), participation in group work, processing of tasks, Term paper or essays	Presentation with paper (approx. 3000 words); this module examina- tion is not graded

Colloquium and Master's Thesis

Semester	CP	Achievement
Master's Thesis 25 LP		
4. FS (Summer)	25 CP	+ obligatory, accompanying colloquium, see module "Sociological Research" above 1 MA thesis (at least 15,000 words, + preceded by a two-page abstract (approx. 500 words)) Processing time 22 weeks. Helpful guidelines of the institute can be found here, web link in first line: https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/en/soziologie/studium/master/study-organization/Inhaltselemente-Study-Organization/MA-Thesis-and-completion.html

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Important web links:

Campus Management at the FU Berlin: www.fu-berlin.de/campusmanagement

Campus Management am FB PolSoz: https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/studium/studienbuero/cm_fuer_studierende/index.html

Institute of Sociology Homepage: <https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/soziologie/index.html>

Study and Examination Regulations, SfS, RSPO:
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