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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CP	credit points
ECTS	European Credit Transfer

Introduction

This module manual serves as an orientation for students and applicants concerning structure and contents of the courses Philosophy, Politics and Economics (M.A.).

This course was introduced in Winter Semester 2014/15 at the Faculty of Management, Economics and Society. It underwent the reaccreditation process in 2018.

The revised module manual refers to the valid study and exam regulations of Winter Semester 2019/20 which binding for all students who take up their studies in Winter Semester 2019/20 or thereafter.

Language of tuition is English.

Additional classes which are not offered as part of the core curriculum on a temporary basis can be found in the list of classes in the campus management system UWE.

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Exemplary Study Plan

Reccomended Term	Module Identifier	Title	ECTS-Points
1. Term	MP-CMe-1801	Philosophy of Science	5
	MP-CMe-1802	Quantitative Methods (focus Applied Econometrics)	5
	MP-CBa-1801	Basics in Philosophy I – Ethics and Political Philosophy	5
	MP-CBa-1803	Basics in Politics I – Introductory Political Economy	5
	MP-CBa-1805	Basics in Economics I – Basics in microeconomics and institutional economics	5
	MP-ESf-1801	Studium fundamentale	5
	ECTS per Term		
2. Term	MP-CMe-1803	Advanced Qualitative Methods	5
	MP-CBa-1802	Basics in Philosophy II – Philosophy of the Social Sciences	5
	MP-CBa-1804	Basics in Politics II – Introductory International Relations	5
	MP-CBa-1806	Basics in Economics II – Macroeconomics	5
		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
	MP-ESf-1801	Studium fundamentale	5
	ECTS per Term		
3. Term		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
	MP-ESf-1801	Studium fundamentale	5
	ECTS per Term		
4. Term		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
		Free-Elective Module or Major at the student's choice	5
	MP-OTh-1801	Master Thesis	20
1.-4. Term	TOTAL ECTS-POINTS		120

Compulsory Modules

**Module Group “Advanced Methods”
(Compulsory)**

MP-CMe-1801	Philosophy of Science
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	1 st semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The module provides an introduction to the philosophy of science. The main objective is to give to the students the tools to better understand the structure of scientific theories as well as the applications of scientific methods and re-search strategies to practical problems in everyday life and to management challenges.</p> <p>Some of the topics that we will tackle in the seminar include: logical positivism and inductivism, falsificationism, scientific revolutions, scientific realism, and the inference to the best explanation. The students will learn to conduct scientific discussions, especially with respect to questions about scientific proofs and scientific theory construction. At the same time, the students are trained in reflecting their own scientific work.</p> <p>The final part of the course is dedicated to the topic of evidence-based management as the place where philosophy of science meets management practice. The students learn the fundamental concepts and discuss case-studies of evidence-based management. The module covers mainly the following topics: Science as a form of cognition, Experiments and design, Inductivism, Falsifiability, Theory as structures, New Experimentalism, Bayesian Inference, Evidence based management.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a block unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the supervisor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The block unit is based on a case study, in which the students have to apply the general methods to a management problem.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students acquire knowledge about the main positions in philosophy of science on the nature of scientific research, the structure of scientific theories, and the form of scientific methodology and scientific evidence. They reflect and interpret several prominent authors, discuss the implications, and present their own positions in class.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and examples related to the studied topics. Moreover, they apply and evaluate the studied methods through the application to several case studies from evidence-based management.

Systemic Competences	Students demonstrate how a practical problem can be solved by applying general scientific methods. They predict how their offered solution will affect the studied systems and they explain why the predicted changes occur in those systems.
Communicative Competences	Students work in a team when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in a team when analyzing and solving the case studies from evidence-based management. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (120 minutes)	
Precondition for award of credits	
Submission of two discussion sheets.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
Compulsory elective module in the Master courses Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.) and General Management (M.A.)	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Pfeffer, J. and Sutton, R. (2006a), Evidence-based management, Harvard Business Review.</p> <p>Pfeffer, J. and Sutton, R. (2006b), Hard Facts, Dangerous Half-Truths and Total Nonsense - Profiting from Evidence-Based Management, Harvard Business School Press.</p> <p>Staley, Kent W. (2014), And Introduction to Philosophy of Science. Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Godfrey-Smith, P.: Theory and Reality: An introduction to the Philosophy of Science. Chicago: University of Chicago Press 2003.</p> <p>Psillos, S. and M. Curd (eds): The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Science. New York: Routledge 2008.</p> <p>Papineau, D.: The Philosophy of Science. Oxford: Oxford University Press 1996.</p>	

MP-CMe-1802	Quantitative Methods (focus Applied Econometrics)
Module Supervisor/s:	Junior-Prof. Dr. Magdalene Silberberger
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	1 st semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
This course covers the statistical tools needed to understand empirical economic research and to plan and execute independent research projects. It focuses on the estimation, inference and identification of linear regression models. The course will include the use of R, a standard software for econometric and statistical analysis.	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course provides a theoretical background on the main statistical tools which is complemented by the analysis of research papers. The tutorial unit will focus on the use of R in which students will have the opportunity to apply the theoretical Knowledge.	
Admission requirements	
No admission requirements (introductory course)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	The first learning objective of this course is to provide students with econometric theory to understand economic research. The second learning objective is to provide them with a toolkit to conduct independent research projects.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn to match the theoretical frameworks to the specific research question. They learn the single steps which are necessary to execute research projects.
Systemic Competences	This course is primarily directed at developing and practicing the students' ability to critique and create research designs.
Communicative Competences	Students work in a team when analyzing actual cases of research in the social sciences. They communicate their results to the audience and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (60 minutes).	

Precondition for award of credits
None
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
Compulsory elective module in the Master courses Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.) and General Management (M.A.)
Learning material, literature
Imai, K.: Quantitative Social Science: An Introduction, Princeton University Press 2017. Wooldridge, J. M.: Introductory Econometrics, South-Western, 2016

MP-CMe-1803	Advanced Qualitative Methods
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Marcel Hülsbeck
ECTS/Credits, Worklad:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sommersemester/summer term <input type="checkbox"/> Wintersemester/winter term
Short description	
<p>Do live crocodiles affect a person's willingness to gamble? What are the perceived personalities of rocks from a sales and marketing perspective? Are ladies who own cats actually more likely to be crazy? Each year, Harvard University selects the most fascinating and outrageous questions researched in a variety of domains to award the Ig-Nobel prize. All these questions have in common that they are relevant, investigated through rigorous research methods, and found to be highly entertaining. If you sometimes also catch yourself thinking "I wonder if it is actually true that..." then you have come to the right course – welcome to Qualitative Methods. This course will challenge you to use the Knowledge you might already have of qualitative methods and use it as a tool to create new Knowledge.</p> <p>In this course, students have the opportunity to be an independent researcher, finding an interesting question to research, using qualitative methods to answer that question and sharing the findings through a presentation and a research paper. The course will guide students through different qualitative research methods and in developing their own research study.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
Interactive lecture	
Methodic implementation	
Interactive seminar with discussions; lectures, group work and presentations by students	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students are able to define theories to build up a qualitative research question. Students gain Knowledge on qualitative research design and ways of collecting data, as well as sampling. Students learn about the different approaches and analyzing methods. They are able to select a fitting approach and data-analysis methods to answer their own research question.
Instrumental Competences	Students use the acquired theoretical Knowledge on qualitative research to develop a study design. Students are able to collect data in order to answer their research question. Students demonstrate analytical skills through analyzing their data and derive conclusions from their research. Students are able to identify existing limitations in their research study and are able to formulate implications based on their results.

Systemic Competences	Students are able to build up a valid argumentation for the choices and decisions made based on theory and their research question. In addition, students also demonstrate an in-depth understanding of their chosen qualitative approach. They are also able to identify the added value of their research study.
Communicative Competences	Students can report on their data analysis results and present their research in front of researchers and practitioners alike. Students can present their research study and persuade others of the validity of the research question, chosen qualitative research approach and presented findings.
Exam assessments and forms	
Assessment is based on a written paper (ca. 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
Positive evaluation of the paper	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
Compulsory elective module in the Master courses Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.) and General Management (M.A.)	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Savin-Baden, M. & Howell Major, C. (2013). <i>Qualitative Research. The essential guide to theory and practice</i>. Routledge</p> <p>Charmaz, K. (2014) Grounded theory in global perspective: Reviews by international researchers. <i>Qualitative Inquiry</i>, 20 (9), 1074-1084.</p> <p>DeCuir-Gunby, J.T., Marshall, P.L., & McCulloch, A.W. (2012). Developing and using a codebook for the analysis of interview data: an example from a professional development research project. <i>Field Methods</i>, 23(2), 136-155.</p> <p>Gladstone, B.M., McKeever, P., Seeman, M., & Boydell, K.M. (2014). Analysis of a support group for children of parents with mental illnesses: Managing stressful situations. <i>Qualitative Health Research</i>, 24(9), 1171-1182.</p> <p>Fleming, J., Beresford, P., Bewley, C., Croft, S., Branfield, F. Postle, K., & Turner, M. (2014). Working together – innovative collaboration in social care research. <i>Qualitative Social Work</i>, 13(5), 706-722.</p> <p>Flyvbjerg, B. (2006), Five misunderstandings about case-study research. <i>Qualitative Inquiry</i> 12 (2), 219-245.</p> <p>Kearns, K. (2014). Working reflexively with ethical complexity in narrative research with disadvantaged young people. <i>Qualitative Social Work</i>, 13(4), 502-521.</p> <p>Koenig, T.L., Lee, J.H., Macmillan, K.R., Fields, N.L., & Spano, R. (2014). Older adult and family member perspectives of the decision-making process involved in moving to assisted living. <i>Qualitative Social Work</i>, 13(3), 335-350.</p> <p>Krummaker, S. & Vogel, B. (2013). An in-depth view of the facets, antecedents, and effects of leaders' change competency: Lessons from a case study. <i>The Journal of Applied Behavioral Science</i>, 49(3), 279-307.</p>	

- St. Pierre, E.A. & Jackson, A.Y. (2014). Qualitative data analysis after coding. *Qualitative Inquiry*, 20(6), 715–719.
- Thomas, D. R. (2006). A general inductive approach for analyzing qualitative evaluation data. *American Journal of Evaluation*, 27(2), 237-246.
- Tracy, S. J. (2010). Qualitative quality: Eight “big-tent” criteria for excellent qualitative research. *Qualitative inquiry*, 16(10), 837-851.
- Van de Wiel, M. W. J., Van den Bossche, P., Janssen, S., & Jossberger, H. (2011). Exploring deliberate practice in medicine: how do physicians learn in the workplace? *Advances in Health Sciences Education: Theory and Practice*, 16(1), 81–95.

**Module Group “Basics in PPE”
(Compulsory)**

MP-CBa-1801	Basics in Philosophy I: Ethics and Political Philosophy
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	1 st semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The module provides an introduction to ethics and political philosophy. Students explore classical positions regarding the basic question of how humans can and should live with each other from systematic, ethical and historical perspectives.</p> <p>The module mainly covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical foundations of politics and society • The origins of political institutions and the search for the ideal form of a social community (Plato, Aristotle) • Reflection of the terms of justice, equality, morality and law • The sovereign state (Machiavelli, Hobbes), forms of constitutional government (Locke), and democracy (Rousseau, Tocqueville). • Liberalism, conservatism, socialism, collectivism, anarchism • Public goods and public sphere • Discrimination and gender justice • Ethical dimensions of globalization 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
No admission requirements (introductory course)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students acquire Knowledge about the historical and current positions regarding law and justice, general forms of political action, and issues involved in mutual obligations of individuals and the state. They acquire skills to make competent contributions to debates on economic aspects of political philosophy, i.e. topics related to rights of property, liberty and justice.

Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics. Moreover, they apply and evaluate the studied methods through the application to practical challenges in policy making and institutional design.
Systemic Competences	Students show how the studied concepts and norms have implications for the design of political systems, policies, and institutions. They explain how existing institutions would have to be modified under the presupposition of the studied positions.
Communicative Competences	Students work in teams when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in teams when analyzing and solving the case studies in political design and policy making. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (60 minutes).	
Precondition for award of credits	
Submission of two discussion sheets	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Bird, C. (2006). An introduction to political philosophy. Cambridge University Press</p> <p>Estlund, David, ed. (2012). The Oxford handbook of political philosophy. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ("OHPP").</p> <p>Goodin, R. E., & Pettit, P. (2006). Contemporary political philosophy: an anthology. Oxford: Blackwell. ("CPP")</p> <p>Hobbes, T. (1651). Leviathan – or the Matter, Forme, & Power of a Common-wealth Ecclesiasticall and Civill. London. (Prepared for the McMaster University Archive of the History of Economic Thought, by Rod Hay.)</p> <p>Knowles, D. (2001). Political philosophy (Vol. 6). London: Routledge.</p> <p>Lane, M. (2014). Ancient Political Philosophy. The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Winter 2014 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2014/entries/ancient-political/.</p> <p>Locke, J. (1689/1823). Two Treatise of Government; from The Works of John Lock (10 Vols.). London (Prepared by Rod Hay for the McMaster University Archive of the History of Economic Thought).</p> <p>Miller, D. (2003). Political philosophy: A very short introduction. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Pettit, P., Goodin, R. E. (1997). Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Anthology. Oxford: Wiley-</p>	

Blackwell.

Risse, M. (2012). *Global Political Philosophy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Stevens, R.G. (2011): *Political Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2011.

Swift, Adam (2014). *Political Philosophy*, 3rd edition. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Wolff, J. (2006). *An introduction to political philosophy*. Oxford University Press.

MP-CBa-1802	Basics in Philosophy II: Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The module provides an introduction to the main problems and themes in the philosophy of the social sciences. Its first part focuses on parts of the introductory book by Martin Hollis. The book touches the rationalist vs. empiricist approaches and distinguishes an individualistic from a holistic methodology. It goes on to discuss rationality concepts in the social sciences, the notion of social action, and the distinction of self and role. Finally, it provides an overview of the understanding vs. explanation debate and the debate on the possibility of a value free social science.</p> <p>The module mainly covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions and concepts in the social sciences • Relation between the social sciences and the natural sciences • Social science research and technological intervention • Explanations and prognoses • Individualism vs. collectivism • The problem of objectivity and value judgement • Complexity • Text interpretation 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	The course conveys the ability to handle contents and positions from the philosophy of the social sciences with competence. Students acquire familiarity with major authors in the field through the study of original literature and learn how to relate this Knowledge to scientific findings.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and examples related to the studied topics. Moreover, they apply and evaluate the studied concepts and methods to actual cases of research in the social sciences.

Systemic Competences	Students show how the studied concepts and norms have implications for the design of research in the social sciences. In particular, they learn to understand the system of scientific research, and to clarify the potential to integrate different research results into an overall model.
Communicative Competences	Students work in teams when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in teams when analyzing actual cases of research in the social sciences. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (60 minutes).	
Precondition forward of credits	
Submission discussion sheets	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Hollis, Martin. (2006). The Philosophy of Social Science – an Introduction. Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Mäki, Uskali. (2001) (ed.): The Economic World View. Studies in the Ontology of Economics, Cambridge. Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Mantzavinos, C. (2009) (ed.): Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p>	

MP-CBa-1803	Basics in Politics I: Introductory Political Economy
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	1 st semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This course provides an introduction into theories at the interface of political science and economics. It both looks into approaches that use the tools of microeconomics to understand political processes (Public Choice) and into approaches that look at economic processes through the lens of the social sciences (e.g. Varieties of Capitalism). A special focus is on the tensions that regularly emerge between economists and political scientists as reactions to both kinds of disciplinary “imperialism”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Pre-Analytical Visions” in Economics and Political Science • Introductory Public Choice • Varieties of Capitalism, Embeddedness of Markets, Power Relations and Exchange <p>The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will take the form of an interactive lecture, the tutorial be based on classroom discussion of selected readings.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	The main learning objective of this course is to introduce students to the challenge of interdisciplinary research, in particular at the intersection of political science and economics. Students learn how different academic disciplines develop different “lenses” through which they observe social reality. They learn to identify the core problems of inter-disciplinary communication and learn how these difficulties can be overcome.
Instrumental Competences	Students improve their understanding of the methodological foundations of political science and economics and increase their competence to engage in interdisciplinary exchange at the intersection of the disciplines.

Systemic Competences	Students develop the competence to engage in the interdisciplinary analysis of politics and economics, that is, they learn to use tools from the toolboxes of political science and of economics and to combine these tools in a competent way. This way, they increase their ability to analyze problems from more than one discipline.
Communicative Competences	Students learn to understand both: the language of economics and of political science when it comes to problems at the interface of both disciplines. This improves their ability to communicate at the interface of the disciplines and to express themselves in a way that is understandable both to economists and to political scientists.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (60 minutes)	
Precondition for award of credits	
Submission of two discussion sheets.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Weingast, B.R., Wittman, D.A. (eds): The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2006. Barma, N.H., Vogel, S.K. (eds): The Political Economy Reader. Markets as Institutions, New York, London: Routledge 2008.	

MP-CBa-1804	Basics in Politics II: Introductory International Relations
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Nils-Christian Bormann
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This course introduces students to the key actors and institutions in the study of international relations. Beginning with the origin of states during different periods, the course traces the historical emergence of the interstate systems inside and outside Europe. It then introduces students to explaining state interactions as a result of realist and critical systemic theories. In addition, students learn to explain international interactions through variation in domestic actors (first image explanations) and domestic institutions (second image). Finally, the course moves back to the system-level and traces the role of international and transnational institutions as well as international society in explaining interstate behavior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actors, institutions and system configurations as explanations of interstate interactions • Domestic, transnational, and systemic theories of interstate interactions • Focus on major concepts of international relations and critical reflection of these concepts <p>The instructor will introduce key concepts and their historical importance. Students are asked to question the internal validity of these concepts and contrast key concepts with individual case evidence explored during the session or in advance of the main class. Usually, reading assignments will present texts that include either a theoretical debate and students will have to argue on one side of the debate or another, or contrast a major theory with an empirical application that does not provide a perfect fit. Tutorial sessions will often focus on supervised group work that lets students explore scholarly databases of international interactions and apply their theoretical Knowledge to current issues.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will take the form of an interactive lecture, the tutorial be based on classroom discussion of selected readings.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	The main learning objective of this course is to introduce students to the main theoretical concepts of international relations, and particularly learn to abstractly think of states and other international and domestic actors as variables with different characteristics. They learn to distinguish that similar states may behave differently in varying international contexts or that different states may

	behave in similar ways when institutional rules reward such behavior.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn to relate important current events to generalizable patterns and abstract concepts. After mastering concepts, students are exposed to competing theories and required to diagnose when theories' predictions apply and when hypotheses are falsified.
Systemic Competences	Demonstrating the ability to master abstract concepts and critically questioning these concepts enables students to relate to other fields of scientific inquiry with different concepts but similar methods of abstractions. It also prepares students for producing their own analyses.
Communicative Competences	Students learn to speak the disciplinary language of international relations in particular and political science in general. Moreover, they acquire the ability to articulate their critique of scholarly debates and argue for or against alternative theoretical concepts.
Exam assessments and forms	
Literature Review Paper (about 4000 words).	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Waltz, Kenneth (1959). Man, the State, and War. Columbia University Press: New York, NY.</p> <p>Keohane, Robert & Joseph Nye (2011 (1974)). Power and Interdependence. Longman Classics in Political Science: London, UK.</p> <p>Mann, Michael (1986). The Sources of Social Power Volume 1 – A History of Power from the Beginning to AD 1760.</p>	

Exam assessments and forms
Written exam (60 minutes).
Precondition for award of credits
None
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
<p>Goolsbee, Austan/ Levitt, Steven and Syverson, Chad (2016), Microeconomics, 2nd ed., Worth Publishers.</p> <p>Akerlof, George A. (1970): The Market for "Lemons": Quality Uncertainty and the Market Mechanism, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol. 84, No. 3, pp. 488-500.</p> <p>Becker, Gary S. (1993): The Economic Way of Looking at Behavior, in: The Journal of Political Economy, Vol. 101, No. 3, pp. 385-409.</p> <p>Coase, Ronald H. (1960): The Problem of Social Cost, Journal of Law and Economics, Vol. 3, pp. 1-44</p> <p>Williamson, Oliver E. (2005): Transaction Cost Economics, in: Ménard, Claude & Mary M. Shirley (Eds): Handbook of New Institutional Economics, Berlin, Heidelberg, pp. 41-65</p> <p>An additional reading list will be provided with the course outline via UWE.</p>

MP-CBa-1806	Basics in Economics II: Macroeconomics
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. André Schmidt
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The module deals with the basic elements of a macroeconomic analysis. Students learn how the different sectors within an economy (households, firms, government and foreign countries) interacts with each other and learn how the behaviour of these sectors influences the macroeconomic data with respect to employment, price level and economic growth. Students analyses the activities on goods markets, money markets and labor markets and should develop a better understanding of aggregate macroeconomic behavior. The module mainly covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics in national accounts • Equilibrium on goods markets • Equilibrium on money markets • The specific conditions of an open economy • Short run and long run equilibrium • Labor markets and inflation 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course is organized as a presentation and discussion seminar. After the presentation of the core elements students discuss about the consequences and implications of the theoretical insights for the economic reality.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students acquire basic Knowledge of macroeconomic data and the relevant relationships. They acquire skills for the analysis of policy measures, especially in the fields of fiscal and monetary policy.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics. Moreover, they apply and evaluate the studied methods through the application to practical challenges in policy making and institutional design.
Systemic Competences	Students show how the studied concepts and norms have implications for the design of economic systems, policies, and institutions. They learn to develop stable predictions about economic policy measures and the relating consequences.

Communicative Competences	Students work in a team when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in a team when analysing and solving the case studies in political design and policy making. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Blanchard, O. (2017). Macroeconomics. Pearson, Boston et al. Mankiw, G. (2015). Macroeconomics. Macmillan, Cambridge, Mass. Williamson, St. (2011), Macroeconomics. Addison-Wesley, Boston et al.	

P-CTh-1801	Master Thesis
Module supervisor/s:	Vice Dean for Student Affairs
ECTS/credits, Worklad:	20 contact hours: 0 h self study: 600 h
In Term:	4 th semester
Turnus/Dauer Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The Master thesis is evidence that students are able to tackle a research related project within limited time on their own. Students choose a research question within the realm of international economics, international politics, philosophy and society, or a related research area at the interface of philosophy, politics and economics. Students use their previously acquired Knowledge to design the project, conceptualise their own empiric research and carry out the research. They use adequate methods to acquire and analyze data. Students are able to reflect and scrutinize their results and to derive implications for research and practice. They are able to explore and develop topics formerly unknown to them and to make an independent contribution to the field.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
None	
Methodic implementation	
Individual supervision and mentoring	
Admission requirements	
Required level of ECTS points acquired (according to study regulations)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired in-depth Knowledge of the state of the art of research within the chosen topic. They know how to relate this research Knowledge to the specific research question at hand.
Instrumental Competences	Students are able to derive a fitting research strategy and empirical method in relation to the research question and the state of current research within the specific field. They are able to gather research data through adequate means. They are able to analyze and derive meaning from data.
Systemic Competences	Students have developed an advanced understanding of the scientific and societal relevance of their own research and research in general. They are able to evaluate and judge the reliability and validity of practical and theoretical research in their field. They are able to apply the principles of research to problems within their professional practice.
Communicative Competences	Students are able to explain and defend their research results to practitioners and researchers alike. They have developed the skills to present complex and novel Knowledge according to the principles of good research practices.

Exam assessments and forms
Master thesis (about 60 pages)
Precondition for award of credits
None
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature

Compulsory Elective Modules

Exam assessments and forms
All exam formats stipulated in examination regulations.
Precondition for award of credits
Evidence of graded examination, see "Stufu-information sheet" of the Faculty of Humanities and Arts.
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS and according to study regulations.
Teaching language
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deutsch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Veranstaltungsabhängig / depending on course
Module applicability
All study programmes at the University of Witten/Herdecke
Learning material, literature
Depending on course
Other information
A total amount of 15 CPs must be aquired in this module. In each seminar, 1, 2, 3 to a maximum of 4 ECTS credits can be acquired, depending on the examination. All examinations must be graded.

Elective Modules

**Major “International Economics”
(Elective)**

MP-EIE-1801	International Economics
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. André Schmidt
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd or 4 th semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The module deals with the basic elements of international economics. Students learn the effects of trade and the theory of comparative advantages. Moreover, students will be confronted with the redistributive effects of globalization under the application of imperfections of international trade. In the module we discuss the different kinds of strategic trade policy and different approaches to influence the pattern of trade</p> <p>The module mainly covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics of international trade • Factor price equalization by Heckscher/Ohlin • Imperfect competition and trade • Trade policy measures • Strategic trade policy • Globalization and international institutions 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course is organized as a presentation and discussion seminar. After the presentation of the core elements students discuss about the consequences and implications of the theoretical insights for the economic reality.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students acquire Knowledge about the basics international trade and the relevant relationships. They acquire skills for the analysis of trade policy measures, especially in the fields of development economics and regional integration.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics. Moreover, they apply and evaluate the studied methods through the application to practical challenges in policy making and institutional design.

Systemic Competences	Students show how the studied concepts and norms have implications for the design of trade policies and institutions. They learn to develop valid predictions about trade policy measures and the relating consequences.
Communicative Competences	Students work in a team when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in a team when analyzing and solving the case studies in political design and policy making. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
Free elective module in Master course Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.)	
Learning material, literature	
Gerber, J. (2014). International Economics, 6 th. Edition. Pearson. Krugman, P./Obstfeld, M./Melitz, M. (2015). International Trade: Theory and Policy, 10thEdition, Pearson.	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EIE-1802	Behavioural Economics
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Dirk Sauerland
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	3 rd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
This course is meant to provide an overview about the newly established field of behavioural economics (BE). BE is systematically integrating insights from psychology into economic model building. As some national governments have set up “behavioural economics units”, BE is becoming also more influential in (economic) policy making.	
Courses (module elements)	
The logic and basic elements of behavioural economics: theory Behavioural economics in action: recent applications The course is based on the textbooks by Eric Angner, a book by Richard H. Thaler and on original papers. It is mandatory that all participants read and prepare the literature before the respective session. Only this does ensure a high quality of discussion within the sessions.	
Methodic implementation	
Problem oriented presentation and discussion in small groups	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Economics I and II (MP-CBa-1805; MP-CBa-1806)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Having completed this course successfully, students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will know the historical development of the BE research programme • can identify the basic “anomalies” analysed by BE • will be able to explain the concept of nudging and its increasing importance for policy making.
Instrumental Competences	Having completed this course successfully, students will be able to present the basic ideas of BE and to develop examples for BE-applications in business and economic policy.
Systemic Competences	Students learn to explain examples of nudging interventions and to illustrate the underlying logic of the BE approach.
Communicative Competences	They will be able to assess and evaluate different applications, question the ethical implications of BE and relate the findings of BE to other economic approaches (e.g. institutional economics).

Exam assessments and forms
Paper (about 20 pages)
Precondition for award of credits
In class presentation of assigned topic
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
Free elective module in Master course Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.)
Learning material, literature
<p>Angner, Erik (2016): A Course in Behavioral Economics, 2nd ed., Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Thaler, Richard H. (2015): Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics, W.W. Norton & Company.</p> <p>Camerer, Colin F. and George Loewenstein (2003): Behavioral Economics: Past, Present, Future, in: Camerer, Colin F., George Loewenstein & Matthew Rabin (Ed.): Advances in Behavioral Economics, Princeton University Press, pp. 3-51.</p> <p>An additional reading list will be provided with the course outline via UWE.</p>
Other information
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.

MP-EIE-1803	Development Economics and Politics
Module Supervisor/s:	Jun.-Prof. Dr. Magdalene Silberberger
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	3 rd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>Traditional economics often fail to explain the mechanisms that keep families, regions, and even entire countries in poverty traps and have provided few effective solutions. Many countries in the global south are characterized by highly imperfect markets, consumers and producers with very limited information, and major structural changes that are taking place in both the society and the economy. Economic calculations are dominated by political and social priorities such as resolving tribal or ethnic conflicts, or preserving religious and cultural traditions, challenging the assumptions of traditional economics such as perfect markets of economic rationality. The course looks into the main issues of development economics and policy using theoretical and empirical approaches, as well as country case studies.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
Each session focuses on a specific topic, usually with a brief introduction by the course instructor. Subsequently, there will input by one or two students, followed by a discussion on the basis of research papers or key questions. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Economics I and II (MP-CBa-1805; MP-CBa-1806)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Based on theoretical and empirical analyses participants develop an understanding of the obstacles to economic growth and development and the ability to autonomously evaluate and give recommendations that match the situation of the specific country.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn to apply the micro- and macroeconomic frameworks to a wide array of problems related to growth and development. They learn to categorize these problems, collect relevant data and on this basis discuss possible solutions.
Systemic Competences	Students transfer the Knowledge generated by theoretical and empirical contributions to specific countries or regions (often the ones students come from) and discuss the problems that occur in the course of application. They thereby learn how to adapt theories to specific contexts.

Communicative Competences	Students communicate their thoughts concerning a specific topic to the audience with a prepared presentation and discuss their findings. Furthermore, this course specifically contributes to intercultural Competences, as students typically look at a large array of countries, which naturally leads to an exchange over the specific characteristics of these societies.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Todaro, M.P. and Smith, S.C.: Economic Development, Prentice Hall 2015 Perkins, D.H. and Radelet, S.: Economics of Development, Norton & Company 2012 Thirlwall, A.P. and Pacheco-López, P.: Economics of Development, Palgrave 2017</p>	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EIE-1804	Institutional Economics
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>Why are some societies rich while others are not? This is one of the central questions economists have been trying to answer over the last 250 years. In the social sciences, there is now a consensus that institutions, the "humanly devised constraints that structure political, economic, and social interaction"(D.C. North), have a major impact on the prosperity and poverty of nations. The course seeks to identify the channels via which institutions influence growth, development, and political stability. In accordance with the interdisciplinary nature of the PPE program, a special focus is on the possible synergies between institutionalist approaches in economics and the other social sciences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significance of the institutional approach for economic performance of societies, • Interdependence of economic, political and legal institutions, • Correlation between formal and informal institutions, • Problems with the diffusion and transfer of institutions in the global economy. 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
First, the course covers the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit focuses on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Economics I and II (MP-CBa-1805; MP-CBa-1806)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Participants develop an understanding of the relevance of institutions - including political and legal regulations - to economic processes of growth and development, and the ability to autonomously analyse the complex interplay between political, legal, and economic constraints as well as between formal and informal institutions.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn to apply the institutionalist framework to a wide array of problems related to growth, development and transformation of societies. They learn to categorize these problems, collect relevant data and on this basis they discuss possible solutions.

Systemic Competences	By applying theories to specific countries or regions (often the ones students come from) and discussing the problems that occur in the course of application, students learn how to adapt theories to specific contexts.
Communicative Competences	This course specifically contributes to intercultural Competences, as students typically apply institutionalist theories to their native countries, which naturally leads to an exchange over the specific cultural traits of these societies and how they affect the economic and political order but also social interaction. This way, students also learn to more systematically describe cultural differences and to compare societies.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
Free elective module in the Master course Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.)	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Greif, A.: Institutions and the Path to the Modern Economy. Lessons from Medieval Trade, Cambridge, Mass.: Cambridge University Press 2005.</p> <p>Rodrik, D.: One Economics, Many Recipes. Globalization, Institutions, and Economic Growth, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press 2007.</p> <p>Acemoglu, D., Robinson, J.A.: Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty, New York: Crown Publishers 2012.</p>	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EIE-1805	The International Financial System
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. André Schmidt
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>Students learn about money as a social instrument, the function of banks, and the role of finance in society. The module compares different monetary orders and takes a critical look at the credit money order for the business cycle and the sustainability of the euro.</p> <p>Competences: Having completed the module, students are expected to understand the vulnerabilities of the present global monetary and financial system and will learn to think about alternatives.</p> <p>The module mainly covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The order of money and the order of society • The function of banks and the nature of interest • The role of credit money for the business cycle. • Alternative money systems (including crypto money) • The sustainability of the euro 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and self-study.	
Methodic implementation	
The course is organized as a teaching and discussion seminar. At its center are the consequences and implications of the theoretical insights for the economic and social reality.	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Conso- lidating Knowledge	Students acquire knowledge about the basics of the international financial system and the relevant relationships. They acquire skills for the analysis of policy measures, especially in the fields of banking and the business cycle.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics. Moreover, they apply and evaluate the studied methods through the application to practical challenges in policy making and institutional design.
Systemic Competences	Students learn how the studied concepts and norms have implications for the design of social orders and institutions. They learn to take a critical look at the existing order and think about alternatives.
Communicative Competences	Students are encouraged to raise their own questions on the issues and develop an informed opinion of their own in discussions in class.

Exam assessments and forms
Written Exam
Precondition for award of credits
None
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Mayer, Thomas: Austrian Economics, Money and Finance, New York: Routledge 2018.
Other information
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.

Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the course taught within the module
Other information
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.

MP-EIE-1807	Independent Studies/Independent Projects: International Economics
Module Supervisor/s:	Vice Dean for Student Affairs
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 or 10 contact hours: 0 h self study: 150 h /300 h
In Term:	3 rd or 4 th semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
Independent Projects and Independent Studies offer students the opportunity to pursue their own research projects or explore issues of their own choice. Independent Studies permit candidates to locate sub-modules from different modules in an overriding context.	
Courses (module elements)	
The module is individually designed according to the student's study/project.	
Methodic implementation	
The methodic implementation will be at the discretion of the instructor.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Economics I and II (MP-CBa-1805; MP-CBa-1806)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of the topics studied in their Independent Study.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and examples related to the studied topics.
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to real-life examples.
Communicative Competences	Students present their own thoughts and defend them against objections.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	

Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the topics studied.
Other information
<p>This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i>, a compulsory elective module within that major.</p> <p>Depending on the workload and application: 5 or 10 CP</p> <p><u>Important Notice:</u> Students may only acquire credits and take examinations in this module after successful application with the Vice Dean for Student Affairs. The application comprises a schedule and a project plan, an agreement concerning assessment criteria and the approval by the supervisor. Applications must be submitted before commencement of the study or the project. Accepted applications must be submitted to the examination office.</p>

**Major “International Politics”
(Elective)**

MP-EIP-1801	Foreign Policy
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Nils-Christian Bormann
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This course acquaints students with the main theories and history of foreign policy and diplomacy. It introduces students to the concept of state interests and discusses how governments attempt to pursue their interests in the short and long run and against the interests of other states. The course also asks as to whether and how interests change over time as a result of changing domestic or international conditions. Students should understand the constraints put on governments by other states and institutions and be able to illustrate multiple competing interests in the international systems. To theoretically capture these interactions, students get to know simple models of game theory of interstate interactions including the prisoner's dilemma, the stag hunt, and the chicken game. Equipped with this Knowledge, students should be able to write a strategy paper for a selected international challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State interests in the short and long term • Tools of statecraft: diplomacy and war • Strategic and counterfactual analysis of multiple competing interests 	
Courses (module elements)	
<p>Students will have to read case studies about international interactions and prepare answers to questions prepared by the instructor before class. These questions will then be discussed in class and prepare the basis for discussing different state strategies and contrasting these strategies with important constraints such as international treaties, powerful international rivals, domestic veto players etc. After several historical sessions, the instructor will slowly introduce basic game theoretic approaches to understand foreign policy. Tutorials will employ the application of these tools to examples from and beyond class.</p>	
Methodic implementation	
<p>The course will take the form of an interactive discussion with prepared questions by the instructor. The tutorial will provide practice exercises of simple game theoretic riddles.</p>	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	<p>The first major learning objective of this course is to enable students to recognize and interpret the complex constraints politicians face when interacting with other governments and non-state actors in the international arena through historical cases of foreign policy. The second learning objective is to allow students to identify abstract game theoretic interactions that describe foreign policy interactions.</p>

Instrumental Competences	Students can diagnose strategic interactions in real-world examples and take on multiple perspectives from which to analyze foreign policy interactions.
Systemic Competences	Solving simple game theoretic models such as the prisoner's dilemma, students discover the strategic interactions inherent in conflictual and cooperative interactions in the international system. These Competences also travel to other applications of strategic interactions inside and outside of politics. Students are encouraged to relate additional examples to the underlying games and use their acquired historical Knowledge to learn about the limits of game theoretic analysis.
Communicative Competences	Students evaluate complex strategic interactions and illustrate how multiple actors' interests can result in unforeseen or counter-intuitive outcomes.
Exam assessments and forms	
White paper that outlines a foreign policy strategy towards a given problem (e.g., Germany's approach to international climate negotiations or the UK's approach to EU exit negotiations).	
Precondition for award of credits	
Two tests on models of game theory	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Axelrod, Robert (1983). <i>The Evolution of Cooperation</i> . Basic Books: New York, NY. Kissinger, Henry (1994). <i>Diplomacy</i> . Simon & Schuster: New York, NY. Humphreys, Macartan (2017). <i>Political Games</i> . W.W. Norton: New York, NY.	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Politics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

Communicative Competences	Students work in teams when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in teams when applying the concepts to concrete cases. They have to communicate and to defend their solutions in the classroom.
Exam assessments and forms	
The examination is based on a paper produced by groups of 3-5 students which analyses a real case of a global governance problems and proposes a suggestion.	
Precondition for award of credits	
In class presentation of assigned topic	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Sinclair, Timothy J.: Global Governance: Cambridge: Polity Press 2012.	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Politics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

Communicative Competences	Students will illustrate their critical ideas in short and concise response papers. They will particularly practise concise, organized and elegant written responses to major intellectual debates in the security field.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
Six passing critical response essays need to be submitted.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Jervis, Robert (1976). Perception and Misperception in International Politics. Princeton University Press: Princeton, NJ.</p> <p>Kalyvas, Stathis (2006). The Logic of Violence in Civil War. Cambridge University Press: New York, NY.</p> <p>Cederman, Lars-Erik/Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede/ Buhaug, Halvard (2013). Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War. Cambridge University Press: New York, NY.</p> <p>Shapiro, Jacob N. (2013). The Terrorist's Dilemma: Managing Violent Covert Organizations. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.</p> <p>Straus, Scott (2015). Making and Unmaking Nations: War, Leadership, and Genocide in Modern Africa. Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY.</p>	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Politics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EIP-1804	International Political Economy
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>The course gives students a broad overview over the state of the art of modern IPE. Central issues are the relationship between political power (hierarchy) and markets (horizontal exchange) in the global economy: Is a national economic policy still possible in a globalized world? Does the globalization of production benefit the less developed countries, or does it make them more dependent of multi-national corporations? How does globalization affect income distribution within societies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power relations and economic relations in the global arena • Globalisation and the divergence between economic and political space • Economic and political integration and new regionalism 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basic in Politics I+II (MP-CBa-1803; MP-CBa-1804)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students acquire Knowledge on the interplay between power relations and exchange relations in the global economy. They systematically learn to apply the insights of economics and of political science to selected problems of globalization and thus improve their understanding of questions like global migration, the governance of global trade relations, the power of multi-national corporations in less developed countries and so on.
Instrumental Competences	Students systematically learn to apply the insights of political science and economics to issues related to the global economy and thus acquire transdisciplinary methodological-theoretical Competences at the intersection of the two disciplines.

Systemic Competences	Students learn to apply their transdisciplinary methodological-theoretical Competences to concrete problems and cases, to classify problems and to develop solutions that take into account the complex interplay between political and economic factors.
Communicative Competences	Students learn to combine not only the methods but also the language of political science and economics and thus further improve their ability to communicate at the intersection of the two disciplines.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
The precondition for the award of credits is the submission of the course paper.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Ravenhill, J. (ed.): Global Political Economy, 5 th ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press 2017. Frieden, J.A./Lake, D.A.: International Political Economy. Perspectives on Global Power and Wealth, 6 th ed., New York: W.W. Norton & Company 2017.	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Politics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EIP-1805	International Organizations
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: in 60 h self study: in 90 h
In Term:	3 rd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This course analyses the role of international organizations for governing global politics and the global economy. What are International Organizations (IOs) and what role do they play in world politics? This course sets out to answer these questions by introducing students to the history and functioning of contemporary IOs including the UN, the WTO, the IMF and a number of regional organizations. Moreover, the course develops different theoretical perspectives on international organizations (e.g. realism, rational choice, constructivism) and shows how these theories can be used to understand the way in which International Organizations shape interaction between nations states.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
<p>The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.</p>	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basic in Politics I+II (MP-CBa-1803; MP-CBa-1804)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students acquire factual and theoretical Knowledge about the functioning of international organizations and the role they play in structuring the complex interaction among nation-states.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn to cope with the multitude of theoretical and normative perspectives on international organizations and to relate these theories each to another. This competence, together with their acquired factual Knowledge on international organizations, enables them to classify and analyze typical problems related to international organizations.
Systemic Competences	Students learn to apply their Knowledge to typical real problems related to the governance of global co-operation by international organizations and develop solutions that reflect insights from different theoretical and normative perspectives.
Communicative Competences	Students work in groups when organizing discussions in class. They communicate their results to the participants of the seminar and have to defend

	their standpoint in classroom discussion. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of classroom discussions.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Hurd, I.: International Organizations. Politics, Law, Practice, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2015. Katz, J./Hurd, I./Johnstone, I. (eds): The Oxford Handbook of International Organizations, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016.	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Politics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the course taught within the module.
Other information
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Politics</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.

MP-EIP-1807	Independent Studies/Independent Projects: International Politics
Module Supervisor/s:	Vice Dean for Student Affairs
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 or 10 contact hours: 0 h self study: 150 h /300 h
In Term:	3rd or 4th semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
Independent Projects and Independent Studies offer students the opportunity to pursue their own research projects or explore issues of their own choice. Independent Studies permit candidates to locate sub-modules from different modules in an overriding context.	
Courses (module elements)	
The module is individually designed according to the student's study/project.	
Methodic implementation	
The Methodic implementation will be in the responsibility of the instructor.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basic in Politics I+II (MP-CBa-1803; MP-CBa-1804)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of the topics studied in their Independent Study.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics.
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to real-life examples.
Communicative Competences	Students present their own thoughts and defend them against objections.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	

Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the topics studied.
Other information
<p>This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>International Economics</i>, a compulsory elective module within that major.</p> <p>Depending on the workload and application: 5 or 10 CP</p> <p><u>Important Notice:</u> Students may only acquire credits and take examinations in this module after successful application with the Vice Dean for Student Affairs. The application comprises a schedule and a project plan, an agreement concerning assessment criteria and the approval by the supervisor. Applications must be submitted before commencement of the study or the project. Accepted applications must be submitted to the examination office.</p>

**Major “Philosophy and Society”
(Elective)**

MP-EPS-1801	Game Theory and Social Structure
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	3 rd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>Does cooperation between humans always require an ethical code or altruistic feelings, or can selfish agents sometimes be led into stable cooperation? What is the typical social contract of a society without external enforcement? How does a group of agents select a social contract out of the many possible ones? How is it possible even for authoritarian societies to be stable over time? Why does the chance of help offered to a suffering fellow citizen decrease with the number of people addressed by the cry for help? Do normative theories from the fields of ethics and political philosophy have any real relevance for understanding and establishing the structure of a society? Questions of this kind are at the center of this module. It is mainly based on the introductory book “Natural Justice” by Ken Binmore. Afterwards, a selection of articles on the topic of game theory and social structure is studied.</p> <p>The module will mainly the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic issues (prisoner’s dilemma, stag hunt, battle of the sexes etc.) • Nash equilibria • Mixed (combinatorial) and pure strategies • Cooperative and non-cooperative games • Repeated and evolutionary games, incomplete information • Game-theoretical aspects in political science, sociology, economics, biology • Social structures and altruism 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students are acquainted with the most important tools and terms used in game theory as a field of theoretical economics and theoretical philosophy. In addition, they acquire fundamental Knowledge on applications of game theory for the analysis of economic issues, such as emergence of social structure, mutual support, conventions, and liability.

Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and examples related to the studied topics. Moreover, they experience cooperation and defection in an experiment involving cooperative games. They apply and evaluate the studied concepts and methods to actual cases of the construction of social institutions.
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the game-theoretic analysis of cooperation to actual cases of social system construction. They illustrate how the concepts allow understanding social and political dynamics, and they verify their relevance for the understanding of the functioning small communities as well as whole societies.
Communicative Competences	Students work in teams when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in a team when apply the concepts to the analysis of actual social systems. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
The precondition for the award of credits is the submission of the course paper.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Osborne, M., Rubinstein, A.: A Course in Game Theory. Boston: MIT Press 1994. Fudenberg, D., Tirole, J.: Game theory. Boston: MIT Press 1991. Skyrms, B.: The Evolution of the Social Contract. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1996. Axelrod, R.: The Evolution of Cooperation – Revised Edition. New York: Basic Books 2006. Binmore, K.: Animal Behaviour: An Evolutionary Approach. Sunderland, MA: Sinauer Associates 2006. Binmore, K. (2005). Natural justice. Oxford: Oxford University Press	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>Philosophy and Society</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EPS-1802	Advanced Philosophy of Economics
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This module provides an introduction to the philosophy of economics. The main objective is to give to the students the tools to better understand the methods and research strategies commonly used in economics, making them aware of the philosophical underpinnings of the subject. At the end of the course the students will have a deeper understanding of the philosophical and methodological issues underlying economic reasoning.</p> <p>The module mainly covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the fact-value dichotomy, • the testability of scientific hypotheses, • the status of the rationality postulate, • the problem of irrationalism of economic assumptions, • the nature of the market, • causation in economics, • mechanisms in economics. 	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the subject. The sessions begin with a brief introduction of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of the main problems and positions in the philosophy of economics. They can identify the philosophical assumptions underpinning economic research, and they can interpret research results in economics in a critical way.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics. Moreover, evaluate research results and causal claims in economics in a competent way, categorize kinds of models, and can state the conditions for a falsification of economic hypotheses

Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to examples of economic research. They can illustrate the philosophical assumptions and explain their relevance for economic models.
Communicative Competences	Students work in teams when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in teams when applying the concepts to the analysis of actual research in economics. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
Documentation of exam performance	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
<p>Buchanan, J. (1979): What Should Economists Do?, Chapter 1: What Should Economists Do?, Indianapolis, pp. 17-37.</p> <p>Hausman, Daniel M. (ed.) (2008): The Philosophy of Economics. An Anthology, 3rd edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Hayek, Friedrich A. von (1960): The Constitution of Liberty. Chapter 2: The Creative Powers of a Free Civilization, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, pp. 22-38.</p> <p>Lawson, T.: Economics and Reality. London: Routledge 1997.</p> <p>Mantzavinos, C. (2005): Naturalistic Hermeneutics, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,.</p> <p>Reiss, Julian (2013). Philosophy of economics: a contemporary introduction. Routledge.</p> <p>Latsis, Spiros J. (1972): Situational Determinism in Economics, in: British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, vol. 23, pp. 207-245.</p> <p>Weissman, D. (2000): A Social Ontology, Yale University Press.</p>	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>Philosophy and Society</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EPS-1803	Ethics and Society
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	4 th semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This module provides an introduction to the connection of ethics, human rights, and social systems. Human rights are defined as a collection of recognized principles that comprise international law (such as the ban on genocide) as well as certain more general values governing social co-existence. There is an on-going debate on the principles involved in human rights, and on their implications and consequences. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states inter alia that everybody has the right to participate freely in the social and cultural life of the community. However, conflicts frequently erupted in the past over differences between specific local cultural traditions and general human rights. The module addresses the ethical presuppositions of human rights and attempts a critical appraisal of the wording of human rights in the Declaration of 1948.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The course will first cover the main themes of the course on the basis of informed small-group discussions. Subsequently, the course will study the different assessments of human rights in different contexts and countries.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of ethics and the normative foundations of human rights. They can reconstruct the main positions and point out the interconnections of these.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and examples related to the studied topics. Moreover, they evaluate ethical claims in the context of human rights debates in a competent way, categorize problems, and organize discussions into a system of classical positions.
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to examples of discussions and policy initiatives related to human rights. They can illustrate the philosophical underpinnings and explain their relevance for ethical reasoning.

Communicative Competences	Students work in teams when organizing a discussion in class. Moreover, they work in teams when applying the concepts to the analysis of actual debates on ethics and human rights. They communicate their results to the audience with a prepared presentation and defend their solutions. They assess each other's performance as well as their respective results in light of the discussion in class.
Exam assessments and forms	
Paper (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
None	
Learning material, literature	
Pettry, M.: The Idea of Human Rights. Oxford: Oxford University Press 1998. Griffin, J.: On Human Rights, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2008. Hayden, P. (ed.): The Philosophy of Human Rights, St. Paul, MN: Paragon Press 2001. Talbot, W.: Which Rights Should be Universal?, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2005.	
Other information	
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>Philosophy and Society</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.	

MP-EPS-1804	History of Economic Ideas in the Context of Social Philosophy
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	3 rd semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
This course analyzes the evolution of economic ideas as embedded into the history of social philosophy. A central aim is to identify the divergent and often conflicting thought patterns that underlie the various schools of thought in economics.	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The sessions begin with a brief summary of the topics by the course instructor. Subsequently, one or two students will lead a discussion on the basis of questions they have prepared. The tutorial unit will focus on selected readings in the form of interactive discussions.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students learn to relate the history of economic thought to that of social philosophy. They learn how more often than not theoretical dissent can be traced back to underlying, more general patterns of reasoning that are embedded into social philosophy. The course acquaints students with the multitude of possible approaches in economics and thus is also intended to contribute to their intellectual open-mindedness for approaches beyond the mainstream of economics.
Instrumental Competences	The course aims to contribute to the students' ability to relate philosophy and economics each to another. It also intends to make them aware of the historical relativity of all scientific Knowledge. The discussion about conflicting patterns of thought also is helpful in view of practicing inter-disciplinarity, which is crucial for this programme.
Systemic Competences	Students learn how to create a value added of combining insights form both fields when it comes to analyzing concrete problems and develop solutions.
Communicative Competences	Students deepen their familiarity with terminology both in economics and in social philosophy. During this course they have to engage permanently in a conversation that relates the terminology of both fields. This contributes to their communicative ability to engage in inter-disciplinary discourse.

Exam assessments and forms
Paper (about 20 pages)
Precondition for award of credits
None
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
A reader of selected papers will be supplied via Moodle.
Other information
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>Philosophy and Society</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.

MP-EPS-1805	Current Issues and Further Questions: Philosophy and Society	
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke	
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 - 10 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h - 270 h	
In Term:	3 rd or 4 th semester	
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term	
Short description		
This module provides courses on current issues and further questions in the field of Philosophy and Society. The specific topics will be different ones in different terms.		
Courses (module elements)		
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.		
Methodic implementation		
The methodic implementation will be at the discretion of the instructor.		
Admission requirements		
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802)		
Learning objectives, Competences		
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of topics taught in the module.	
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics.	
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to real-life examples.	
Communicative Competences	Students work in teams in certain stages of the course, they present their own thoughts and defend them against objections.	
Exam assessments and forms		
Depending on the course taught within the module.		
Precondition for award of credits		
Documentation of exam performance		
Weight of grade for final grade		
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.		

Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the course taught within the module.
Other information
This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>Philosophy and Society</i> , a compulsory elective module within that major.

MP-EPS-1806	Independent Studies/Independent Projects: Philosophy and Society	
Module Supervisor/s:	Vice Dean for Student Affairs	
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 or 10	contact hours: 0 h self study: 150 h / 300 h
In Term:	3 rd or 4 th semester	
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description		
Independent Projects and Independent Studies offer students the opportunity to pursue their own research projects or explore issues of their own choice. Independent Studies permit candidates to locate sub-modules from different modules in an overriding context.		
Courses (module elements)		
The module is individually designed according to the student's study/project.		
Methodic implementation		
The methodic implementation will be at the discretion of the instructor.		
Admission requirements		
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802)		
Learning objectives, Competences		
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of topics studied in their Independent Study.	
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics.	
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to real-life examples.	
Communicative Competences	Students present their own thoughts and defend them against objections.	
Exam assessments and forms		
Paper (about 20 pages)		
Precondition for award of credits		
Documentation of examination performance.		
Weight of grade for final grade		
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.		

Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the topics studied.
Other information
<p>This module is an elective module or, if attended as a part of the major <i>Philosophy and Society</i>, a compulsory elective module within that major.</p> <p>Depending on the workload and application: 5 or 10 CP</p> <p><u>Important Notice:</u> Students may only acquire credits and take examinations in this module after successful application with the Vice Dean for Student Affairs. The application comprises a schedule and a project plan, an agreement concerning assessment criteria and the approval by the supervisor. Applications must be submitted before commencement of the study or the project. Accepted applications must be submitted to the examination office.</p>

Free Elective Modules

MP-EFE-1801	Topics at the Interface of Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke, Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 contact hours: 30 h self study: 120 h
In Term:	3 rd or 4 th semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This module covers selected theoretical or methodological basic issues (such as rationality, power relations, wealth, justice) which serve as the background to confront the perspective of one of the three disciplines involved with one of the others or, in exceptional cases, with both in order to apply the findings of the other discipline(s) to the content substance of the term or concept in question, and thereby to practise a variety of methods and styles of thought.</p> <p>Specific contents vary with constellation and instructors and are determined in close coordination with students.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The methodic implementation will be at the discretion of the instructor.	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802), Basics in Politics I and II (MP-CBa-1803; MP-CBa-1804), Basics in Economics I and II (MP-CBa-1805; MP-CBa-1806)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of the topics taught in the module.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics.
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to real-life examples.
Communicative Competences	Students work in teams in certain stages of the course, they present their own thoughts and defend them against objections.
Exam assessments and forms	
Depending on the course taught within the module.	

Precondition for award of credits
Documentation of exam performance
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the course taught within the module.

MP-EFE-1802	PPE in Practice
Module Supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Jens Harbecke, Prof. Dr. Joachim Zweynert
ECTS/Credits, Workload:	5 - 10 contact hours: 30 h/60 h self study: 120 h/240 h
In Term:	3 rd or 4 th semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> winter term
Short description	
<p>This module is taught in cooperation with our partner institutions: (i) KfW Group, Frankfurt am Main/ DEG Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH, Köln, (ii) Global Public Policy Institute Berlin, (iii) Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Berlin (iv) Bucharest Center for Political Theory, (v) Europeum- Institute for European Policy, Prague, (vi) Vereinigung für Ökologische Ökonomie. A representative of one of the organizations is invited to teach a topic at the interface of theory and practice. In some cases, the module contains a practical project that is reflected theoretically.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
The module contains a seminar unit and a tutorial unit.	
Methodic implementation	
The Methodic implementation will be in the responsibility of the instructor(s).	
Admission requirements	
Completion of the modules Basics in Philosophy I and II (MP-CBa-1801; MP-CBa-1802), Basics in Politics I and II (MP-CBa-1803; MP-CBa-1804), Basics in Economics I and II (MP-CBa-1805; MP-CBa-1806)	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Students have acquired profound Knowledge of the topics taught in the module.
Instrumental Competences	Students learn how to develop their own questions and example related to the studied topics.
Systemic Competences	Students apply the concepts studied in the module to real-life examples.
Communicative Competences	Students work in a team in certain stages of the course, they present their own thoughts and defend them against objections.
Exam assessments and forms	
Depending on the course taught within the module.	

Precondition for award of credits
None
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
Depending on the course taught within the module.
Other information
The module is fulfilled when 5 or 2 times 5 credits have been achieved.

MP-EFE-1803	International Strategy
Module supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Hendrik Wilhelm
ECTS/credits, Worklad:	5 Contact hours: 30 h Self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer term <input type="checkbox"/> Winter term
Short description	
International Strategy concerns the specific opportunities and challenges arising from doing business across borders and within a globalized economy. This module examines core strategic topics and the conceptual and theoretical foundations of International Strategy, key aspects of the international environment, coordination issues in multinationals and the main options for organizing and managing international operations. A special emphasis is placed on the idea that International Strategy often implies managing a network of subsidiaries and business partners. Students deepen and apply their Knowledge by discussing many case studies in class.	
Courses (module elements)	
Seminar „Main Topics in International Strategy“ (3 ECTS; Kontaktzeit 20 h; Selbststudium 70 h) Practical Application „Case Studies in Strategic International Management“ (2 ECTS; Kontaktzeit 10 h; Selbststudium 50 h)	
Methodic implementation	
Seminar (Readings, Discussion), Case Study Presentations	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Having completed this module, students will be able to describe key concepts, drivers and implications of international strategy, explain which opportunities and threats international business entails, and distinguish among a range of forms and modes in international strategy.
Instrumental Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to, assess which management approaches are suitable for different conditions, draw on appropriate analytical tools for handling strategic challenges, and anticipate areas of potential conflict in international operations.
Systemic Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to, appreciate the embedded and networked nature of international strategy, understand their own role as managers in the globalized economy, and take a critical stance on multinational firms' activities around the world.

Communicative Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to, discuss clearly and competently with experts on international strategy, communicate international issues to colleagues and business partners, demonstrate cross-cultural awareness in interaction with others.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (60 minutes)	
Precondition for award of credits	
In class case study presentation.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Unterrichtssprache / teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
The module is open also for students from the Master programmes Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.) and General Management (M.A.).	
Learning material, literature	
Morschett, D., Schramm-Klein, H., Zentes, J. (2015) Strategic International Management: Text and Cases, 3rd ed., Springer Gabler [ISBN: 978-3-658-07883-6]	

MP-EFE-1804	Strategizing Corporate Social Responsibility
Module supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Guido Möllering
ECTS/credits, Worklad:	5 Contact hours: 30 h Self study: 120 h
In Term:	3 rd semester
Frequency/duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Winter term
Short description	
<p>Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has become a broad subject encompassing a range of topics from ownership, profit, stakeholder relationships and accountability, to sustainability and the general role of business in society. The seminar reviews the origins of the CSR debate, its theoretical underpinnings, driving forces, implicit tensions, various practical manifestations and, in particular, its strategic implications. Students work on case studies that illustrate and expand the CSR-shaped approach to strategic management as a matter of sustainable value creation within organizations and organizational networks and fields.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
<p>Seminar „Main Topics in Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility“ (3 ECTS; contact hours 20 h; self study 70 h) Practical Application „Case Studies in Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility“ (2 ECTS; contact hours 10 h; self study 50 h)</p>	
Methodic implementation	
Seminar (Readings, Discussion), Case Study Presentations, Guest Lectures	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Having completed this module, students will be able to describe key concepts, drivers and implications of CSR, explain the link between CSR and sustainable strategic management, distinguish among a range of forms and modes implementing CSR.
Instrumental Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to assess which CSR approaches are suited for different conditions, draw on appropriate analytical tools for handling CSR, and anticipate areas of potential conflict around CSR and sustainability.
Systemic Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to assess the societal embeddedness of strategic management, act upon their own social responsibility as managers, and take a critical stance on firms' current CSR policies.

Communicative Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to - discuss clearly and competently with CSR experts - communicate CSR issues to colleagues and business partners - demonstrate CSR awareness in interaction with others.
Exam assessments and forms	
Written exam (60 minutes)	
Precondition for award of credits	
Pass grade in exam and presentation combined.	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
The elective module is open also for students from the Master programmes Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.) and General Management (M.A.).	
Learning material, literature	
Chandler, D. (2016) Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility: Sustainable Value Creation, 4th Edition. London: Sage	

MP-EFE-1805	Ethical Issues in Organizations
Module supervisor/s:	Prof. Dr. Guido Möllering
ECTS/credits, Worklad:	5 Contact hours: 30 h Self study: 120 h
In Term:	2 nd semester
Frequency/duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer term <input type="checkbox"/> Winter term
Short description	
<p>Complementing the study of business ethics and corporate responsibility at large, this module focuses on ethical issues occurring within organizations and emphasizes the students' own ethical awareness and personal development. We cover ethical foundations in philosophy, ethical decision making, communication, leadership, diversity and organizational implications. Students learn how to identify and deal with the many ethical dilemmas occurring in organizations. They work on a project tracing a real-life ethical issue in an organization and develop their moral standpoint as well as ethical management skills.</p>	
Courses (module elements)	
<p>Seminar „Organizational Ethics“ (3 ECTS; contact hours 20 h; self study 70 h) Project „Identifying and Managing Ethical Issues in Organizations“ (2 ECTS; contact hours 10 h; self study 50 h)</p>	
Methodic implementation	
Seminar (readings, discussion), student project, guest lectures	
Admission requirements	
None	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	Having completed this module, students will be able to describe the foundations of key ethical issues in organizations, explain why ethics is about dealing with dilemmas, and distinguish among a range of forms and modes of evaluating ethics in organizational contexts.
Instrumental Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to assess which approaches are suited for addressing different ethical issues in organizations, draw on appropriate analytical tools for describing and evaluating ethical issues in organizations, and anticipate and handle areas of potential conflict in organization which stem from ethical dilemmas.
Systemic Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to assess ethics within organizations in the light of larger societal ethics as well as personal development of the individual, act upon their own responsibility as promoters of ethical behavior in organizations, and take a critical stance on firms' current practices relating to organizational ethics.

Communicative Competences	Having completed this module, students will be able to discuss clearly and competently with experts on organizational ethics, communicate issues around organizational ethics to colleagues and business partners, facilitate processes of dealing with ethical issues occurring in organizations, and express their own moral standpoint.
Exam assessments and forms	
Project report (about 20 pages)	
Precondition for award of credits	
None	
Weight of grade for final grade	
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.	
Teaching language	
<input type="checkbox"/> German <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	
Module applicability	
The module is open also for students from the Master programmes Strategy & Organization (M.Sc.) and General Management (M.A.).	
Learning material, literature	
Johnson, C.E. (2015): Organizational Ethics: A Practical Approach (3 rd ed.) London: Sage.	

MP-WSa-1801	Study abroad I
Module supervisor/s:	Vice Dean for Student Affairs
ECTS/credits, Workload:	Depending on Learning Agreement 1 ECTS equals 30 h workload
In Term:	Every Semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Winter term
Short description	
This module allows the recognition of courses from foreign exchange universities that do not have a direct equivalent at UW/H but fall under the broad umbrella of a management or economics study programme. As long as these courses are taught on a master level and convey competencies according to the respective qualification framework.	
Courses (module elements)	
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description	
Methodic implementation	
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description	
Admission requirements	
See module description of the foreign university. The module may not already have been completed at UW/H and must be proven to be a module in the framework of a Master's program at the foreign university. The assignment of this module must be approved in advance by the Vice Dean for Student Affairs of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Society within the framework of a Learning Agreement.	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Instrumental Competences	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Systemic Competences	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Communicative Competences	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Exam assessments and forms	
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description	

Precondition for award of credits
Successful participation in the course according to exchange university's study regulations
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
According to exchange university's teaching languages
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Other information
<p>The use of this module must be agreed upon as part of the learning agreement prior to enrollment into the respective classes at the exchange university.</p> <p>The conversion of foreign grades into the UW/H grading system is based on the so-called „Modified Bavarian Formula“ (modifizierte bayerische Formel).</p> <p>The International Office of the UW/H assists students in planning exchange stays at foreign universities and will provide further information upon request</p>

MP-WSa-1802	Study abroad II
Module supervisor/s:	Vice Dean for Student Affairs
ECTS/credits, Workload:	Depending on Learning Agreement 1 ECTS equals 30 h workload
In Term:	Every Semester
Frequency/Duration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sommersemester/summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wintersemester/winter term
Short description	
This module allows the recognition of courses from foreign exchange universities that do not have a direct equivalent at UW/H but fall under the broad umbrella of a management or economics study programme. As long as these courses are taught on a master level and convey competencies according to the respective qualification framework.	
Courses (module elements)	
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description	
Methodic implementation	
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description	
Admission requirements	
See module description of the foreign university. The module may not already have been completed at UW/H and must be proven to be a module in the framework of a Master's program at the foreign university. The assignment of this module must be approved in advance by the Vice Dean for Student Affairs of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Society within the framework of a Learning Agreement.	
Learning objectives, Competences	
Extending and Consolidating Knowledge	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Instrumental Competences	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Systemic Competences	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Communicative Competences	According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Exam assessments and forms	
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description	

Precondition for award of credits
Successful participation in the course according to exchange university's study regulations
Weight of grade for final grade
In proportion to ECTS-Points and according to the study regulation.
Teaching language
According to exchange university's teaching languages
Module applicability
None
Learning material, literature
According to the exchange university's course syllabus / module description
Other information
<p>The use of this module must be agreed upon as part of the learning agreement prior to enrollment into the respective classes at the exchange university.</p> <p>The conversion of foreign grades into the UW/H grading system is based on the so-called „Modified Bavarian Formula“ (modifizierte bayerische Formel).</p> <p>The International Office of the UW/H assists students in planning exchange stays at foreign universities and will provide further information upon request</p>