

(as of 30 July 2009, and amended on 06 September 2012 and 29 March 2016)

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### **§ 1 Required ECTS credits**

- (1) For the master's programme *Studies in European Culture*, a total of 120 ECTS credits (cr) must be earned, divided into 42 cr (in total) earned in the core area (36 cr in Konstanz, 6 cr abroad), 24 cr (in total) earned in the specialization area (15 cr in Konstanz, 9 cr abroad), 12 cr earned in the supplementary area and 2 cr earned through mentor meetings. Another 40 cr will be earned by completing the degree.
- (2) A study abroad stay at one of the partner universities outside of Europe is mandatory in the 3rd semester. In cases of hardship, exceptions may be granted. Coursework and performance assessments amounting to a minimum of 15 cr have to be completed during the semester abroad. These credits will be recognised as coursework and performance assessments required in the core area and area of specialization as per para. 1, if the Examination Board decides that they are equivalent.
- (3) An internship is not mandatory, but recommended.

### **§ 2 Content of the study programme**

The study programme is divided into five fields of study: one *core area* and four *areas of specialization*. The core area is mandatory for all students. From the four areas of specialization, students have to choose one area (required elective). In addition, students have to complete four courses they can freely choose from the curriculum of the study programme. Alternatively, they can document creditable substitute achievements (required electives).

#### **(1) Core area (mandatory)**

The core area of studies centres around cultural scientific topics. It is mandatory for all students. Therefore it provides especially good supervision and quality assurance. Students will acquire fundamental theoretical, historical and methodical knowledge in the areas of cultural theory and cultural history. In the "Europe Parliament" they will discuss practical issues on organising their studies as well as theoretical questions of scholarly interest.

The core area consists of the modules Cultural Theory, Cultural History and Europe Parliament. A minimum of 42 cr must be acquired in this area, 36 cr in Konstanz and 6 cr abroad. The module grades result from the ECTS-credit-weighted average of the performance assessments completed. The performance assessment completed during the semester abroad is included in the overall grade for the core area in line with the weight of its credits.

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The overall grade for the core area is calculated from the ECTS-credit-weighted average of the individual module grades.

**Abbreviations:**

Ber: Praktikumsbericht (internship report), Cr: Credits, Ex: Exposé (research project description), fo HA: forschungsorientierte Hausarbeit (research-oriented term paper, approx. 20 pages), HA: Hausarbeit (term paper, approx. 15 pages), S: Seminar, K: Kurs (class), Kl: Klausur (written exam), Koll: Kolloquium (colloquium), P: Pflichtveranstaltung (compulsory course), PL: Prüfungsleistung (performance assessment), Pr: Praktikum (internship), Prot: nachbereitendes Protokoll (revising report), Ref: Referat (class presentation), schriftlich/mündlich: written or oral coursework, lecturer announces type at the beginning of the semester, Sem: recommended semester, SK: Sprachkurs (language course), SP: Studienprojekt (study project), StL: Studienleistung (coursework), T: Tutorium (tutorial), VL: Vorlesung (lecture), WP: Wahlpflichtveranstaltung (required elective course), Z: Abschlusszeugnis (examination certificate).

**a) Module Cultural Theory**

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
Cultural Theory 1	P	VL & T	schriftlich	6	1
Cultural Theory 2	P	S	Ref. & fo HA	9	2

**b) Module Cultural History**

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
Cultural History of Europe 1	P	S	Ref. & fo HA	9	1
Cultural History of Europe 2	P	VL & T	schriftlich	6	2

**c) Module Europe Parliament**

Course	P/WP	Type	StL	Cr	Sem.
Europe Parliament 1	P	Koll.	Ref.	3	1
Europe Parliament 2	P	Koll.	Ref.	3	2

**(2) Areas of specialization (required elective)**

In addition to the core area, students will focus on one area of specialization. This makes it possible to distinctly target certain contents and helps the students to individually shape their course of studies. The areas of specialization are organized thematically and across disciplines. The curriculum includes courses from various subjects that are relevant for Studies in European Culture: literature, art and media science, history, anthropology, sociology, philosophy, politics and public administration, and law. Details on the content of the individual areas of specialization are described in the module guide.

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Students have to acquire a minimum of 24 cr in the area of specialization, 15 cr in Konstanz and 9 cr abroad. The grade for the performance assessment completed during the semester abroad is included in the overall grade for the area of specialization in line with the weight of its credits. The overall grade for the area of specialization is calculated from the ECTS-credit-weighted average of the individual module grades.

**(2.1) Area of specialization I Narratives, Images, Texts**

## a) Specialization Module 1:

A performance assessment worth 6 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 1.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S/K/VL	WP	S/K/VL	schriftlich/mündlich	6	1-2

## b) Specialization Module 2

A performance assessment worth 9 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 2.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S	WP	S	Ref. & fo HA	9	1-2

**(2.2) Area of specialization II Social Dynamics**

## a) Specialization Module 1:

A performance assessment worth 6 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 1.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S/K/VL	WP	S/K/VL	schriftlich/mündlich	6	1-2

## b) Specialization Module 2

A performance assessment worth 9 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 2.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S	WP	S	Ref. & fo HA	9	1-2

## (2.3) Area of specialization III Political Constructs

### a) Specialization Module 1

A performance assessment worth 6 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 1.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S/K/VL	WP	S/K/VL	schriftlich/mündlich	6	1-2

### b) Specialization Module 2

A performance assessment worth 9 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 2.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S	WP	S	Ref. & fo HA	9	1-2

## (2.4) Area of specialization IV Science, Technology, Economies

### a) Specialization Module 1

A performance assessment worth 6 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 1.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S/K/VL	WP	S/K/VL	schriftlich/mündlich	6	1-2

### b) Specialization Module 2

A performance assessment worth 9 cr has to be completed in Specialization Module 2.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	Cr	Sem.
S	WP	S	Ref. & fo HA	9	1-2

## (2.5.) Mentor meetings

To support students in designing their course of studies well and to ensure the quality of the study programme in general, students must meet with a mentor of their area of specialization. They will have one meeting with this mentor in the first, and one meeting in the second semester and discuss the course, progress and individual priorities set in their studies so far. Students have to intensively prepare for this meeting and submit at least one written page, which is considered coursework worth 1 cr.

Course	P/WP	Type	StL	Cr	Sem.
Mentor meeting 1	P	Meeting	Preparation	1	1
Mentor meeting 2	P	Meeting	Preparation	1	2

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**(3) Supplementary area (required elective)**

In the supplementary area, students have to attend a minimum of two and a maximum of four courses. These courses can be chosen from all areas of specialization or be additional courses offered in the supplementary area. A total of 12 cr (minimum) must be acquired through coursework or performance assessments. Language courses, internships and study projects can also be recognised as coursework.

Students can complete an internship amounting to a minimum of 160 hours (6 cr) if the team managing the study programme agreed beforehand. To have the internship recognised as coursework, students have to present an internship report as well as a certificate. As a rule, internships have to be completed during the lecture-free period in a private or public institution where students can experience practical work in the future field of their profession. The internship must serve the study goal (see § 4 para. 2 of the study and examination regulations of the University of Konstanz for the Master of Arts study programmes in the Humanities).

Language courses can be recognised as adequate achievements if they are worth a minimum of 3 cr and are successfully completed with a test certificate. The Examination Board of the study programme decides on the recognition of language courses.

Study projects must be individually agreed upon. Form and topic are agreed upon with the mentor of the student with regard to the student's needs (or his/her need to catch up, if applicable). After completion, the student will give account of his/her study project in the Europe Parliament. The management team attests the successful completion of the project.

Course	P/WP	Type	StL	Cr	Sem.
Course 1	WP	K/VL/HS/OS/SK	Kl./Prot./Ref./Z.	3	1-2
Course 2	WP	K/VL/HS/OS/SK	Kl./Prot./Ref./Z.	3	1-2
Course 3	WP	K/VL/HS/OS/SK	Kl./Prot./Ref./Z.	3	1-2
Course 4	WP	K/VL/HS/OS/SK	Kl./Prot./Ref./Z.	3	1-2
Study project/internship à 160 hours	WP	SP/Pr.	Ber./Z.	6	1-2

If students attend less than 4 courses in the supplementary area, they have to make sure to acquire a total of 12 cr.

2 courses: 2 x 6 cr

3 courses: 1 x 6 cr + 2 x 3 cr

## (4) Semester abroad

Students spend their third semester abroad at one of the non-European partner universities. During their semester abroad, they have to acquire a total of 15 cr: two performance assessments worth 6 credits each, to be completed in the core area and area of specialization, as well as coursework worth 3 cr in the area of specialization. The Examination Board decides on the recognition of achievements completed abroad. Participation in a language course to prepare for the semester abroad is explicitly encouraged.

The name of the corresponding partner university will be stated on the examination certificate. In exceptional cases, students may be exempted from the mandatory semester abroad, if going abroad would result in unreasonable hardship due to social, health or family reasons. The Examination Board of the study programme decides on the recognition of cases of hardship. In recognised cases of hardship, the student must complete the corresponding coursework and performance assessments at the University of Konstanz.

Course	P/WP	Type	PL	StL	Cr	Sem.
Course core area	WP	S	HA	-	6	3
Course 1 area of specialization	WP	S	HA	-	6	3
Course 2 area of specialization	WP	K/VL/S	-	Ref. or Kl.	3	3

## (5) Completing the degree

The final module consists of a colloquium in which the student presents the research project of the master's thesis in the form of an exposé (research project description), the master's thesis, and the oral examination. A total of 40 cr is awarded for the final module. The master's thesis can be written in the core area or the area of specialization.

### Final module

Course	P/WP	Type	StL	PL	Cr	Sem.
Colloquium	P	Koll.	x		4	4
Master's thesis				x	24	4
Oral examination				x	12	4

**§ 3 Course and examination languages**

Courses are taught in German or another European language. The language usually used during examinations is German. In agreement with the examiners, the examination can also be held in another European language.

**§ 4 Master's examination**

- (1) Students must complete coursework and performance assessments as per § 2 (1-4).
- (2) The final examinations are comprised of the master's thesis of around 80 pages (24 cr) as well as the final oral examination (12 cr). The colloquium (4 cr) is not graded, but assessed as either passed or not passed. The oral examination lasts one hour, and is conducted by two University of Konstanz staff members authorized to conduct examinations, with at least one of them being a professor. In addition, at least one of the two examiners must have supervised the master's thesis as primary or secondary supervisor. The three topics tested in the examination are from the areas of studies. One topic will be the content of the master's thesis, one topic will be from the core area (Cultural Theory or Cultural History of Europe) and one topic from the area of specialization. The students determine the topics in coordination with the examiners.

**§ 5 Calculation of the overall grade**

The overall grade is calculated as follows:

Core area	30%
Area of specialization	30%
Master's thesis	25%
Oral examination	15%

All average grades are calculated to one decimal place. Additional decimal places are discarded without rounding. The modules Europe Parliament, mentor meetings and supplementary courses are not included in the overall grade.

**§ 6 English and German names of the study programme**

The English name of the study programme is "Studies in European Culture". The German name is "Kulturelle Grundlagen Europas". Both names will be included in the examination certificate and master's certificate.

**§ 7 Effective date and transitional provisions**

- (1) These subject-specific regulations come into effect the day after their publication in the *Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* of the University of Konstanz and also apply, with retroactive effect, to students who started the study programme on 1 October 2008. At the same time, the previous subject-specific regulations as of 28 August 2008 (*Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* 36/2008) become invalid.
- (2) Students who started the study programme on 1 October 2008 can continue their studies in accordance with the previously valid subject-specific regulations as of 28 August 2008 (*Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* 36/2008) on request. This request must be submitted to the Examination Board *StPA* by 31 March 2010 at the latest.
- (3) The amendments as of 06 September 2012 come into effect the day after their publication in the *Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* of the University of Konstanz. § 6 of the amended regulations becomes effective with retroactive effect as of 1 June 2012.

**Note:**

These regulations as of 30 July 2009 were published in the *Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen* of the University of Konstanz no. 42/2009.

The first amendment to these regulations as of 06 September 2012 was published in the *Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen* of the University of Konstanz no. 33/2012.

The second amendment to these regulations as of 29 March 2016 was published in the *Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen* of the University of Konstanz no. 19/2016.