



Module M1 of the master's programme in East Asian Economy and Society

This PDF document is provided to give students and prospective students of the East Asian Economy and Society programme (EcoS) a comprehensible overview of information and requirements for module *M1 Compulsory module: Contemporary East Asian Language*. Please note, that only the texts published in the University Gazette of the University of Vienna are legally binding. All information provided in this document are related to the official EcoS curriculum provided in German here: [Curriculum für das Masterstudium Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Ostasiens – Stand: Juli 2022](#). While there can be found a translated English version of the curriculum [here](#), the original German version remains the legally binding document in the event of any discrepancies.

Overview of modules

Module	Designation	SWS ¹	ECTS credits
M1	Compulsory module: Contemporary East Asian Language	10-16	30
M2	Compulsory module: East Asian Economy	6	15
M3	Compulsory module: East Asian Politics	6	15
M4	Compulsory module: East Asian Society	10-13	20
M5	Compulsory module: Research and Master's Colloquium	2	10
	Master's Thesis		25
	Oral Master's Examination (Defensio)		5
TOTAL			120

A semester plan can be found in the appendix of the full curriculum [here](#).

M1 – Compulsory module: Contemporary East Asian Language

Description

In M1 students learn the fundamentals of on East Asian language (Chinese, Japanese or Korean). Subject to the capacities of the Department of East Asian Studies (hereinafter “the Department”), students may choose the language they wish to learn. Students who already hold a bachelor's degree in one of the languages offered by the Department (i.e. Chinese Studies, Japanese Studies or Korean Studies) must take courses in a language in which they do not hold

¹ SWS = hours per week per semester; number of the average contact hours per week per semester

a degree. Students who already hold a comparable qualification in one of the languages which has been credited in their bachelor's degree must take courses in a language in which they do not hold a qualification.

Objectives

After taking courses in M1 students are expected to have acquired the following skills in their chosen language:

- Know the pronunciation rules and script
- Master the fundamentals of grammar and syntax
- Know the basic vocabulary
- Use the target language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in everyday situations

Structure

Regular language courses are offered by the Department according to the individual prerequisites.

Types of Courses

The courses are assessed through continuous and non-continuous assessment. All language courses in M1 are subjected to course changes of the Departments of Chinese, Japanese and Korean Studies.

SWS and ECTS credits

M1 takes 10-16 hours per week per semester and successful completion is credited with 30 ECTS credits.

Proof of performance

Successful completion of the course.

Further information

Students may complete M1 courses during a stay at a university abroad. It is possible to take courses equivalent to the full 30 ECTS, thereby completing the entire M1 abroad. Alternatively, students may only complete their second semester of language courses (15 ECTS) abroad. However, it is not permitted to begin a language course abroad and complete it at the University of Vienna. The recognition of all courses taken abroad is contingent upon a learning agreement concluded prior to departure. Recognition of courses without a prior learning agreement is not possible. The competent academic body decides on the recognition of examinations.