

Module M2 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 *M2 Compulsory module: East Asian Economy*. 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](#).

M2 – Compulsory module: East Asian Economy

Description

In M2 students focus on the economic aspects of the region of East Asia and its countries. These may include subject areas from the national economy, business economics or economic history. Static situations, as well as dynamic processes, are discussed with the prime concern of combining methods and empirical research in a meaningful way.

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

Objectives

After completing M2, students are expected to have acquired the following skills:

- Know the fundamentals of different theories of economic development and economic systems
- Apply these theories to specific cases in East Asia
- Understand developmental paths and economic systems in countries in East Asia, including their particular characteristics
- Apply methods of the New Institutional Economics to cases in East Asia
- Derive conclusions for unfamiliar cases and gather relevant data to verify their theses
- Conduct analyses in accordance with academic standards of the respective subject area
- Know important macroeconomic and structural indicators and apply them to concrete country cases
- Analyse results in an appropriate scholarly manner
- Conduct comparative analyses of similar cases
- Understand current and future societal effects of the respective systems, including with regard to regionalisation

Structure

M2 consists of three compulsory courses:

- VU Economic Development in East Asia (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- SE Economic Systems in East Asia (2 SWS, 7 ECTS credits)
- UE Exercise for the Economic Systems in East Asia Seminar (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)

Students have to complete the seminar (SE) and the related exercise (UE) in the same semester.

Types of Courses

The courses offered in M2 are categorised as VU (Lecture with exercises), SE (Seminars) and UE (Exercises). Find further information on the types of courses in section 8 of the [full curriculum](#).

SWS and ECTS credits

M2 takes 6 hours per week per semester and successful completion is credited with 15 ECTS credits.

Proof of performance

Successful completion of the course.

Further information

Students are allowed to substitute the VU Economic Development in East Asia with another course offered by the University of Vienna or another university provided that the course is equivalent in terms of content and ECTS credits.