

Module M3 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 *M3 Compulsory module: East Asian Politics*. 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](#).

M3 – Compulsory module: East Asian Politics

Description

In M3 students focus on the political aspects of the region of East Asia and its countries. These may include national, comparative and international subject areas. 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 M3, students are expected to have acquired the following skills:

- Master the fundamentals of the theoretical concepts of comparative political science and international relations
- Understand the specifics of current political systems and societies in East Asia and have the skill to conduct comparative analyses of similar cases
- Understand the current and future societal effects of the respective systems
- Correctly analyse the East Asian security position in a global context
- Correctly analyse the security constellation within the region based on accepted theories in an appropriate scholarly manner
- Apply analysis skills to unfamiliar cases

Structure

M3 consists of three compulsory courses:

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

Students have to complete the seminar and the related exercise in the same semester.

Types of Courses

The courses offered in M3 are categorised as VU² (Lecture with exercises), SE³ (Seminars) and UE⁴ (Exercises).

SWS and ECTS credits

M3 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 International Relations 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.

² This type of course with continuous assessment combines lectures by teachers and students' active participation, such as written assignments or presentations. The assessment is based on at least one written exam. Attendance is mandatory.

³ Seminars are courses with continuous assessment. They serve the purpose of addressing exemplary topics and practising independent academic research by combining methods, empiricism and analyses. New content is imparted by teachers as well as developed and scrutinised by students. The participants have problem-solving competence based on theory to independently acquire, discuss and present academic content in oral and written form. In addition to regular written and/or oral contributions, the participants are required to independently write a seminar paper. Attendance is compulsory. The maximum number of participants is limited to 25.

⁴ Exercises serve the purpose of jointly preparing selected problems and topics. Attendance in all exercises is compulsory. Exercises are courses with continuous assessment. Students are continuously and actively involved in preparing the subject matter. Language courses convey the theory and practice of the respective contemporary language. Depending on the needs, the teaching methods can vary between lectures and work in small groups.