

Module M4 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 *M4 Compulsory module: East Asian Society*. 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](#).

M4 – Compulsory module: East Asian Society

Description

During courses in M4 students mainly analyse East Asian societies from the perspective of cultural history. The individual societies as well as the region as a whole are examined with regard to major cultural and historical movements.

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

Objectives

After completing M4, students are expected to have acquired the following skills:

- Familiarise with the history and culture of the region of East Asia comparatively
- Understand the respective fundamentals of the contemporary economic and political systems
- Understand the cultural relevance of the region's languages and scripts
- Know the methods in East Asian Studies and be able to apply them to individual research

Structure

To complete M4, students have to select courses comprising 16 ECTS credits in total from a selection of currently available courses. The selection of available courses is subject to change each semester. Students are advised to consult [u:find](#) for an up-to-date overview of courses offered. Currently [Status: S2026], students may choose from the following range of courses:

- VO Intercultural Negotiation Patterns (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VO Religionen Ostasiens (2 SWS, 5 ECTS credits)
- VU Regionalism, Institutions and Transnational Crimes in East Asia (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VU East Asian History (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VU Political Propaganda in East Asia (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VU Current Developments in East Asia (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VU Humanitarian Assistance in East Asia (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VU East Asian Hotspots: Economy, Politics and Society of North Korea (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)
- VU Strategic Gaming: The South China Sea Dispute (2 SWS, 4 ECTS credits)

Additionally, students may complete courses, except for language courses, comprising 4 ECTS credits from all degree programmes offered by the Department, provided that they fulfil the respective prerequisites.

Types of Courses

The courses offered in M4 are categorised as VO (Lectures), VU (Lecture with exercises), SE (Seminars) and UE (Exercises). Other types of courses according to the respective curricula may be applicable. Find further information on the types of courses in section 8 of the [full curriculum](#).

SWS and ECTS credits

M4 takes 10-13 hours per week per semester and successful completion is credited with 20 ECTS credits.

Proof of performance

Continuous assessment, except for lectures. Successful completion of the courses.

Further information

Students may complete one or more courses within M4 during a stay at a university abroad. 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.