

DETAILS ON ECOS MODULES (M1 TO M5)

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Description of language courses in module M1

M1	Compulsory Module: Contemporary East Asian Language
SH	10 - 16
ECTS	30
Description	The fundamentals of one East Asian language (Chinese, Japanese or Korean) are acquired. Students may choose the language they wish to study according to the capacities of the Department of East Asian Studies (hereafter referred to as “the Department”). Students who have already acquired a Bachelor degree or a similar qualification in one of the languages offered by the Department are required to take courses in a language in which they do not hold such a degree or qualification.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students know the respective pronunciation rules and writing systems - They master the fundamentals of grammar and syntax - They acquire basic vocabulary - They have basic command in listening, speaking, reading and writing which enables them to communicate in everyday situations
Structure	Regular language courses offered by the Department according to the individual requirements
Course type	UE (<i>Ger. Übung, exercise course</i>) ¹
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses ²

Description of the two seminars in module M2

M2: SE 2a	Seminar Economic Development in East Asia
SH	2
ECTS	8
Description	The focus is set on the dynamic process of economic development and the corresponding role of the state. By means of reading and discussing specialized texts, students gather or deepen their knowledge of the main theories of economic development. On this basis and in particular against the background of the different models of economic development existing in East Asia (liberal-democratic vs. authoritarian-socialist), comparative analyses of East Asian cases are conducted.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students master the fundamentals of different theories of economic development; this is particularly the case for classical/neoclassical theory, Marxism, Keynesianism, dependency theory, dirigisme, structuralism and neo-liberalism

¹ Editor’s note: For a list of course types and their description, please refer to section 8 of this curriculum.

² Editor’s note: This usually means that you have to get a grade better than „F“ (or „5“ in the Austrian system).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They understand the developmental paths of individual East Asian countries both from a general perspective and with regard to their characteristics - They are able to conduct comparative, method-based country case analyses and to apply the imparted knowledge to current developments
Course type	SE (seminar)
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses

M2: SE 2b	<i>Seminar Economic Systems in East Asia</i>
SH	2
ECTS	7
Description	The focus is set on static analyses of the current situation. By means of reading and discussing specialized texts, students gather or deepen their knowledge of the main theories of economic systems. On this basis, a comparative analysis of the current situation in East Asia is conducted.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students acquaint themselves with the fundamentals of theories of economic systems (liberal or socialist systems etc.) - They are familiar with important macroeconomic and structural indicators and are able to practice their application to concrete country cases as well as analyse the obtained results in a scholarly manner - They know and understand the specific situation of contemporary East Asian economic systems including economic policy, financial policy, fiscal policy, regulatory policy, foreign trade policy, role of markets etc. - They develop and practice the skill to conduct comparative analyses of similar cases and comprehend current and
Course type	SE (seminar)
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses

Description of the two seminars in module M3

M3: SE 3a	<i>Seminar Political Systems in East Asia</i>
SH	2
ECTS	7
Description	By means of reading and discussing specialized texts, students gather or deepen their knowledge of main theories of political systems. On this basis, a comparative analysis of the current situation in China, Japan, North and South Korea is conducted.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students master the fundamentals of different theories of political systems (authoritarian, democratic systems etc.) and are able to apply them to concrete cases - They are aware of the specific situation of contemporary East Asian political systems including respective ruling bodies, power structures, institutions etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are able to conduct comparative analyses of similar cases and understand current and future societal effects of the respective systems
Course type	SE (seminar)
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses

M3: SE 3b	<i>Seminar International Relations in East Asia</i>
SH	2
ECTS	8
Description	By means of reading and discussing specialized texts, students gather or deepen their knowledge of main theories of International Relations. On this basis, an analysis of the situation in East Asia with focus on security policy is conducted.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students know and understand the fundamentals of different theories of International Relations (esp. liberalism and neo-realism, but also constructivism, rationalism, postmodernism, critical theory etc.) and are able to apply them to concrete cases - They are able to analyse the East Asian security position in a global context - They master the analysis of specific core themes of the field of International Relations in East Asia
Course type	SE (seminar)
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses

Description of courses from compulsory module M4

M4	Compulsory Module: East Asian Society
SH	10 - 13
ECTS	20
Description	In this module, East Asian societies are mainly analysed from a cultural-historical perspective. The individual societies as well as the region as a whole are examined with regard to major cultural and historical dynamics.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students study the history and culture of the region East Asia comparatively or in-depth and understand the respective fundamentals of the contemporary economic and political systems - They are acquainted with the cultural relevance of the region's languages and writing systems - They are aware of the methods used in East Asian Studies and are able to apply them to their own research

Structure	<p>From the following courses, courses totalling to 16 ECTS have to be selected³:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VO Lecture (or Lecture Series) on East Asian History (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VO Lecture on Intercultural Negotiation Patterns (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VU Lecture and Exercise Course on East Asian History (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VU Lecture and Exercise Course on East Asian Society (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VU Lecture and Exercise Course Introduction to East Asian Languages and Scripts (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VU Lecture and Exercise Course on Methods of East Asian Studies (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VU Lecture and Exercise Course on Governance in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS) - VU Lecture and Exercise Course on Regionalism in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS) <p>Additional courses totalling to a minimum of 4 ECTS can be selected from the programs offered by the Department of East Asian Studies, provided the respective admission requirements for these courses are fulfilled. Language courses are excluded from this regulation.</p>
Course type	VO (<i>Ger. Vorlesung, lecture</i>), VU (<i>Ger. Vorlesung und Übung, lecture and exercise course</i>) ⁴ , SE (seminar), UE (<i>Ger. Übung, exercise course</i>), other types of courses according to the respective curricula where applicable; see section 9, subsection 5
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses

Description of compulsory module M5

M5	Compulsory Module: Research and Master Colloquium
SH	2
ECTS	10
Description	In this module, previously acquired skills are refreshed and applied to a research theme that leads to the Master's thesis.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students recapitulate and practice the academic skills acquired throughout the courses of the program - They find an scholarly ambitious and relevant topic for their Master's thesis - They are able to organize and conduct research on this topic according to academic standards - They master the presentation of complex problems
Structure	SE Research and Master's Colloquium
Course type	SE (seminar)
Course assessment	Successful completion of the courses

³ Editor's note: For this module, you need to complete 20 credits. 16 of these credits have to be earned from among the list of courses that you find under „structure“. The remaining 4 credits can be acquired freely as long as they correspond with the basic goals of the module as outlined above.

⁴ Editor's note: VU is a course type that combines elements of lectures and of more interactive exercise courses. See also section 8 of this curriculum.