

## DETAILS ON ECOS MODULES (M1 TO M5)

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### Description of language courses in module M1

| <b>M1</b>         | <b>Compulsory Module: Contemporary East Asian Language</b>  |
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| 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"> <li>- Students know the respective pronunciation rules and writing systems.</li> <li>- They master the fundamentals of grammar and syntax.</li> <li>- They acquire basic vocabulary.</li> <li>- They have basic command in listening, speaking, reading and writing which enables them to communicate in everyday situations.</li> </ul>   |
| Structure         | Regular language courses offered by the Department according to the individual requirements.  |
| Course type       | Continuous and non-continuous assessment  |
| Course assessment | Successful completion of the courses <sup>1</sup>   |

### Description of the courses in module M2

| <b>M2</b>   | <b>Compulsory Module: East Asian Economy</b>   |
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| SH          | 6  |
| ECTS        | 15   |
| Description | Students focus on 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 theory, methods and empirical data. The module is composed of the two seminars 2a and 2b, as described in the appendix. |
| Goals       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students acquaint themselves with the fundamentals of theories of economic development and economic systems. They acquire the ability to apply these theories to specific cases in East Asia.</li> <li>- They understand developmental paths and economic systems of countries in East Asia including their particular characteristics.</li> </ul>                    |

<sup>1</sup>Editor’s note: This usually means that you have to get a grade better than “F” (or “5” in the Austrian system).

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|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In particular, students are able to apply methods of the New Institutional Economics to East Asia.</li> <li>- They are capable of deriving conclusions for unfamiliar cases, of gathering relevant data in order to verify their theses and of conducting appropriate analyses according to the academic standards of the respective subject area.</li> <li>- They are familiar with important macroeconomic and structural indicators and are able to apply them to concrete country cases as well as to analyse the obtained results in an appropriate scholarly manner.</li> <li>- They have the skill to conduct comparative analyses of similar cases and understand current and future societal effects of the respective systems, also with regard to regionalization.</li> </ul> |
| Structure         | VU Economic Development in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)<br>SE Economic Systems in East Asia (2 SH, 7 ECTS)<br>UE Exercise Course for the Seminar Economic Systems in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)   |
| Course type       | VU ( <i>Ger. Vorlesung mit Übungen, lecture with exercises</i> ) <sup>2</sup> , SE (seminar), UE ( <i>Ger. Übung, exercise course</i> ).  |
| Course assessment | Successful completion of the courses  |

### Description of the courses in module M3

| <b>M3</b>   | <b>Compulsory Module: East Asian Politics</b>   |
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| SH          | 6   |
| ECTS        | 15  |
| Description | Students focus on political aspects of the region of East Asia. These may include national, comparative and international subject areas. Static situations, as well as dynamic processes, are discussed with the prime concern of combining theory, methods and empirical data. The module is composed of the two seminars 3a and 3b, as described in the appendix.   |
| Goals       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students master the fundamentals of the theoretical concepts of Comparative Political Science and International Relations</li> <li>- They understand the specifics of political systems in East Asia and have the skill to conduct comparative analyses of similar cases as well as understand current and future societal effects of the respective systems.</li> <li>- They are capable of analysing the East Asian security position in a global context as well as the constellation within the region based on accepted theories in an appropriate scholarly manner and are also able to apply this skill to unfamiliar cases.</li> </ul> |
| Structure   | VU International Relations in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)<br>SE Political Systems in East Asia (2 SH, 7 ECTS)<br>UE Exercise Course for the Seminar Political Systems in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)  |

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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| Course type       | VU ( <i>Ger. Vorlesung mit Übungen, lecture with exercises</i> ), SE (seminar), UE ( <i>Ger. Übung, exercise course</i> ). |
| Course assessment | Successful completion of the courses   |

#### Description of the courses from compulsory module M4

| <b>M4</b>         | <b>Compulsory Module: East Asian Society</b>   |
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| 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"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- They are acquainted with the cultural relevance of the region's languages and writing systems</li> <li>- They are aware of the methods used in East Asian Studies and are able to apply them to their own research</li> </ul>   |
| Structure         | <p>From the following courses, courses totalling to 16 ECTS have to be selected<sup>3</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VO Lecture (or Lecture Series) on East Asian History (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VO Lecture on Intercultural Negotiation Patterns (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VU Lecture and Exercise Course on East Asian History (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VU Lecture and Exercise Course on East Asian Society (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VU Lecture and Exercise Course Introduction to East Asian Languages and Scripts (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VU Lecture and Exercise Course on Methods of East Asian Studies (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VU Lecture and Exercise Course on Governance in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> <li>- VU Lecture and Exercise Course on Regionalism in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)</li> </ul> <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 with exercises</i> ), 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   |

<sup>3</sup> 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.

### Description of compulsory module M5

| <b>M5</b>         | <b>Compulsory Module: Research and Master Colloquium</b>  |
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| 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"> <li>- Students recapitulate and practice the academic skills acquired throughout the courses of the program</li> <li>- They find a scholarly ambitious and relevant topic for their Master's thesis</li> <li>- They are able to organize and conduct research on this topic according to academic standards</li> <li>- They master the presentation of complex problems</li> </ul> |
| Structure         | SE Research and Master's Colloquium   |
| Course type       | SE (seminar)  |
| Course assessment | Successful completion of the courses  |