

**Subject-Specific Study and Examination
Regulations for the Two-Year M.A. Study
Program International Relations & Global
Politics SSER M.A. IRGP**

(studies beginning in Fall Semester 2021)



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International Relations & Global Politics | IRGP
at Zeppelin University
dated 11/4/2020**

Based on § 70 Para. 6 in conjunction with § 34 Para. 1 Item 1 of the law regarding universities in Baden-Württemberg (State Higher Education Act – LHG), on 11/4/2020 the Senate of Zeppelin University decided upon the following regulations governing teaching, studies and examinations in the master study program International Relations & Global Politics.

§ 1 Study program objective

The English-language, research-oriented IRGP master program prepares students for a career in academia and in the public, non-profit and commercial sectors. The content of the study program topics is drawn from the subfield of international relations within political science. The study program provides students with, in particular, detailed knowledge in the areas of: war and peace, dealing with (new) security threats in a globalized world; new forms of governance in global contexts; the role of international organizations, and the transnational approach to current challenges such as climate change, development, digitalization and migration. The study program therefore offers students the opportunity to orientate themselves within the field of international relations, to build a foundation and expertise for a professional profile in this context, and assess the various approaches and possibilities.

§ 2 Program structure

The study program is divided into 5 compulsory modules (36 ECTS, 1-2 semesters) and up to 10 elective modules (max. 60 ECTS, 2-4 semesters) in the major phase and master thesis including a thesis defense in the master phase (24 ECTS, 4 study semester). In practice, the modules are organized throughout the semester as follows.

Semester	Compulsory modules	Elective modules	Final assignment
1.	1 Lecture from the research methods module 2 Module on the core content of the study program	2	
2.	1 Lecture from the research methods module 2 Module on the core content of the study program	2	
3.		5	
4.		1	1

§ 3 Options

- (1) Options within a compulsory module or modules in the elective section can be found in Appendix 2 of these regulations.
- (2) As a rule, all mandatory and elective modules within the Zeppelin University master study programs that are not included in the student's own program can be chosen as a multidisciplinary elective module (depending on availability), as well as offerings from StudentStudies and GlobalStudies.
- (3) A minor qualification in IRGP is offered to students in other master study programs.
- (4) Participation in the "Creativity & Performance" workshop (provided it is not attended as part of the CCM elective module) and the "Value-added Entrepreneurship" workshop is open to students as an extracurricular activity; it is not graded with ECTS, but it may on request be reported in the diploma supplement.
- (5) Elective modules totaling max. 12 ECTS can be replaced with an internship or multidisciplinary modules. Alternatively, elective modules totaling 18 ECTS can be replaced with the "Research Project" module.
- (6) Two modules may be chosen from "selected topics", addressing different themes.

§ 4 Authorization of the Examination Committee

When minor changes are made to the SSER, the faculty may allow the Central Examination Committee to make the decision, if consideration by the Senate is not considered necessary. For this purpose, the Central Examination Committee is authorized to undertake changes to these regulations, in the event of which, they will notify the Senate. This does not apply to significant changes, particularly those which affect the very essence, content-related orientation or the basic structure of the study program. Consideration by the senate is absolutely essential in this case. The faculty is always entitled to consult the Senate directly regarding any proposed changes.

§ 5 Effective date

These regulations come into force on the day of their publication.

Appendix 1 | Study Structure two-year MA IRGP

Major-Phase

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Mandatory Modules			
Research Design & Methods I	Research Design & Methods II		Final Module
Global Governance	War and Peace		Masterthesis
International Relations	European Institutions		Disputation
ELECTIVE MODULES			
2 Elective Modules	2 Elective Modules	5 Elective Modules	1 Elective Modul
	Elective Modules in amount of 60 ECTS		
	Modules from the core area of IRGP		
	Democracy and Justice in International Politics		
	International Law		
	Decisions, Games and Negotiations		
	Selected Topics: International Relations & Global Politics I / II / III		
	Other Elective Modules		
	Political Behavior & Public Opinion		
	Theories of Justice		
	Comparative Politics & Institutions		
	Inequality and Justice		
	Comparative Public Policy Analysis		
	Human Decisionmaking		
	Selected Topics: Political Norms, Institutions & Behavior I / II		
	Governance and Controlling of Public Sector Organizations		
	Computational Political Science		
	Applied Data Analysis		
	Advanced Methods		
	Further options		
	2 elective modules in amount of 12 ECTS can be replaced by mandatory/elective modules from other MA programs or an internship.		
	Alternatively, 3 elective modules in amount of 18 ECTS can be replaced by a research project		

Appendix 2 | Studyplan MA IRGP

Major Phase (Semester 1 - 2)**Mandatory Modules in amount of 36 ECTS**

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week					ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	Σ	C	Module
Module 23306 Research Methods					6		12
C 233061 Research Design and Methods I	3					6	
C 233062 Research Design and Methods II		3				6	

Module Courses (C)	Semester / hours per week					ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	Σ	C	Module
Modules from the core area of International Relations & Global Politics					12		24
Module 243022-6 International Relations	3						6
Module 243021-6 Global Governance	3						6
Module 243164-6 War and Peace		3					6
Module 243163-6 European Institutions		3					6
Sum Major-Mandatory Modules							36

Major Phase (Semester 2 – 4) Wahlpflichtmodule

Elective Modules in amount of 60 ECTS

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week					ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	Σ	C	Module
Core area of the study program IRGP							
Module 243143-6 Democracy & Justice in International Politics		3		3			6
Module 243041-6 International Law	3		3				6
Module 243165/66/67-6 Selected Topics: International Relations & Global Politics I / II / III	3	3	3	3			6
Module 243152-6 Decisions, Games and Negotiations		3		3			6
Other Elective Modules							
Module 243111-6 Comparative Public Policy Analysis	3		3				6
Module 243171-6 Human Decisionmaking	3		3				6
Module 233021-6 Comparative Politics & Institutions	3		3				6
Module 243151-6 Political Behavior & Public Opinion		3		3			6
Module 233022-6 Modern Political Theory	3		3				6
Module 243155-6 & 243156-6 Selected Topics: Political Norms, Institutions & Behavior I / II	3		3				6
Module 243153-6 Inequality and Justice		3		3			6
Module 243072-6 Governance and Controlling of Public Sector Organizations		3		3			6
Module 243113-6 Computational Political Science		3		3			6
Module 243114-6 Applied Data Analysis			3				6

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week					ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	Σ	C	Module
Multidisciplinary Elective Modules					3		6
Module 24353 Elinor-Ostrom-Projekt C 243523 Research Colloquium C 243522 Research Project					2		18
		2				3	
						15	
Module 24353 Elinor-Ostrom-Projekt C 123241 - 44 A – P Advanced Methods C 243522 Research Project							18
		2				3	
						15	
Module 12344 Advanced Methods C 123241 - 44 A – P Advanced Methods C 123241 - 44 A – P Advanced Methods					4		6
		2				3	
		2				3	
Internship					4		12
Sum Elective Modules of the Major-Phase							60

Master Phase (Semester 4)

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week					ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	Σ	C	Module
Module 55000					3		24
Final Module							
Masterthesis							
Disputation				3			
Sum of the Master Phase							24
Sum Total							120

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Fakultative Module, die nicht in die Gesamtnote eingehen.	Semester / SWS					ECTS	
	1.	2.	3.	4.	Σ	LV	Modul
Grundlagen des Unternehmertums		2				2	
Creativity & Performativity		2				2	