

Master of Arts European Studies							Rules and Regulations 2019			
Module title		Challenges to European Society								
Module 13 Compulsory elective module 952007130	Credit points	Weekly semester hours	Student workload (total)	Required classroom hours	Required self-study hours	Period	Frequency of course offering	Stage of study		
		10	4 SWS	300 h	60 h	240 h	1 semester	Every autumn semester	3rd semester	
Learning objective	This module's purpose is to make students familiar with a range of current societal challenges European societies face, related, for example, to the issue of borders, migration/mobility, social inequality, the welfare state and religious or social conflicts. Moreover, the module gives the students a chance of practically employing the concepts, theories and social science methods studied in the second semester for developing their own research project. To this end, students know selected sociological theories, concepts and research methods as well as relevant empirical studies so that they have an appropriate toolkit for understanding, analysing and critically evaluating these diverse social phenomena.									
Professional competence	Students are able to analyse and hypothesize about selected actual societal challenges in Europe from a sociological perspective. Students deepen their ability to develop a well-founded position and to defend it argumentatively in discussions. They become sensitive to the potentials and restrictions of specific approaches in studying diverse social phenomena and can relate to public debates in an academically informed manner.									
Methodological competence	Students are able to work out sociological research questions and to identify suitable theoretical as well as empirical approaches to deal with a range of societal challenges. By a guided analysis of primary as well as secondary sources, students develop and defend individual research projects. They present selected topics orally and in written form.									
Interpersonal competence	Students learn to collaborate in different ways, to present and analyse problems in the abovementioned fields, either individually, in a partner and/or group situation in a manner appropriate to the addressees. They can articulate their thoughts orally and/or in written form in an academically competent, culturally appropriate and gender-sensitive manner.									
Teaching and learning formats	Methods of instruction include, but are not limited to, ex-cathedra teaching, classroom discussions, student presentations and different forms of student group work and self-study. Depending on the current topic, team-teaching may be employed.									
Module coordinator	Professorship in European Sociology (Prof. Dr. Monika Eigmüller)									
Module prerequisites	None									
Module transferability	M.A. European Studies									
Sub-modules										
Nr.	Title	Teaching method	Weekly semester hours	Compulsory -/ compulsory elective	Examination type	Graded?	Planned group size	Student workload		
								Classroom hours	Class preparation and review	Exam preparation and review
1.	Societal Challenges of Europe	Seminar	4	Compulsory			30	60	120	
x	Module examination				Paper including presentation	Yes				120
Notes on the module examination:		Research paper (15-20 pages) with presentation (20 minutes)								
Comments/ Other:		This module belongs to area 2 (Social- und Economic Sciences) of the 3rd semester compulsory electives.								

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