

Module DE 3	Research Methods				
	<i>Forschungsmethoden</i>				
	Module type		Required		
	Module ID number		-		
	Credit points (LP)		5 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		2 SWS		
	Semester	2nd semester	Workload (total)		150 h
	Term	Every spring semester	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Duration	One semester		Self-study	120 h
Qualification objective		This Module's objective is an introduction to various research methods pertaining to the social sciences. This comprises empirical approaches, methods and instruments. In the evaluation of the students' performance, emphasis is placed on the extent to which they display the following competences:			
Expertise		The students should be able to descriptively account for and define relevant research methods and the contexts of their application. They can, to the extent required by the Module and the introduction level, compare and contrast methods as to their applicability and classify them as to their belonging to methodological schools and lines of thoughts. They can give an account of common scholarly criticism and limitations relating to various research questions. They are capable of suggesting appropriate methodological provisions depending on a given research question, and can list key elements of a research design necessary to approach this research question.			
Methodological competence		Successful completion of the Module will allow them to participate in professional debates on the methodological backgrounds of research and to convey their opinion based on the knowledge acquired during the Module. Students will be able to display an accurate application of method-related terminology. They get sensitive to potentials and restrictions of various methodological approaches.			
Social and personal skills		Students will learn to organise themselves and their own learning processes, to reflect and decide questions against a broad educational backdrop. As student group work will be a central part, students will learn to collaborate and to present and analyse problems in a partner or group situation.			
Course and study 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.			
Module coordinator		Uwe Puetter			
Prerequisites		-			
Applicable degree program		B.A. European Cultures and Society			
Comments / Other		-			

M DE 3: Sub-module 1	Research Methods				
	Sub-module ID number	-	Course type	Seminar	
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	90 h	
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Planned group size	40		Self-study	60 h
M DE 3: Module-examination	Module Exam				
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>				
	Examination number	-	Scope of the exam	See comments	
	Examination format	Student presentation and take-home assignment	Exam preparation and examination time	60 h	
	Graded exam?	Yes			
	Comments on the Module examination	Student presentation (extent according to prior agreement) and take-home assignment (3000-4000 words)			
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