

Module DE 5	Intermediate Research Methods				
	<i>Vertiefung Forschungsmethoden</i>				
	Module type		Required		
	Module ID number		-		
	Credit points (LP)		10 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		4 SWS		
	Semester	4th semester	Workload (total)		300 h
	Term	Every fall semester	of which	Classroom hours	60 h
	Duration	One semester		Self-study	240 h
Qualification objective		The successful student is able to plan, design and perform empirical work appropriate to the courses taken. Especially, students will learn to match appropriate research methods to scientific problems and research questions, plan and perform the necessary data generating procedures, analyse and interpret the data and relate them to a wider theoretical context.			
Expertise		Building on the introductory Modules DE 2 and DE 3 the student can choose 2 out of 3 courses in intermediate research methods. The choice should be made according to the student's preferences and chosen focus. In the course on hermeneutics and alternatives (2.), the student will deepen his or her understanding of argumentative, textual and discourse analysis. This course is especially recommended for students focusing on cultural issues. In the course on statistics (3.), quantitative methods including an introduction to statistics are addressed and applied. This course is especially recommended for students focusing on the empirical analysis of European society. The course on Comparative Analysis in the Social Sciences (1.) focusses on comparative research methods mainly focusing on cross-national comparison. All courses are generally open to both specializations and put the respective methods in a wider context.			
Methodological competence		Students will deepen their ability to evaluate the appropriateness, strengths and weaknesses of different research methods. Where necessary, they will acquire additional computer-based skills.			
Social and personal skills		The student will begin to be able to assess the time, effort and financial resources necessary to perform a certain research project. S/he will train his or her abilities to cooperate with others on a project.			
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. The latter will take up a considerable share of course time.			
Module coordinator		Florian Hertel			
Prerequisites		-			
Applicable degree program		B.A. European Cultures and Society			
Comments / Other		-			

M DE 5: Sub-module 1	Comparative Analysis in Social Sciences			
	Sub-module ID number	-	Course type	Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	90 h
	Type of sub-module	Elective	of which	Classroom hours
Planned group size	40	Self-study		60 h
M DE 5: Sub-module 2	Philosophy of science, hermeneutics and alternative approaches			
	Sub-module ID number	-	Course type	Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	90 h
	Type of sub-module	Elective	of which	Classroom hours
Planned group size	40	Self-study		60 h
M DE 5: Sub-module 3	Intermediate quantitative methods			
	Sub-module ID number	-	Course type	Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	90 h
	Type of sub-module	Elective	of which	Classroom hours
Planned group size	40	Self-study		60 h
M DE 5: Module-examination	Module Exam			
	Modulprüfung			
	Examination number	-	Scope of the exam	See comments
	Examination format	Oral exam or Term paper or Presentation with written draft or Presentation with written exam or Portfolio	Exam preparation and examination time	120 h
	Graded exam?	Yes		
Comments on the Module examination	Oral exam (25 min) or Term paper (5.000-6.500 words) or Presentation (15 minutes) with written draft (4.000-5.000 words) or Presentation (15 minutes) with written exam (60 minutes) or Portfolio			
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