

Master of Arts European Studies		Rules and Regulations 2020								
Module title		European Union Politics and Policies								
Module 2 Compulsory module xxx	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	2 semesters	Autumn and spring semester	1 st - 2nd semester		
Learning objective		The aim of this module is to understand and analyse the European Union (EU) as a political system featuring particular patterns of politics and policy-making. It introduces students to the EU's core political institutions and to the EU's main policy areas. They learn to distinguish different political actors in the policy process such as transnational party groups and the European Parliament, national governments and the Council and European Council, EU civil servants and the European Commission as well as NGOs. While obtaining insight into the practice of EU policymaking, students learn to apply different theoretical and analytical approaches to studying EU politics and policies. Moreover, the module enables students to distinguish between different roles the EU has in relation to its member states within different policy areas – ranging from supranational legislative competences to intergovernmental policy coordination. Throughout the course, current issues in EU policy-making are reviewed.								
Professional competence		By the end of this module, students are able to attribute different roles in decision-making to different types of political actors. They are able to identify the EU's main roles in major public policy domains and can formulate assessments and expectations of the implications for the further course of European integration and national politics and policies. At an analytical level, students are able to engage in independent research on EU policy-making and the roles and function of EU institutions by using different theoretical and methodological perspectives and strategies.								
Methodological competence		At the backdrop of in-class discussions and course readings, students can independently develop empirical or theoretical arguments and research questions on EU topics. Using qualitative and/or quantitative methods, students are competent analysing EU data from sources such as EUR-Lex, Eurostat, Eurobarometer and others. They can present their research in an oral, written and visual form and are confident in drafting a research design for their term paper. The course motivates the transition from students writing a term paper towards drafting a research-based paper preparing for the M.A. thesis.								
Interpersonal competence		Students are able to engage in a critical discussion with each other and the professors, work individually and in small, as well as larger groups. Thereby, participants will also become comfortable with debating in an academic setting.								
Teaching and learning formats		Formats include classroom discussions, individual work, and different forms of group work. Moderated peer-to-peer supervision will be encouraged for preparation of the research-based term paper. The writing of policy briefs will incentivise the participants' engagement with current EU topics.								
Module coordinator		Professor for Empirical Research on Europe (Prof. Dr. Uwe Puetter) and Junior Professor for European and Global Governance (Prof. Dr. Christof Roos)								
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.	952001061 European Union Politics and Policies I	Lecture	2	Compulsory			42	30	60	
2.	European Union Politics xxx and Policies II	Lecture	2	Compulsory			42	30	60	
x	952001065 Module examination				Policy Brief with Paper	Yes				120
Notes on the module examination:		Policy Brief with Research paper, 10-15 pages								
Comments/ Other:										