

Master of Arts European Studies							Rules and Regulations 2019			
Module title		Societal Challenges of Europe								
Module 16 Compulsory elective module 952002160		Credit points	Weekly semester hours	Student workload (total)	Required classroom hours	Required self-study hours	Period	Frequency of course offering	Stage of study	
		5	2 SWS	150 h	30 h	120 h	1 semester	Every autumn semester	3rd semester	
Learning objective		This module's purpose is to make students familiar with a range of 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. To this end, students know selected sociological theories and concepts 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 selected 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 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.								
Module coordinator		Professorship in European Sociology (Prof. Dr. Monika Eigmüller)								
Module prerequisites		Module 6								
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 952002161	Seminar	2	Compulsory			30	30	60	
x	Module examination 952002165				Paper including presentation	Yes				60
Notes on the module examination:		Research paper (15-20 pages) and 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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