

Master of Arts European Studies							Rules and Regulations 2019			
Module title		Research Design								
Module 5 Compulsory module 952001050	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	1st semester		
Learning objective		At the end of this module students have gained further grounding in research methods, including appropriate statistical methods, to provide a broad understanding of the research process. Students are able to read, understand, and critique published work, as well as understand the important methodological issues for their own future research projects.								
Professional competence		The content of the module has two main strands, and combined this gives students a robust knowledge of the research process and the tools to undertake their own projects, and appraise published research. The first strand relates to the understanding and development of methodological skills. This will include discussion of research parameters, primary and secondary research, the role of secondary literature, and research philosophies. Within this, broad considerations of research design will be discussed. The second strand relates to an introduction and development of important topics and issues from qualitative research. This will include understanding and undertaking literature reviews, interviews (structured, semi-structured and unstructured), and an appreciation of case studies. Within this, and throughout the module, broad considerations of research design will be discussed, and students will learn how to think about generating their own results, and interpret results from published literature.								
Methodological competence		The statistical strand will support the first strand by equipping students with an understanding of how to generate, understand and interpret results. This will include descriptive statistics, covariance, correlation, commonly used statistical tests, and regression. With this statistical knowledge, students learn how to think about generating their own results, and interpret results from published literature.								
Interpersonal competence		The module contains discussion of all of the stages of a research project from conception to completion, and draws on academic research from different business, economics, and management areas of research as well as contemporary research methods texts, and prepares the students well for other modules on their course where research is discussed and utilized.								
Teaching and learning formats		Lecture/ Seminar								
Module coordinator		Professorship in Empirical Research on the EU (N.N.)								
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.	952001051 Methodological Skills	Lecture	2	Compulsory			42	30	80	
2.	952001052 Research Methods	Seminar	2	Compulsory			42	30	80	
x	952001055 Module examination				Written exam	Yes				80
Notes on the module examination:		Written exam (90 minutes)								
Comments/ Other:										
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