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Appendix 7 Subject-Specific Appendix Master Social Sciences (Anlage 7 Fachspezifische Anlage Master Social Sciences)

1. Academic degree

The Faculty I of Education and Social Sciences offers the English-taught programme "Social Sciences" with the degree "Master of Arts" (M.A.).

2. Objectives of the programme

The English-taught Master's programme in Social Sciences provides the basics of sociological and political science research perspectives. The goal is to convey an understanding of the structure and functioning of modern societies. The social science concepts are illustrated in relation to organizational phenomena, particularly the significance of organizations for the constitution of modern societies.

Organizations are central to modern societies. They accompany us throughout our lives, starting from hospitals at birth, through early childhood, school, vocational and university education, to companies and other organizations in the field of work, as well as institutions for elderly care and end-of-life care. Alongside this life-phase-related classification, organizations play a role in various societal functional areas, such as education, culture, politics, and economics. Therefore, an understanding of modern societies cannot be achieved without an understanding of modern organizations. Conversely, general societal patterns can be well-illustrated using the example of organizations.

The programme focuses on imparting research competencies: students gain the ability to theoretically analyze social science questions, research them empirically, and reflect on them normatively. As social scientists must be able to consider a scientific or practical problem from various perspectives, place it in a larger context, apply the right instruments for analysis and find appropriate solutions, the starting point of the curriculum is the interweaving of substantive research questions with different theoretical frameworks and methodological foundations. Good knowledge of the English language as well as a willingness for international mobility and collaboration are important elements of the programme.

With the social science Master's programme, graduates acquire competencies for various fields of work, primarily in academic, science-utilizing, and consulting areas. These range from an academic career through private research institutions to activities in various organizations such as economic enterprises, administration, and NGOs. Fields such as consulting, human resources, internal organization, and market research, as well as public relations, are particularly but not exclusively suitable. In addition, the Master's programme enables independent scientific work and provides the necessary foundations for a PhD programme.

3. Compulsory modules of the programme

(1) The programme offers the following compulsory modules:

Module title	Module type	Type and quantity of classes	CP	Type and quantity of exams
sow940 Theoretical Approaches	compulsory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE	9	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio or 1 oral exam
sow941 Politics and Organisations	compulsory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE	9	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio or 1 oral exam

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sow942 Knowledge, Learning and Organisations	compulsory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE	9	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio or 1 oral exam
sow943 Society and Organisations	compulsory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE	9	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio or 1 oral exam
sow944 Quantitative Research Methods	compulsory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE	6	Exam consisting of 2 parts: 2 short tests or 1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 portfolio or 1 oral exam
sow948 Qualitative Research Methods	compulsory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE	6	Exam consisting of 2 parts: 2 short tests or 1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 portfolio or 1 oral exam
<u>Total</u>			<u>48</u>	

Key:

LE = Lecture

SE = Seminar

Type and quantity of exams are defined in section 7.

4. Optional modules

As part of the optional modules, students have the opportunity to complete modules totaling 18 credit points. At least 6 credit points must be taken from the institute's own range of optional modules. The remaining 12 credit points can be freely divided between the institute's own offering and the offering of external modules:

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4.1. Optional modules of the Institute of Social Sciences:

Module title	Type and quantity of classes	CP	Type and quantity of exams
sow961 Advanced Topics in Political Science	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE or 1 SE and 1 WG	6	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio
sow962 Advanced Topics in Sociology	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE or 1 SE and 1 WG	6	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio
sow963 Advanced Social Sciences Theory	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE or 1 SE and 1 WG	6	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio
sow964 Advanced Social Research Methods	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE or 1 SE and 1 WG	6	1 exam: 1 written exam or 2 short tests or 1 term paper
sow965 Advanced Statistics	1 LE and 1 SE or 2 SE or 1 SE and 1 WG	6	1 exam: 1 term paper or 1 presentation or 1 portfolio

Key:

LE = Lecture

SE = Seminar

WG = Working Group

Type and quantity of exams are defined in section 7.

4.2. Optional modules of other institutes and departments:

Module title	Type and quantity of classes	Type and quantity of exams
gsw300 Gesundheits- und Versorgungssysteme	According to the relevant information in the examination regulations for the subject-specific master's degree programs of the Faculty VI - Medicine and Health Sciences at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, "Anlage 5 Versorgungsforschung"	
gsw410 Organisationsforschung und -entwicklung		
wir874 Advanced Microeconomics	According to the relevant information in the examination regulations for the Master's degree program "Applied Economics and Data Science" at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg	
wir878 Public Economics and Market Design		
wir892 Computational Economics		

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wir902 Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability	According to the relevant information in the examination regulations for the Master's degree program "Sustainability Economics and Management" at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg.
wir904 Environmental and Sustainability Governance	

5. Practical modules (Project und Internship)

5.1. Project

In the project (12 credit points), students learn to define their own empirical research question, develop a suitable theoretical approach, and conduct and evaluate an empirical investigation. The project can be carried out as a group assignment.

The aim is to enable the integrative application of theoretically acquired knowledge, promote independent work as a core competence, and strengthen teamwork skills.

5.2. Internship

Students of the Master's degree program Social Sciences complete a career-related internship totaling 12 credit points.

This career-related practical module aims to prepare for professionalization in the social sciences on a broad and flexible basis, as well as to open up fields of activity and future directions. The internship should be completed in companies, non-profit or public institutions (including universities), associations, clubs, government and non-governmental organizations, as well as municipal institutions or other suitable organizations that can offer the interns activities related to the study subject and future possible professional activities.

The internship should provide students with experience in:

- a different habitus than academic settings
- different language modes than those learned in their studies
- short time horizons for planning and implementation of independent action
- new forms of cooperation and communication/reporting techniques
- operational organizational contexts and processes

The career-related practical module includes an internship of 270 hours, a accompanying course, and the internship report. The internship can be completed as a continuous period or throughout the semester.

Module title	Module type	Type and quantity of classes	CP	Type and quantity of exams
sow971 Project	compulsory	1 CO	12	1 exam: 1 project report

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sow972 Internship	compulsory	1 CO	12	1 exam: 1 internship report
Total			24	

Key:

CO = Colloquium

Type and quantity of exams are defined in section 7.

6. Master completion module in the programme Social Sciences

(1) The subject-specific Master's thesis is usually written in the last semester. The Master's degree module has a total of 30 credit points, of which 27 credit points are allocated to the Master's thesis and 3 credit points to the colloquium on the Master's thesis. The processing time is 6 months.

(2) The Master's thesis is written in English.

7. Type and quantity of exams

- A presentation typically lasts at least 30 minutes (6 credit points), or 45 minutes (9 credit points), and the written paper has a length of 3,000 - 4,000 words (6 credit points) or 4,500 - 6,000 words (9 credit points).
- A term paper has a length of 3,000 - 4,000 words (6 credit points), or 4,500 - 6,000 words (9 credit points).
- Short test: A task is completed in a limited time and with limited aids. The scope is usually 60 minutes.
- A portfolio comprises multiple pieces of work (e.g., essay, short presentation, exercises, protocols, report) that together correspond to a length of 3,000 - 4,000 words (6 credit points) or 4,500 - 6,000 words (9 credit points) or a presentation of at least 20 minutes (6 credit points) or 30 minutes (9 credit points) and a written paper.
- The internship report comprises at least 3,000 - 4,000 words.
- The project report is a written paper with a length of 9,000 - 11,000 words.
- An oral exam lasts at least 20 minutes (6 credit points) or 30 minutes (9 credit points).