




 University of Hamburg
 Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy
 at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)
 



**Master of Peace and Security Studies
(M.P.S.)**

Co-operation Network Peace Research and Security Policy (KoFrieS)

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General Information on the M.P.S.



- Two-semester Postgraduate Programme
- First Postgraduate Programme of this kind in Germany
- Trans- and Interdisciplinary (natural sciences, social sciences and law)
- International






Content and Objectives of the Programme

- **Participants**
Highly qualified graduates from national or foreign universities and academically trained practitioners
- **Contents of the Course**
 - Theory-based education in the areas of peace research and security policy
 - Practical application of methods for research
- **Prime Objective of the Course**
 - Preparation for
 - Professions in scientific peace research and theory
 - Careers in peace and security policies in (inter)national organizations, administrations, associations, companies, the media etc.

Programme Structure



- **Introductory Unit**
 - Introduction to the fundamentals of the discipline of peace studies and security policy
 - Co-operating resident institutes introduce their research and teaching profiles
 - Binding pre-selection of courses for the first semester and for the areas of practice and research in the second semester
- **First Semester**
 - Intensive study of basic issues on peace studies and security policy in lectures, seminars, block seminars and an intensive course
- **Second Semester**
 - Practical course and intensive practical academic work

Curriculum for the First Semester

- Elaboration of Content and methodical Approaches for Practice and Research in the second Semester
- Intensive Study on the Basis of a modular Curriculum
 - Modules:
 - (I) International Peace and Security Policy
 - (II) International Law in War and Peacemaking
 - (III) Natural Sciences and Peace
 - (IV) Ethics of Peace
 - (V) Economic Globalisation and Conflict
 - (VI) Interdisciplinary Module

Curriculum for the Second Semester



→ Placement Component and practical academic Work

- Placement component at the resident institute (4 weeks)
 - Compulsory block seminar (RI-Seminar)
 - Participation in cross-sectional tasks
 - Preparation for the research phase
- Midterm Colloquium (Module VI)
- Research Phase at the resident Institute (3 months) (Module VIII)
 - Participation in a research project (3-4 weeks)
 - Individual phase to finish the masters thesis (4 weeks)
 - Optional attendance at (inter-)national conferences
- Final Colloquium (Module IX)

Timetable for the Academic Year 08/09



01.10. - 20.10.2008	Introductory Unit at the IFSH
08.10.08	Opening Ceremony
20.10.08 – 07.02.09	Duration of the 1st Semester
23.11.-30.11.08	Slovenia-Excursion
20.12.08 – 05.01.09	Winter Break
09.02. – 12.02.09	Examinations
18.02. – 17.03.09	Placement at RI-Institutes
18.03. – 15.07.09	Research Element, including Masters Phase
10.04. – 13.04.09	Easter Break
06.04. – 11.04.09	Midterm Colloquium (Module IV)
29.05. – 07.06.09	Pentecost Break
15.07.09	Submission of the Masters Thesis
24.08. – 28.08.09	Final Colloquium (Module IX)
07.09.09	Deadline for the Thesis Assessment
Mid October 2009	Ceremonial Award of the Masters Diploma and granting of the Title: „Master of Peace and Security Studies“

Credit System:



1st Semester: 30 LP to be obtained

• Core Modules		
• 2 Modules including one lecture each (VO), one seminar and one „Blockseminar“ (BLV)	16 LP	
		+
• Interdisciplinary Module		
• Lecture, seminar, intensive course and 4 BLV	9 LP	
		+
• Optional Modules	5 LP	

	30 LP	

Credit System:



2nd Semester: 30 LP to be obtained

• RI-Seminar (including module exam)	2 LP
• Placement Module	+ 2 LP
• Duration of 4 weeks, with a final report	
• Participation in interdisciplinary tasks of the RI	
• Module Exam VI (MC)	+ 2 LP
• Research	+ 6 LP
• 3-4 weeks with a final report	
• Final Colloquium	+ 3 LP
• Masters Thesis	+ 15 LP

	30 LP

Credit System:



A total of 60 credits (LP) to be obtained

• 1. Semester		30 LP
<i>Please note:</i>		
16 LP in 2 Core Modules		
9 LP in Module VI		
5 LP from Optional Modules		
		+
• 2. Semester		30 LP
• RI-Seminar(s)	2 LP	
• Placement (Report)	2 LP	
• Module Examination VI (MC)	2 LP	
• Research Work (Report)	6 LP	
• Final Colloquium	3 LP	
• Masters Thesis	15 LP	

		60 LP

Examinations



- General evaluation of academic achievement, including oral presentations, oral examinations, essays, seminar examinations, field reports and project reports
- Midterm colloquium (MC)
 - Module exam VI and oral presentation of the proposed topics of the masters thesis
- Masters thesis
- Final colloquium (FC)
 - Oral presentation and case for the masters thesis

Masters Thesis



- Deadline time frame: 12 weeks
- Submission of the MT: 15 July 2009
- Guidelines on how to write the MT (form, layout, scope etc.) are predetermined
- Grading of the masters thesis by 2 examiners
 - First examiner: personal tutor; Second examiner: from co-operating institutes or other external supervisors (at least one professor)
 - Grade of the masters thesis to be calculated from arithmetic mean of the grade given by the two examiners
 - Third evaluation of the masters is necessary only when one examiner grades the MT as a "fail" or the difference between the grades of the examiners amounts to a difference of two grade levels or more

Criteria for the Evaluation of the MT



- Clear research question or hypothesis and exposition of topic
- Logical proceeding; systematical arrangement of sources and structure of the thesis
- Knowledge of the latest research; accuracy and relevance of the sources used
- Proper methodology and control of formal research techniques
- Comprehensibility of the presentation and linguistic competence
- Originality of the thesis; critical reflection of the conclusions reached in relation to other points of view
- Theoretic relevance: Classification of results within the corresponding discipline; discussion on universality of theory, its applicability and limits
- Practical relevance: discussion of the results with respect to practicability and problem-solving qualities

Calculation of the Overall Grade



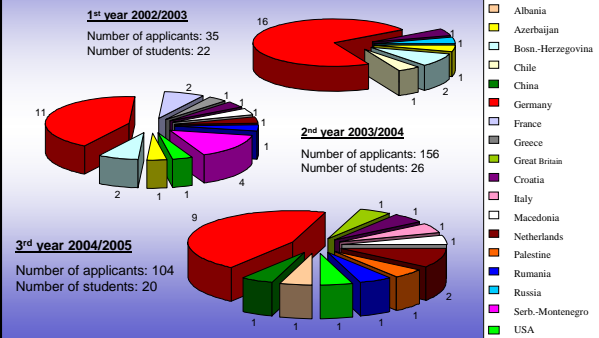
Overall grade:

- A) Grade of the Masters thesis (arithmetic mean of the grade of the first and of the second evaluation) **40 %**
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- B) Cumulative grade of the remaining components of the examination (arithmetic mean of the individual grades) **60 %**

Statistics



Country of Origin of Students

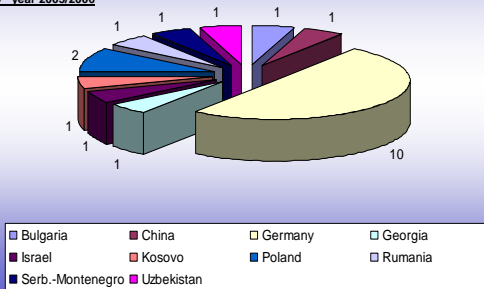


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Country of Origin of Students in the 4th Year

4th year 2005/2006

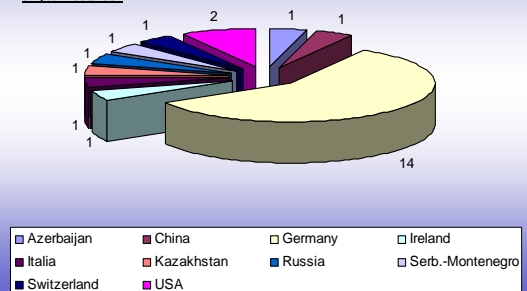


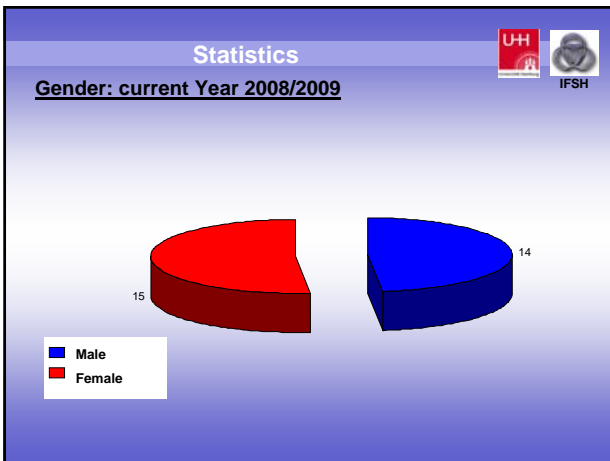
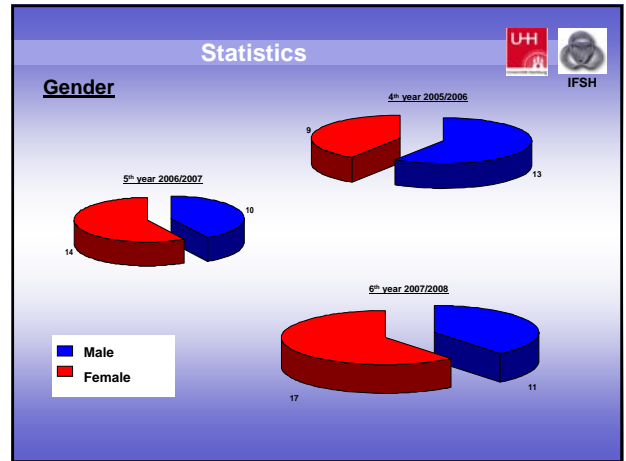
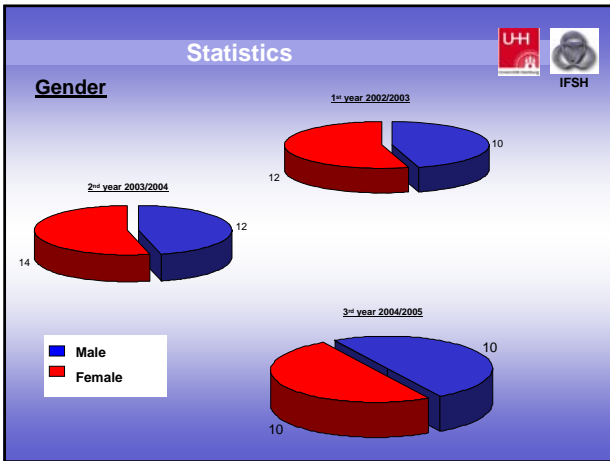
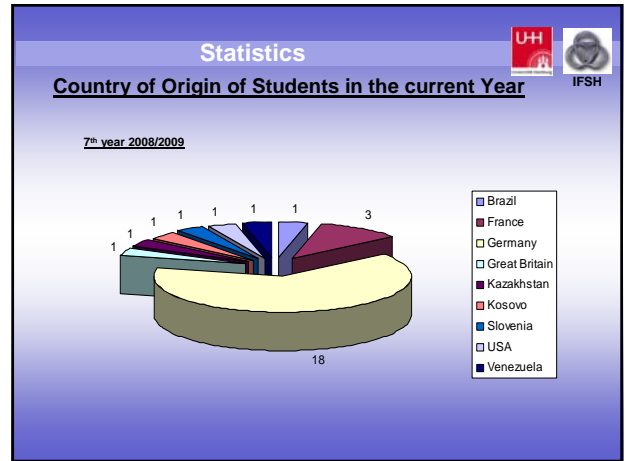
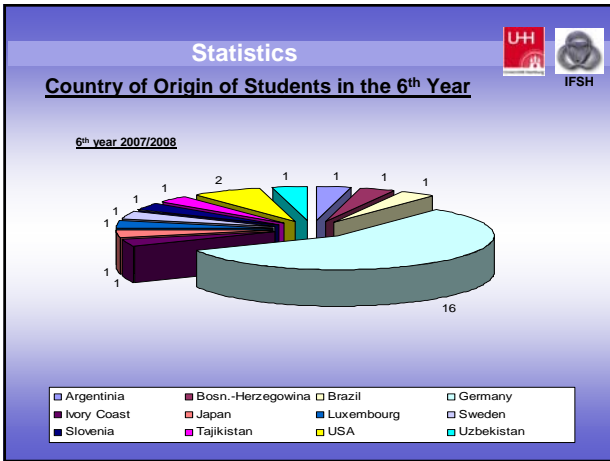
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Country of Origin of Students in the 5th Year

5th year 2006/2007







DAAD Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst German Academic Exchange Service

Academic Network Southeast Europe

- Objectives of the Network**
 To guarantee long-term co-operation and academic exchange between scholars from Southeast Europe and Germany
- Target Groups**
 - Southeast Europe: students, Ph.D. students, professors and research assistants from various postgraduate programmes
 - Germany: M.P.S. - students/graduates and other students/graduates with a particular interest in the Balkans
 - Experts in the field, journalists and political key figures


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 IFSH

- Role of the IFSH**
 Serves as a centre for the network's activities and facilitates creating and maintaining contacts
Contact persons: Dr. Patricia Schneider and Naida Mehmedbegovic
- DAAD Funding**
 DAAD provides M.P.S. - students from Southeast Europe with scholarships, and financially supports several Balkan workshops a year
- Objectives of the Workshops**
 To offer a forum for in-depth discussions of various relevant topics in peace-oriented politics, to generate academic exchange and provide networking opportunities that link participants in Germany with the participants in Southeast Europe

Co-operating Partners


 IFSH

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 • Law • Humanities • Economics and Social Sciences
 • Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences


Structure of the IFSH


 IFSH

Organigramm / Organization Chart Stand 31.12.2007 *

Kuratorium		Wissenschaftlicher Beirat	
Wissenschaftlicher Direktor Michael Brzoska	Stv. wiss. Direktoren Hans-Joachim Großmann Wolfgang Zöllner	Institutsrat	
Sekretariat Annelisa Cotone	Verwaltung Britta Fusch Jutta Steppert	Bibliothek/Dokumentation Ute Rünge Uwe Polley	Öffentlichkeitsarbeit Susanne Bund
ZEUS Zentrum für Europäische Friedens- und Sicherheitsstudien Hans-Joachim Großmann Hans-Joachim Ehrhart	IFAR² Interdisziplinäre Forschungsgruppe Abwägung, Rüstungskontrolle und Risikotechnologien Götz Neuneck Michael Brzoska	CORE Zentrum für OSZE-Forschung Wolfgang Zöllner Uwe Lüschning	
Militärischer Anteil Armin Vitzner	M.P.S. Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik Hans-Joachim Großmann, Patricia Schneider		

* Beschäftigte laut Stellenplan ohne Dozentent- und Honorarstellen.



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