



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

Cooperation Network Peace Research and Security Policy (KoFrieS)

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General Information About M.P.S.

- Two-semester postgraduate programme
- First postgraduate programme of its kind in Germany
- Practice-oriented programme
- Trans- and interdisciplinarity of the programme
(Natural sciences, social sciences, law)
- Internationality of the programme

Contents and Objectives of the Programme

Participants

- Highly qualified graduates from national or foreign universities and academically trained practitioners

Course Contents

- Theory-based education in the areas of peace research and security policy
- Practical application of research methods

Objectives of the Programme

- Preparation for
 - Professions in scientific peace research and teaching
 - Careers in (inter)national organizations, administrations, firms, media etc.

Programme Structure

Introductory Unit

- Introduction of the essential topics of peace research and security policy
- Presentation of the resident institutes
- Individual course planning; pre-selection of research projects and cooperating institutes

First Semester (winter term)

- Intensive study of basic issues in peace studies and security policy (in lectures, seminars, block seminars and intensive courses)

Second Semester

- Practical elements and profession-related research

Curriculum of the First Semester

- Elaboration of contents 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 of Peacekeeping, Security and Conflict
 - (III) (Natural) Science(s) and Peace
 - (IV) Ethics and Peace
 - (V) Conflicts and Economic Globalization
 - (VI) Interdisciplinary Module

Curriculum of the Second Semester

→ Practical elements and profession-related research

- **Placement component at the resident institute (4 weeks)**
 - Compulsory block seminar (RI-Seminar)
 - Participation in cross-sectional tasks
 - Preparation for the research phase
 - Optional interviews/excursions within the country and abroad on approval of the supervisor(s)
- **Midterm Colloquium (Module VI)**
- **Research phase at the resident institute (3 months) (Module VIII)**
 - Participation in a research project (3-4 weeks)
 - Optional attendance at (inter-)national conferences
 - Final phase for writing the master's thesis (4 weeks)
- **Final Colloquium (Module IX)**

Course of the Academic Year 2011/12

04.10. – 16.10.2011	Introductory unit at the IFSH, including a lecture on Module VI
11.10.2011	Graduation and matriculation ceremony
13.10. – 15.10.2011	Study trip to Berlin (intensive course during the orientation unit)
17.10.2011 – 04.02.2012	Duration of the first semester (lecture period)
24.12.2011 – 08.01.2012	Christmas break
06.02. – 08.02.2012	Time for written and oral examinations
09.02. – 13.02.2012	Time for moving out of Hamburg and preparation for the second semester
12.02.2012	Deadline for papers from the first semester
14.02. – 31.08.2012	Duration of the second semester (lecture period)
14.02. – 13.03.2012	Practical element at resident institutes and preparation for the Midterm-Colloquium (MC)
14.03. – 15.07.2012	Research element, including the master's thesis writing phase
06.04. – 09.04.2012	Easter Break
16.04. – 20.04.2012	Midterm-Colloquium (MC)
23.04. – 28.04.2012	Study trip to Vienna (OSCE, UN; limited number of participants)
11.05.2012	Submission of the practical and research element reports
27.05. – 03.06.2012	Pentecost break (remaining at the RI is voluntary)
Still open	Study trip to Brussels (NATO, EU; limited number of participants)
15.07. 2012	Submission of master's theses
16.08. - 22.08.2012	Final Colloquium (FC)
03.09.2012	Deadline for master's theses assessments
Beg.-Mid. October 2012	Ceremonial award of master's degree and granting of the title: „Master of Peace and Security Studies“ (M.P.S.)

Credit Points System

First Semester: 30 Credit Points (CP) to be obtained

• Core Modules		
• 2 Modules including one lecture each (VO), one seminar and one block seminar (BLV)		16 CP
		+
• Interdisciplinary Module		
• Lecture (VO), exercise course (Ueb), intensive course and block seminars (BLV)		9 CP
		+
• Optional Modules		5 CP

		<u>30 CP</u>

Credit Points System

Second Semester: 30 CP to be obtained

• RI-Seminar (including module exam)		2 CP
• Practical element	+	2 CP
• Duration of 4 weeks, with a final report		
• Participation in interdisciplinary tasks at the RI		
• Module Exam VI (MC)	+	2 CP
• Research participation	+	6 CP
• 3-4 weeks with a final report		
• Final Colloquium	+	3 CP
• Master's Thesis	+	15 CP

		<u>30 CP</u>

Credit Points System: Overview

A total of **60 CP** to be obtained

• 1. Semester		30 CP
	<i>Please note:</i>	
	16 CP in 2 core modules	
	9 CP in Module VI	
	5 CP from optional courses	
		+
• 2. Semester		30 CP
• RI-Seminar(s)	2 CP	
• Placement (Report)	2 CP	
• Module Examination VI (MC)	2 CP	
• Research Work (Report)	6 CP	
• Final Colloquium	3 CP	
• Master's Thesis	15 CP	
		----- 60 CP

Examinations

- General evaluation of academic achievement, including oral presentations, oral examinations, written examinations, seminar papers, study trip reports and project reports
- Midterm Colloquium (MC)
 - Module exam VI and oral presentation of master's thesis topics
- Master's thesis
- Final Colloquium (FC)
 - Oral presentation and defence of master's thesis

Master's Thesis

- Time frame: 12 weeks
- Submission deadline: **July 15, 2012**
- Master's thesis guidelines (form, layout, scope etc.) are predetermined
- Grading of master's thesis by two graders:
 - First grader: the same as supervisor; second grader: from cooperating institutes or other external supervisors; he/she cannot come from the same resident institute (at least one of the two has to have a professor title)
 - Master's thesis grade: the mean of the grades given by the two graders
 - Third grader: if one grader grades the master's thesis as "failed" or the difference between the grades of the graders amounts to a difference of two grade levels or more

Master's Thesis Evaluation Criteria

- Clear research question or hypothesis and exposition of topic
- Logical proceeding; systematical structure of the contents; sources and appendix
- Knowledge of current research; accuracy and relevance of the sources used
- Correct application of methodology, including formal writing techniques
- Comprehensibility of the presentation; expression and linguistic competence
- Originality of the thesis; critical reflection of the conclusions with regard to different point of views
- Theoretical relevance: classification of results within the corresponding discipline; discussion on universality of theory, its applicability and limits
- Practical relevance: discussion of the results in relation to practicality and problem-solving qualities

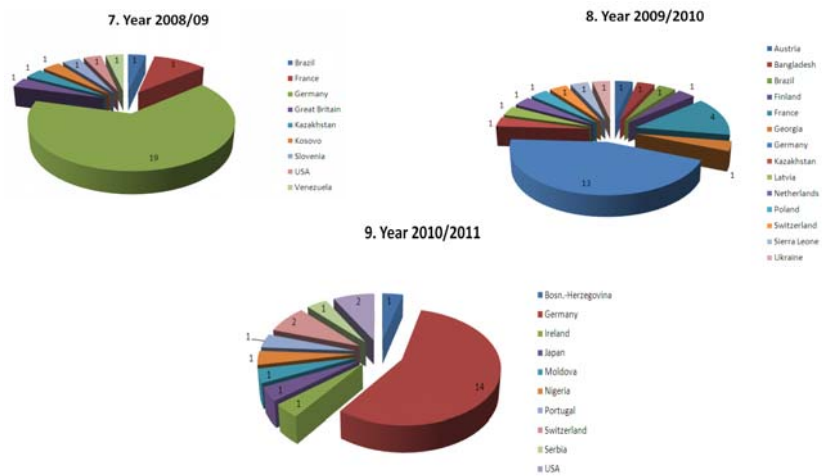
Calculation of the Final Grade

Final grade:

A) Grade of the Master's Thesis (arithmetic mean of the grades of the first and the second evaluation)	40 %
	+
B) Cumulative grade of the remaining components of the examination (arithmetic mean of the individual grades)	60 %

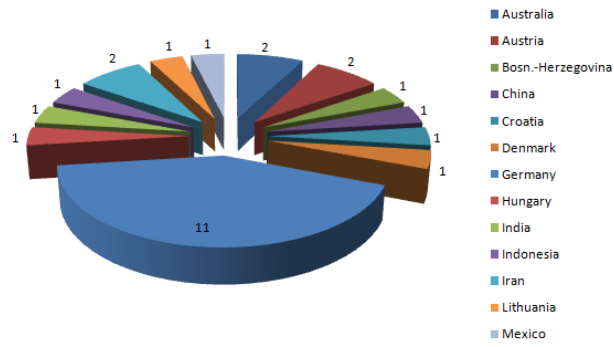
Statistics of the Previous Years

Country of Origin of Students in the Last Years



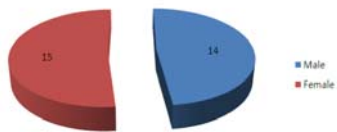
Country of Origin of Students in the 10th Year

10. Year 2011/2012

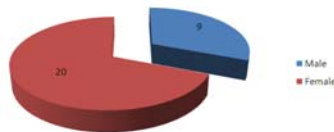


Gender

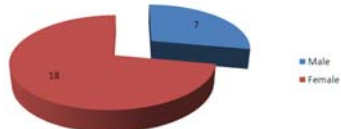
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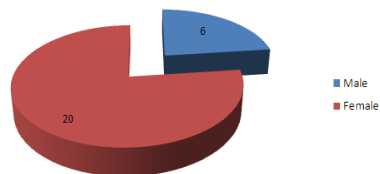
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9. Year 2010/2011



10. Year 2011/2012



Academic Network Southeast Europe



Objectives of the Network:

- Securing a sustainable cooperation and scientific exchange amongst academics from different institutes

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 key political figures

Academic Network Southeast Europe

- **Role of the IFSH**

Centre for the network's activities; facilitating, creating and maintaining contacts

Contact person: Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich

- **DAAD Funding**

Financing several workshops per year

- **Objectives of the Workshops**

Profound examination and discussion of peace-policy related topics; scientific exchange and connecting network members from Germany and Southeast Europe.

Cooperating Partners

Cooperation Network Peace Research and Security Policy (KoFries)

And its faculties:

- Law
- Humanities
- Business, Economics and Social Sciences
- Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences

Structure of the IFSH

Kuratorium		Wissenschaftlicher Beirat	
Wissenschaftlicher Direktor Michael Brzoska		Stv. wiss. Direktoren Götz Neuneck Wolfgang Zellner	Institutsrat
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