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Module Handbook

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1. Introduction

The consecutive program "Peace and Security Studies" at the University of Hamburg is a trans- and interdisciplinary program of two semesters' duration, combining theory-based education in the areas of peace studies and security policy with a practice-orientated application of methods for research. The prime objective of the programme is to provide highly qualified graduates from a national or foreign university and academically trained practitioners [of a field related vocational background] with the fundamental basics of the discipline peace studies and security policy, as well as providing them with the instruments applicable for differentiated research in this field. Students will be prepared for a career in academic peace research and teaching, as well as vocationally oriented careers in e.g.: national and international organizations, associations, the media or private companies, (peace keeping, monitoring, verification, development aid, mediation or arbitration, conversion, administration).

The course is a joint program of the University of Hamburg and the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). The program is further implemented also by leading academic organizations within the framework of the "Cooperation Network Peace Research and Security Policy" (Kooperationsverbund Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik – KoFrieS). The program is open to students from Germany and abroad. The instructional languages of the program are English and German. Admission to the course is limited. A University and Institute joint committee takes responsibility for selection with regard to the quality criteria.

The program starts in winter semester. Furthermore, students will have the possibility to carry out a period of praxis-orientated research at one of the co-operating resident institutes in the summer semester.

This program was accredited on behalf of the University of Hamburg. The accreditation procedure was carried out by AQAS e.V. on behalf of the Accreditation Council (Akkreditierungsrat) and successfully completed in July 2006. It was valid until 2018. The next accreditation will take place within a university/faculty-wide procedure within the next years. A quality circle for each degree programme already monitors the quality assurance process.

This module handbook provides an overview of the modules as well as detailed module descriptions of the course.

2. General Schedule of an Academic Year

1st Semester

Introductory module: Interdisciplinary Orientation (OE)	The first two weeks of October
Festive opening ceremony	During the OE
Intensivkurs I and II	During the OE
Regular lecture period of the first semester (weekly lectures, seminars and BLVs)	In the beginning of winter semester at the University of Hamburg (mid-October until mid February)
Study-free time	Lecture-free period of the University (14 days of Christmas holidays) (end of December/beginning of January)
End of the 1 st Semester	Beginning of/mid- February
(Subsidiary) Module Examinations (written examinations, term papers etc.)	One week upon the completion of the lectures/seminars of the first semester

2nd Semester

Practical and research module at one of the Residence Institutes (RI)	Mid-February until mid-April
Study trips to Vienna and Brussels	During the summer semester
Master's Thesis	Mid-April until mid-July Master's Thesis phase at the RIs (Presence during the last four weeks is voluntary)
Final module	
Preparation phase for the Final Colloquium	Mid-July until mid-August (Participation in the research also possible at the RIs)
Final Colloquium	End of August (1. week)
Ceremonial award of master's degree and granting of the title for the new students "Master of Arts" (M.A.)	Mid October, during a joint ceremony

3. Module structure

The module structure of the Course:

Compulsory module: Introductory Module: Interdisciplinary Orientation 4 CP¹

Compulsory elective modules (two modules out of five to be chosen):

Compulsory elective module I: International Peace and Security Policy 8 CP

Compulsory elective module II: International Law of Peacekeeping, Security and Conflict 8 CP

Compulsory elective module III: Science and Peace 8 CP

Compulsory elective module IV: Ethics and Peace 8 CP

Compulsory elective module V: Political Security Economics 8 CP

Compulsory elective module VI: Interdisciplinary Module 10 CP

Compulsory elective module VII: Practical and Research Module 8 CP

Compulsory module VIII: Master's Thesis 18 CP

Compulsory module IX: Final Module 4 CP

Total from the choice: 60 CP

¹ CP = Credit points (German: „Leistungspunkte“, CP)

4. Description of the modules

4.1. Module 0: Introductory module: Interdisciplinary Orientation

Introductory module: Interdisciplinary Orientation (Compulsory module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
0	120 h	4 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	Establishing a common ground for intensive learning of peace science content; recognizing the value of specific contributions of scientific disciplines for the academic and practical application of questions related to security and peace.				
Contents	<p>The key element of this module is a series of comprehensive interdisciplinary lectures on peace studies which will be conducted by University of Hamburg in cooperation with the IFSH and other scientific institutions. The subject is viewed from an interdisciplinary perspective and analyses methodically the genesis of conflicts, their early detection and aggravation, as well as different forms of conflict, their resolution through mediation, transformation and the construction of peace. Further components of the module are the introduction to the Master's program, two intensive courses, an introduction of the residency institutes, and individual course guidance services.</p> <p>For the participation in the Introductory Module, 4 credit points will be given: 2 points for the series of lectures, and 1 point for each intensive course. Attendance to the module is obligatory to all students. During the module, students must make a binding selection of modules for the 1st semester and a pre-selection of the practical and research topics of the 2nd semester.</p>				
Teaching form/SWS	Lecture (VO) (1 SWS) Intensive course 1 and 2 (IK) (each 1 SWS)				
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.				
Entry requirements	None				
Usability of the module	Compulsory module of the first semester				
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Requirements for the examination:</i></p> <p>Credit for course work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A short presentation for the Intensive Course 1 - At least one written contribution for the seminar report in the Intensive Course 2 <p><i>Examination type:</i> The module examination will take place in the form of a 90-minute test about the introductory lectures. The performance will be not graded.</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.</p>				

Workload (partial load)	Introductory lecture: 2 CP Intensive course 1: 1 CP Intensive course 2: 1 CP
Significance of this grade for the final grade	
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. Ursula Schröder

4.2. Module 1: International Peace and Security Policy

International Peace and Security Policy (Compulsory elective module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
1	240 h	8 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	Students will acquire deep knowledge of the links between different theoretical approaches to peace and security policies and the theory-based practical analysis. They will be able to analytically explore the tendencies and requirements of transformations in international security policy. They will be encouraged to independently apply the theoretical classification to new topics of security and peace and to analyze them with the help of acknowledged methodological tools.				
Contents	<p>Introduction to the basics and structures of international security. It covers objectives, trade-offs and organizational forms of international peace and security policy. Basic theoretical approaches for analyzing conflicts that affect peace and security will be communicated. These will be linked to insights into the organizational structures relating to peace and international security and to the functionality of military and nonmilitary instruments of security policy as well as the peace- and security-oriented transformation of international policies. Presentation and application of the standard methodological tools for analyzing peace and security policy.</p> <p>Module I consists of at least three basic seminars/lectures: one introductory module lecture and one intensive seminar, as well as one compulsory elective block seminar. Additional lectures and intensive seminars will be offered as a supplement according to availability. The module lecture deals with key concepts and categories of international peace and security policy (peace, civilization, security, conflict, violence, war). It discusses approaches to peace theories (structural, democratic peace) as well as influential models of international security policy (deterrent, arms control, cooperative, shared, collective and human security). Using geographical and structural case studies, methods of conflict analysis and strategies to attain political security will be introduced (the Middle East, terrorism etc.). Intensive seminars</p>				

	and block seminars complement the lecture with analysis of subject-specific case studies.
Teaching form/SWS	Lecture(VO) (2 SWS) Intensive seminar (VS) (2 SWS) Block seminar (BLV) (1 SWS)
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the Introductory Module
Usability of the module	This module can be chosen as a specialization. Individual seminars/lectures of this module can be freely chosen to complement other specializations.
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<i>Requirements for the examination:</i> None <i>Examination type:</i> This module includes two subsidiary examinations in which at least sufficient knowledge gained from the courses taken must be demonstrated. The subsidiary examination for the lecture will be either in the form of a two-hour written examination, a 12 to 15-page term paper or a 30-minute oral examination. The subsidiary examination for each intensive seminar will be either in the form of a written examination, a presentation, a term paper or an oral examination. <i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.
Workload (partial load)	Module lecture: 4 CP Intensive seminar: 3-4 CP Compulsory elective block seminar: 1 CP The required number of credit points depends on the respective workload of the intensive seminars.
Significance of this grade for the final grade	25%
Person in charge of this module:	PD Dr. Martin Kahl

4.3. Module 2: International Law of Peacekeeping and Conflict

International Law of Peacekeeping and Conflict (Compulsory elective module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
2	240 h	8 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	Students acquire knowledge regarding linkages between peace research and jurisprudential approaches in relation to prevention of, behavior within and the resolution of conflicts and disputes. They will learn how to independently apply the concepts of international law to issues of peacekeeping, war prevention and warfare.				
Contents	<p>Introduction to the basic principles and structures of international law regarding peacekeeping and armed conflicts (The law regarding war and violent conflict prevention, <i>ius contra bellum</i>, the law regarding armed conflict, <i>ius in bello</i>, and the law regarding peace building in the aftermath of conflicts, <i>ius post bellum</i>). The key principles behind International Law of Peacekeeping and Conflict will be presented and explained in their collaborative context (proscription of conflict and violence, peaceful conflict resolution, collective security, self-defense, basic principles of law in armed conflict and protection of human rights). The basic legal regulations and structures of the most important regimes will be dealt with (The United Nations' system of collective security, defense pacts, the law of international and domestic armed conflict, mechanisms and procedures regarding human rights law and the protection of minorities, international jurisdiction).</p> <p>Module II consists of at least three basic seminars/lectures: one introductory module lecture and one intensive seminar, as well as one compulsory elective block seminar. Additional lectures and intensive seminars will be offered as a supplement according to availability. The introductory module lecture familiarizes students with the basic components of the international legal system. Through the analysis of case studies, the binding character of common and codified norms intended to maintain, create and consolidate peace will be examined. In addition, problems linked with the assertion and implementation of these laws will be examined as well as the issue of the international law. Basic problems of modern international law and its development will be examined, while taking into account the challenges dealing with war and peace (e.g. genocide, war-wagering, and terrorism). The intensive seminars give insight into selected specific questions (e.g. cases of war, regimes involved in disarmament and armament, war crimes and international jurisdiction, international peacekeeping and European security and defense policy). Intensive seminars and block seminars complement the course offerings with examination of subject-specific case studies.</p>				

Teaching form/SWS	Lecture (VO) (2 SWS) Intensive seminar (VS) (2 SWS) Block seminar (BLV) (1 SWS)
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the Introductory Module
Usability of the module	This module can be chosen as a specialization. Individual seminars/lectures of this module can be chosen to complement other specializations.
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<i>Requirements for the examination:</i> None <i>Examination type:</i> This module is composed of two subsidiary examinations in which at least sufficient knowledge gained from the courses taken must be demonstrated. The subsidiary examination for the lecture will be in the form of an at least 90-minute written examination. The subsidiary examination for each intensive seminar will be either in the form of a written examination, a presentation, a term paper or an oral examination. <i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.
Workload (partial load)	Module lecture: 4 CP Intensive seminar: 3-4 CP Compulsory elective block seminar: 1 CP The required number of credit points depends on the respective workload of the intensive seminars.
Significance of this grade for the final grade	25%
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. iur. Stefan Oeter

4.4. Module 3: Science and Peace

Science and Peace (Compulsory elective module)					
Module number	Workload	Cred-its	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
3	240 h	8 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	Students will expand their knowledge of current and future safety threats, armed conflicts and implications of conflicts which are triggered or influenced by the scientific-technological developments. By imparting central categories and methodological tools, they will be encouraged to scientifically analyze arms control and disarmament issues. Students will learn how to scientifically and independently evaluate a natural-scientific perspective on the practical steps and suggestions in the field of arms control and disarmament.				
Contents	<p>Scientific breakthroughs and new scientific methods along with recent technological developments influence many areas of international security today. The guiding principle is based on the relationship between the dynamics of technology and armament, and the ambivalence of science and technology. New problems (e.g. information warfare, terrorist attacks and threats to critical infrastructure) will be examined, exacerbated through, for example, the influence of dual-use potentials and the role of sub-state parties. At the same time, the module discusses the scientific and technological contributions to conflict resolution and crisis prevention, especially with respect to arms control and disarmament and the study of crises and conflicts (game theory, probability calculation). Students will gain a basic knowledge of qualitative and quantitative analysis, as well as an insight into the structures and methods of scientific observation and attempts to solve problems of peace and security.</p> <p>Module III consists of at least three basic seminars/lectures: one introductory module lecture and one intensive seminar, as well as one compulsory elective block seminar. Additional lectures and intensive seminars will be offered as a supplement according to availability. In the module lecture, the scientific basis for and the mechanisms behind the process of armament in the areas of weapons of mass destruction, conventional warfare and terrorism will be dealt with, as well possibilities for restricting these activities through arms control, disarmament and the confidence-building. Intensive seminars and block seminars complement the lecture with examination of subject-specific case studies. Intensive seminars address peace research contributions with scientific background with regard to threat to and design of international security.</p>				
Teaching form/SWS	Lecture (VO) (2 SWS) Intensive seminar (VS) (2 SWS) Block seminar (BLV) (1 SWS)				

Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the Introductory Module
Usability of the module	This module can be chosen as a specialization. Individual seminars/lectures of this module can be chosen to complement other specializations.
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Requirements for the examination:</i> None</p> <p><i>Examination type:</i> This module is composed of two subsidiary examinations in which at least sufficient knowledge gained from the courses taken must be demonstrated. The subsidiary examination for the lecture will be either in the form of a 10 to 15 page term paper or an oral examination of 45 minutes.</p> <p>The subsidiary examination for each intensive seminar will be either in the form of a written examination, a presentation, a term paper or an oral examination.</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.</p>
Workload (partial load)	<p>Module lecture: 4 CP</p> <p>Intensive seminar: 3-4 CP</p> <p>Compulsory elective block seminar: 1 CP</p> <p>The required number of credit points depends on the respective workload of the intensive seminars.</p>
Significance of this grade for the final grade	25%
Person in charge of this module:	Dr. Patricia Schneider (kommissarisch)

4.5. Module 4: Ethics and Peace

Ethics and Peace (Compulsory elective module)					
Module number	Workload	Cred-its	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
4	240 h	8 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	The aim of the module is to understand the protection and promotion of peace as an ethical challenge. Students shall become familiar with the fundamental questions concerning ethical judgment (cognitivism, non-cognitivism, practical syllogism, naturalistic fallacy). Furthermore, basic ethical paradigms will also be taught (pacifism, just war, just peace). Lastly, students will be enabled to independently apply the formal and substantive ethical criteria to present peace and ethical challenges.				
Contents	<p>This module explores the basic questions regarding the concept of peace as a goal of human action in the interface between Anthropology, Historical Philosophy, Philosophy and Sociology as well as the Philosophy of Law and Ethics. The two great traditions in Peace and Ethics will be discussed, i.e. the philosophy of the “just war” (Augustinus v. Hippo, Thomas v. Aquin) and the legal-ethical philosophy of everlasting peace (Kant, Wilson, Habermas, Hoeffe). The objective is to gain insights into the deeper philosophical structures behind the political concepts of peace building and peace keeping, and therefore into the basic types of ethical justification and delegitimation of the use of armed force. Topics such as humanitarian intervention, wars of prevention and absolute bans on torture will also be introduced.</p> <p>Module IV consists of at least three basic seminars/lectures: one introductory module lecture and one intensive seminar, as well as one compulsory elective block seminar. Additional lectures and intensive seminars will be offered as a supplement according to availability. The module’s introductory lecture focuses on the war prevention program with respect to its ethical basis as well as with respect to attempts at its practical implementation. The course’s approach views this program as a synthesis of Kant’s philosophy of peace and the philosophy of the “just war”. Intensive seminars and block seminars complement this lecture with the analysis of subject-specific case studies.</p>				
Teaching form/SWS	Lecture (VO) (2 SWS) Intensive seminar (VS) (2 SWS) Block seminar (BLV) (1 SWS)				
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.				
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the Introductory Module				
Usability of the module	This module can be chosen as a specialization. Individual seminars/lectures of this module can be chosen to complement other specializations.				

Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Requirements for the examination:</i> None</p> <p><i>Examination type:</i> This module is composed of two subsidiary examinations in which at least sufficient knowledge gained from the courses taken must be demonstrated. The subsidiary examination for the lecture will be either in the form of an at least 90-minute written examination or a 10 to 15-page term paper or an oral examination.</p> <p>The subsidiary examination for each intensive seminar will be either in the form of a written examination, a presentation, a term paper or an oral examination</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.</p>
Workload (partial load)	<p>Module lecture: 4 CP Intensive seminar: 3-4 CP Compulsory elective block seminar: 1 CP The required number of credit points depends on the respective workload of the intensive seminars.</p>
Significance of this grade for the final grade	<p>25%</p>
Person in charge of this module:	<p>Dr. Marco Schrage</p>

4.6. Module 5: Political Security Economics

Political Security Economics (Compulsory elective module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
5	240 h	8 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	Students will gain deeper knowledge about the foundations and structures of economic globalization and its impact on the development of conflicts as well as their resolution. Students learn to apply the concepts and methods of Political Economics on issues of peace and security. They will be enabled to independently recognize the importance of economic aspects of topics related to peace and security and to consider them in a broader analytical perspective.				
Contents	<p>Globalization does not only mean a loss of power by nation states. It also changes – through intensification of trade and investment relations – the conditions for war and peace. The “dark side” of globalization leads to new risks. On the basis of classical theories of Political Economics and recent findings of security economics, a wide range of topics relevant to peace, security and war will be introduced. Thereby, political-economic approaches will be in the focus. Among the relevant issues are theories about civil wars (Collier/Hoeffler), the importance of raw materials for domestic and inter-state conflicts, changes in the global balance of power, economic explanations of terrorism and its consequences, and the impact of globalization on inter-state relations. These issues will be examined through examples in the areas of world trade, international financial markets and direct investments. On a European level, the focus will be on the legal principles of integration and the legal structures of the common market.</p> <p>In terms of methodology, the focus will be not only on economic approaches in their narrow scientific sense, but also on approaches economic and political aspects can be combined with. Thereby, in addition to qualitative methods, simple quantitative ones will also be introduced.</p> <p>Module V consists of at least three basic seminars/lectures: one introductory module lecture and one intensive seminar, as well as one compulsory elective block seminar. Additional lectures and intensive seminars will be offered as a supplement according to availability. The module lecture imparts basic knowledge relating to the political security economics. Intensive seminars and block seminars complement the lecture with the analysis of subject-specific case studies. Intensive seminars deal with political and economic aspects of civil wars and post-war orders, the importance of raw materials for domestic and inter-state conflicts, the impact of globalization, core issues of European integration, and forms of <i>global governance</i> structures to deal with problems of peace and security.</p>				

Teaching form/SWS	Lecture (VO) (2 SWS) Intensive seminar (VS) (2 SWS) Block seminar (BLV) (1 SWS)
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the Introductory Module
Usability of the module	The module can be chosen as a specialization. Individual seminars/lectures of this module can be chosen to complement other specializations.
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Requirements for the examination:</i> None</p> <p><i>Examination type:</i> The module is composed of two subsidiary examinations in which at least sufficient knowledge gained from the courses taken must be demonstrated. The subsidiary examination for the lecture will be either in the form of a 120-minute written examination or a 10 to 15-page term paper.</p> <p>The subsidiary examination for each intensive seminar will be either in the form of a written examination, a presentation, a term paper or an oral examination</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.</p>
Workload (partial load)	<p>Module lecture: 4 CP</p> <p>Intensive seminar: 3-4 CP</p> <p>Compulsory elective block seminar: 1 CP</p> <p>The required number of credit points depends on the respective workload of the intensive seminars.</p>
Significance of this grade for the final grade	25%
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. Michael Brzoska

4.7. Module 6: Interdisciplinary Module

Interdisciplinary Module (Compulsory module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
6	300 h	10 CP	1. Semester	Annually in the winter semester	One semester
Desired learning outcome	Students will learn to recognize the importance and value of various disciplinary approaches, and how to link them to issues of peace and security in multidisciplinary analyses. Students' ability to deal with the complexity of interdisciplinary perspectives in an analytical way will be strengthened. Moreover, they will be enabled to analyze and present the relationships between different topics and disciplinary approaches independently.				
Contents	<p>Due to practice-oriented focus, the block seminars link the contents of modules I-V and aim to promote interdisciplinary study and research. The block seminars will be taught mainly by lecturers from the residence institutes. Topics discussed include regional problems of security (among others Europe, Asia, Africa), the issues of arms industry, the practice of international peacekeeping missions and methods of resolving civil conflicts, the role of nongovernmental bodies in the transformation of conflicts etc. Topics of the block seminars offered will be announced at the beginning of the academic year.</p> <p>A separate, compulsory block seminar will take place in the form of a two-part scientific exercise. The first part of the exercise is dedicated to academic writing, whereas the second part introduces the practical methods employed in the social sciences.</p> <p>Students can also choose to participate in the IFSH's interdisciplinary research colloquium. Voluntary participation in more than the mandatory number of compulsory elective block seminars is also possible. In addition, students choose courses (lectures, intensive seminars, and block seminars) from the offerings of respective modules I-V, which were not chosen as the specialization modules. In doing so, they will complement their knowledge in other disciplines.</p>				
Teaching form/SWS	4 block seminars (BLV) (4 SWS) Exercise (Ü) (1 SWS) Other courses (or course) from the offerings of lectures and intensive seminars for the modules I-V, beside those assigned to the compulsory elective modules chosen by the student (2-4 SWS), or additional block seminars.				
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.				
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the Introductory Module				
Usability of the module	Attendance to module VI complements the contents of modules I-V.				
Form and	<i>Requirements for the examination:</i> Attendance to the courses described under "Teaching form"				

requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Examination type:</i> The module includes a module examination in which the ability to address a topic interdisciplinary must be demonstrated. The module examination takes place in the form of a 30-minute oral examination. The examination consists of a 15-minute presentation (with 5 days preparation time) and a 15-minute oral examination. The grade for the module examination does not count for the final grade.</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> German or English, according to the student's choice</p>
Workload (partial load)	<p>Block seminars: 4 CP Oral module examination VI: 2 CP Exercise: 1 CP Other courses (or course): The number of required credit points depends on the respective workload of the lectures and/or intensive seminars from 3 CP. Alternatively three additional block seminars (each 1 CP) can also be chosen.</p>
Significance of this grade for the final grade	
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. Ursula Schröder

4.8. Module 7: Practical and Research Module

Practical and Research Module (Compulsory module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
7	240 h	8 CP	2. Semester	Annually in the summer semester	8-9 weeks
Desired learning outcome	<p>During this module the decision upon the choice of the Master's Thesis topic should take place. Skills and knowledge for independent research should be expanded. Additionally, knowledge of current research topics in the field of peace research and security policy should be deepened.</p> <p>The practical seminars are designed in the first line to acquire knowledge about practical work of international organizations (i.e. OSCE, UN, NATO, and EU) through lectures and discussions.</p>				
Contents	<p>The module is designed in line with the course requirements, which the university faculties, the IFSH and the cooperating institution (residence institutes – RI) are responsible for. The module consists of practical, study and research elements.</p> <p>Students have to attend at least one practical seminar. Students as defined in § 1 paragraph 1, line 2 are supposed to participate in practical seminars which comprise 9 CP. Studies should, if possible, take place at the chosen residence institute. However, seminar offerings from other residence institutes may also be taken – alternating or additionally. Participation in the practical seminar will be verified in a subsidiary module examination.</p> <p><u>Practice and Research:</u> Students complete practical and research element at the chosen residence institute. They participate in interdisciplinary tasks and/or studies or research projects under intensive supervision of a member of academic staff of that residence institute. Following activities will be recognized: self-administration and administration, public relations, theoretical and practical organization of and running of conferences, contributions to editorial tasks for journals and academic volumes as well as various service functions and involvement in an academic institution's knowledge transfer. Ideally, the research should match the profile of the chosen residence institute's and be embedded in its research projects and departments. The research also includes voluntary participation in national and international conferences/seminars at home and abroad, as well as the opportunity of stays abroad at comparable scientific institutions, international organizations, courts and other institutions. Students should decide on the Master's Thesis topic and develop a preliminary concept for the Thesis, which will be presented at the Mid-term Colloquium.</p> <p>The one-week Mid-term Colloquium (MC) takes place at the IFSH during the second semester. Participation in the MC is mandatory. During</p>				

	the MC students present the topics, concept and research methods for their Thesis. Supervisor's participation in the MC is voluntary.
Teaching form/SWS	Practical seminar(s), practical and research phase, individual supervision
Teaching / working language	German or English. The exact teaching language will be announced before the beginning of the lecture/seminar.
Entry requirements	Successful completion of the compulsory elective modules, the Introductory Module (Interdisciplinary Orientation) and the compulsory module VI (Interdisciplinary Module).
Usability of the module	The module VII is a compulsory module and serves the practice-oriented examination of topics relevant to peace research and security policy. It also enables participation in research at chosen residence institutes as well as a deeper analysis of topics relevant to peace research and security policy.
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Requirements for the examination:</i> None</p> <p><i>Examination type:</i> The module involves an examination in which at least sufficient knowledge gained from the courses taken must be demonstrated.</p> <p>The examination for the practical seminar will be either in the form of a written examination, a report or an oral examination.</p> <p>The examination for the practical and research units will be in the form of a 5 to 6-page report which is usually to be submitted within 4 weeks after completing the module.</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> The exact examination language will be announced before the beginning of the course.</p>
Workload (partial load)	Practical seminars: 3 CP Practical and research units: 5 CP
Significance of this grade for the final grade	
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. Ursula Schröder

4.9. Module 8: Master's Thesis

Master's Thesis (Compulsory module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
8	540 h	18 CP	2. Semester	Once in the summer semester	12 weeks
Desired learning outcome	The module VIII encompasses the writing of the Master's Thesis (cf. § 17 of study regulations). Students are expected to apply their knowledge acquired in other modules to a particular problem, and to methodologically and theoretically discuss and critically evaluate it.				
Contents	<p>In the first eight weeks, students' attendance at the chosen residential institute is mandatory in order to enable their intensive integration. Subsequently, students have four weeks to complete the Master's Thesis at their own disposal.</p> <p>In this phase, in addition to further research topic development, the methodological questions should be clarified in cooperation with the supervisors. Additionally, the course directors provide assistance with methodological questions.</p>				
Teaching form/SWS	Individual supervision				
Teaching / working language	German or English				
Entry requirements	Successful completion of modules I-VII				
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	Master's Thesis (40 to 50-page) The Thesis can be written in English or German.				
Workload (partial load)	Master's Thesis (18 CP)/for students as specified in § 1 paragraph 1 line 2 (21 CP)				
Significance of this grade for the final grade	40%				
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. Ursula Schröder				

4.10. Module 9: Final Module

Final Module (Compulsory module)					
Module number	Workload	Credits	Semester	Frequency of course offering	Duration
9	120 h	4 CP	2. Semester	Once in the summer semester	4 weeks
Desired learning outcome	In the concluding public presentation of research results within the Final Colloquium (FC), students should demonstrate their skills of conveying the results in a clear, easily comprehensible form.				
Contents	The second semester concludes with the Final Colloquium, which – as module examination IX – completes the Master's Course. Having submitted their Master's Theses, students prepare for the Final Colloquium in accordance with the guidelines specified by the Programme Director. Students have to compile visual presentations and handouts, which are to be handed in before the FC. They improve their presentation skills. They present their results orally in front of their fellow students (mandatory attendance) and examiners according to the requirements of the Programme Director. They defend their Master's Thesis' results in a discussion following the presentation. Students improve their presentation skills and skills in defending the positions taken.				
Teaching form/SWS	Individual supervision				
Teaching / working language	German or English				
Entry requirements	Successful completion of modules I-VIII				
Form and requirements for the (subsidiary) examination	<p><i>Requirements for the examination:</i> Completion of the Master's Thesis (Module VIII)</p> <p><i>Examination type:</i> Oral examination (25 minutes)</p> <p><i>Examination language:</i> German or English, according to the student's choice</p>				
Workload (partial load)	Oral examination (4 CP)				
Significance of this grade for the final grade	10%				
Person in charge of this module:	Prof. Dr. Ursula Schröder				

5. Examples of the course of study

Examples of the course of study: 60CP, Winter semester:30, Summer semester: 30

Example 1:

1. Semester		
Introductory module: Interdisciplinary Orientation (Compulsory module)		
Introductory lecture:	001-VO <i>Disciplinary Methods and Interdisciplinary Peace and Security Research</i>	2 CP
Intensive Course 1:	031-IK <i>Berlin Study Trip – German Foreign Policy between Global Involvement and National Interests</i>	1 CP
Intensive Course 2:	032-IK <i>Rhetoric and Presentation Skills</i>	1 CP
} 4 CP		
Specializations (2 Compulsory elective modules)		
Module 1: International Peace and Security Policy (1 st Specialization)		
Module lecture:	101-VO <i>Introduction to Security Policy</i>	4 CP
Intensive seminar:	112-VS <i>European Security Policy: The OSCE</i>	3 CP
Block seminar:	615-BLV <i>Introduction to Terrorism Research</i>	1 CP
} 8 CP		
Module 3: Science and Peace (2 nd Specialization)		
Module lecture:	301-VO <i>Natural-Scientific Contributions to Peace Research</i>	4 CP
Intensive seminar:	311-VS <i>Seminar „Science, Peace and Security Studies: Nuclear disarmament and arms races: Return of the Cold War?“</i>	3 CP
Block seminar:	631-BLV <i>Is Confidence Building Feasible in Cyberspace?</i>	1 CP
} 16 CP		
Module 6: Interdisciplinary Module (Compulsory module)		
4x	641-BLV <i>Intercultural Communication and Cooperation</i>	1 CP
Block seminar:	621-BLV <i>Introduction to International Humanitarian Law</i>	1 CP
	651-BLV <i>Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) of Ex-Combatants: Approaches, Successes and Failures</i>	1 CP
	645-BLV <i>Child Soldiers: Reasons, Reality and Consequences</i>	1 CP
	} 10 CP	
Exercises:		0 CP
		1 CP
Other courses (3 CP):	603-Ueb1 <i>Academic Writing</i>	3 CP
	603-Ueb2 <i>Practical Introduction to Methods of the Social Sciences</i>	
Module examination:	411-VS <i>The Ethics of Promoting Peace</i>	2 CP
		30-minute oral examination
Credit points of the 1. Semester:		30 CP
2. Semester		
Module 7: Practical and Research Module (Compulsory module)		
Practical seminar:	722-RI <i>Bruxelles Study Trip – Quo Vadis Europe? Common Security in Europe in the 21st Century</i>	3 CP
Practical and research element:	<i>Stay at the residence institute (5- to 6-pages long report)</i>	5 CP
Module 8: Master's Thesis (Compulsory module)		
Master's Thesis:	<i>12-weeks completion period</i>	18 CP
Module 9: Final Module (Compulsory module)		
Final Colloquium:	<i>Presentation and defense of results of the Master's thesis</i>	4 CP
Credit points of the 2. Semester:		30 CP
Total:		60 CP

Example 2:

1. Semester		
Introductory module: Interdisciplinary Orientation (Compulsory module)		
Introductory lecture:	001-VO <i>Disciplinary Methods and Interdisciplinary Peace and Security Research</i>	2 CP
Intensive Course 1:	031-IK <i>Berlin Study Trip – German Foreign Policy between Global Involvement and National Interests</i>	1 CP
Intensive Course 2:	032-IK <i>Rhetoric and Presentation Skills</i>	1 CP
		} 4 CP
Specializations (2 Compulsory elective modules)		
Module 2: International Law of Peacekeeping, Security and Conflict (1 st Specialization)		
Module lecture:	201-VO <i>Public International Law I: General Principles</i>	4 CP
Intensive seminar:	211-VS <i>Defending Human Rights - Of Victims and Perpetrators</i>	3 CP
Block seminar:	<i>International Criminal Courts and Tribunals - Theory and Practice</i> 621-BLV <i>Introduction to International Humanitarian Law</i>	1 CP
		} 16 CP
Module 4: Ethics and Peace (2 nd Specialization)		
Module lecture:	401-VO <i>Peace, Liberty, Justice - Everything a Question of Political Ethics?</i>	4 CP
Intensive seminar:	411-VS <i>The Ethics of Promoting Peace</i>	3 CP
Block seminar:	641-BLV <i>Intercultural Communication and Cooperation</i>	1 CP
		} 8 CP
Module 6: Interdisciplinary Module (Compulsory module)		
4x Block seminar:	612-BLV <i>Democracy, Conflict and Violence in Latin America</i> 615-BLV <i>Introduction to Terrorism Research</i> 651-BLV <i>Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) of Ex-Combatants: Approaches, Successes and Failures</i>	1 CP 1 CP 1 CP
Exercises:	631-BLV <i>Is Confidence Building Feasible in Cyberspace?</i>	0 CP 1 CP
Other courses (3 CP):	603-Ueb1 <i>Academic Writing</i> 603-Ueb2 <i>Practical Introduction to Methods of the Social Sciences</i>	3 CP
Module examination:	113-VS <i>International Crisis Management: Developments, Requirements and Reality</i> 30-minute oral examination	2 CP
		} 10 CP
Credit points of the 1. Semester:		30 CP
2. Semester		
Module 7: Practical and Research Module (Compulsory module)		
Practical seminar:	721-RI <i>Study Trip to Vienna - International Organisations in Vienna. Central Focus on the OSCE and the United Nations</i>	3 CP
Practical and re-research units:	<i>Stay at the residence institute (5- to 6-pages long report)</i>	5 CP
		} 8 CP
Module 8: Master's Thesis (Compulsory module)		
Master's Thesis:	12-weeks completion period	18 CP
Module 9: Final Module (Compulsory module)		
Final Colloquium:	<i>Presentation and defense of results of the Master's thesis</i>	4 CP
Credit points of the 2. Semester:		30 CP
Total:		60 CP

6. Tabular overview of study program structure

Nr.	Modules	Course of study		Examples of courses
0	Compulsory module: Introductory Module: Interdisciplinary Orientation (4 CP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module lecture: Disciplinary Methods and Interdisciplinary Security Studies 2 intensive courses 	1 st semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive course: German Foreign Policy between Global Involvement and National Interests (Study trip to Berlin) Intensive course: Public Speaking and Presentation Techniques
I-V	Compulsory modules (8 CP each): I. International Peace and Security Policy II. International Law of Peacekeeping and Conflict III. Science and Peace IV. Ethics and Peace V. Political Security Economics	You choose 2 from the 5 compulsory modules and in those each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one module lecture, one intensive seminar and one block seminar 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples of our block seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armed Conflicts in Africa South of the Sahara The International Criminal Court and Peace Processes Peace and War in Space: Is Arms control in Outer Space Possible? Child Soldiers: Reasons, Reality and Consequences Intercultural Communication and Cooperation Ecology and Conflict: Water Allocation Conflicts in the Middle East
VI	Compulsory module: Interdisciplinary Module (10 CP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 block seminars Exercise (Ü) Other courses 		
VII	Compulsory module: Practical and Research Module (8 CP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in interdisciplinary tasks and/or studies or research projects of a residence institute Attendance of a study trip Total of 8 weeks 	2 nd semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research colloquium Study trips to Vienna and Brussels
VIII	Compulsory module: Master's Thesis (18 CP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame: 12 weeks 		
IX	Compulsory module: Final module (4 CP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and defense of the thesis' results 		