

POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSES

WINTER TERM 2026/2027



Trier University – Political Science

Course Information

Winter Term 2026/2027

1 October 2026 - 31 March 2027

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Course Information

Most courses are given in German. Courses taught in English are **marked accordingly**.

Last update: 24.08.2026. The information in this document is preliminary and might be subject to change!

How to find a course

In general, we offer an **ERASMUS Module** each winter semester that encompasses the most crucial issues on the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany. The hours of the seminar may be subject to change, according to the number of participants.

Lectures (*2 hours weekly*) are offered on several topics. You can receive 5 ECTS if you pass an **oral or written exam**. Some lectures are combined with a **tutorial**.

Seminars in **Basic Modules** (*2 hours weekly*) are classes for beginners, e.g., for students in their first or second year. In order to obtain a grade, it is usually necessary to give a presentation and to write a seminar paper.

In **Seminars** of **Advanced Modules** or **Master Courses** (*4 hours weekly*), you can receive 10 ECTS. Usually, it is necessary to give a presentation and to write a seminar paper or pass an oral exam.

IMPORTANT: Attendance in seminars normally is compulsory. You will only be allowed to do the testing procedure, if you did not miss the class more than two or three times.

All courses are listed with the following information:

- Course type
- Title of the course
- Lecturer
- Time/date/room
- ECTS

Special testing conditions

Under consultation with the respective lecturer and dependent on the individual language level, it is possible to write seminar papers in English or take oral exams instead of written exams. Those special conditions must be agreed on with the lecturer.

Lectures will start on 12. October 2026 and will end on 13. February 2027

However, written examinations usually take place after this period. If you need an earlier examination, please reach out to your lecturer as soon as possible.

If you need help using the software, see the information on the following website:
<https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=73243>

We know that this is a special situation for everyone and especially for students from abroad. If you need any help in general, please contact the International Office (exchangestud@uni-trier.de). If you need any help regarding the courses in the department of political sciences, please contact us (eraspols@uni-trier.de).

ERASMUS MODULE

ERASMUS-MODUL

Only available in winter semesters

Lecture

Introduction to the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany

Prof. Dr. Uwe Jun

Tuesday, 10am - 12am; Room HS3

Tutorial

for ERASMUS-Students [attendance is compulsory]

Introduction to the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany

Course organization and period are **still to be confirmed**.

This course will be taught in English!

10 ECTS (completed with an exam, oral or written)

BACHELOR COURSES

BASIC MODULES

BASISMODULE

POLITICAL THEORY AND HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHTS

POLITISCHE THEORIE UND IDEENGESCHICHTE

Lecture

Modern Political Theory

Prof. Dr. Claudia Ritzi

Monday, 08am – 10am, room HS2

5 ECTS

Seminar

Classics of Political Thought

Prof. Dr. Claudia Ritzi

Thursday, 12am – 02pm, room P14

5 ECTS

Classics of Political Thought

Maximilian Strietholt

Tuesday, 04pm – 06pm, room N2

5 ECTS

Classics of Political Thought

TBC

Thursday, 08am – 10pm, room P3

5 ECTS

Classics of Political Thought

Tim Scherer

Friday, 08am – 10am, room B13

5 ECTS

Classics of Political Thought

TBC

Friday, 12am – 02pm, room B21

5 ECTS

DEMOCRACY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

DEMOKRATIE IN DER BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND

Lecture

Introduction to the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany

Prof. Dr. Uwe Jun

Tuesday, 10am – 12am; Room HS3

10 ECTS only in combination with the **lecture** and the **ERASMUS-Tutorial**

Preparatory course

Not relevant to ERASMUS-students, as you are participating in the ERASMUS-tutorial listed above in the description of the ERASMUS Module.

Seminar

Democracy and Society

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Wednesday, 8am - 10pm; room P13 (FLS)

5 ECTS

Seminar

Democracy and Society

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Wednesday, 12am - 02pm; room A8

5 ECTS

Seminar

Democracy and Society

TBC

Thursday, 2pm – 4pm, room C9

5 ECTS

Seminar

Democracy and Society

TBC

Thursday, 4pm – 6pm, room C10

5 ECTS

METHODS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

METHODEN DER POLITIKWISSENSCHAFT

Lecture

Introduction to Empirical Methods of Political Science

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Monday, 04 - 06 pm, room HS5

5 ECTS

Seminar

Statistical and Comparative Methods in Empirical Political Science

Julian Lermen

Wednesday, 10am – 12am, room C106d

Wednesday, 16.12.26, 08am – 10am,
room B121

5 ECTS

Seminar

Statistical and Comparative Methods in Empirical Political Science

Julian Lermen

Wednesday, 12am – 02pm, room P2

Wednesday, 10.02.27, 08am – 10am room
B121

5 ECTS

Courses for the Bachelor and Master of Education I

KURSE FÜR DEN BACHELOR UND MASTER OF EDUCATION I

Seminar

Introductory Seminar: Peace and Security as a Topic in Social Studies

Steffen Barth

Wednesday, 10am – 12am; Room A142

Seminar

Proseminar: Democracy as a Topic in Social Studies Classes

Steffen Barth

Tuesday, 08am. 10am, room A8

Seminar

Seminar on the Pedagogy of General Studies (Project Seminar ((a))

Samantha Airo

Wednesday, 8am – 10am, room B22

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Wednesday, 10am-12am, room B22

Samantha Airo,

Thursday, 10am-12am, room B22

Seminar

Subject-Specific Didactics: Methods of Political Education: Exercise

Steffen Barth

Wednesday, 4pm – 6pm, room B21

Saturday, 08:30am – 4:30pm, room A12
(07.11.26)

Wednesday, 4pm-8pm, room B13
(20.02.27)

Samantha Airo

Thursday, 12am-2pm, room B22

TBC

Friday, 8am-10am, room B21

Christina Schröder

Friday, 10am-12am, room B21

Courses for the Bachelor and Master of Education II

KURSE FÜR DEN BACHELOR UND MASTER OF EDUCATION II

Seminar

The State Legislature as a Learning Environment: Developing and Testing Political Education Programs

Prof. Dr. Matthias Busch

Tuesday, 4pm-6pm, room A12

Seminar

Advanced Course: Introduction to Political Education

Steffen Barth

Wednesday, 08am – 10am, room A142

Advanced Course: Introduction to Political Education

Steffen Barth

Thursday, 08am – 10am, room A12

Seminar

Economics as a Topic in Social Studies Classes

Steffen Barth

Thursday, 12am-2pm, room C1 (FLS)

For ETCS-Information, please contact Steffen Barth (barths@uni-trier.de)

ADVANCED MODULES

AUFBAUMODULE

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT VERGLEICHENDE REGIERUNGSLEHRE

Seminar

The People's Republic of China as an "Engineering State"—Concept and Practical Application

Prof. Dr. Dirk Schmitt

Tuesday, 12am – 2pm, room D420

Thursday, 12am – 2pm, room D338

10 ECTS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/ FOREIGN POLICY INTERNATIONALE BEZIEHUNGEN/ AUßENPOLITIK

Seminar

Peace and Conflict Studies: Causes of War and Peace Strategies

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Monday, 12am – 4pm, room P3

10 ECTS

Seminar

The EU in international politics

Jun. Prof. Dr. Moritz Rehm

Wednesday, 12am – 2pm, room D420

Thursday, 2pm – 4pm, room D420

10 ECTS

Simulation Seminar

EU Decision-Making: EuroSIM

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Monday, 12am – 02pm, room B18

Friday, 12am – 02pm, room A12

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

POLITICAL THEORY AND HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHTS

POLITISCHE THEORIE UND IDEENGESCHICHTE

Seminar

Theory and Empirical Evidence on Extremism

Prof. Dr. Markus Linden

Monday, 8am – 10am; Room B21

Thursday, 8am – 10am; Room B22

10 ECTS

MASTER COURSES

POLITICAL SYSTEMS

POLITISCHE SYSTEME

Seminar

European Politics and Governance

Jayanthi Pandiyan

Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm, room C502

Thursday, 2pm – 4pm, room P1

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

Seminar

European Public Policies

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Tuesday, 10am – 12am, room A11

Thursday, 10am – 12am, room P13

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

Seminar

“Autocracy, Inc.”? Forms, Trends, and Limits of Autocratic Cooperation

Prof. Dr. Dirk Schmidt

Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm, room C01

Thursday, 2pm – 4pm, room C3

10 ECTS

Seminar

AI Policy: Government Support and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: An International Comparison

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Heilmann

Monday, 4pm – 6pm, room A7

Thursday, 12am – 2m, room A7

10 ECTS

RESEARCH DESIGN POLITICAL SCIENCE

FORSCHUNGSDESIGN POLITIKWISSENSCHAFT

Seminar

Research Design

TBC

Tuesday, (02.03.2027), 09am – 1pm, room P2

Monday (15.03.2027), 09am – 1pm, room P2

Tuesday (16.03.2027), 09am – 4:15pm, room P2

10 ECTS, course offered only on three days throughout the semester!

POLITICAL THEORY AND HISTORY OF THOUGHT

POLITISCHE THEORIE UND IDEENGESCHICHTE

Seminar

Culture of Remembrance - Controversies and Perspectives

Prof. Dr. Markus Linden

Tuesday, 10am – 12am, room P2

Thursday, 10am – 12am, room A142

10 ECTS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/ FOREIGN POLICY

INTERNATIONALE BEZIEHUNGEN/ AUSSENPOLITIK

Seminar

International Relations and Diplomacy I (Introduction)

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Friday, 10am – 12am, room P1

5 ECTS

Seminar

International Relations and Diplomacy I (Introduction)

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Thursday, 08am – 10am, room B16

5 ECTS

Seminar

International Relations and Diplomacy II (Research Design)

Lecturers and Dates to be announced

5 ECTS

Seminar

International Politics I (Theories and Practices of Diplomacy)

Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich

Monday, 02pm – 6pm, room A8

10 ECTS

Seminar

International Politics I (Theories and Practices of Diplomacy)

Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich

Thursday, 02pm – 6pm, room A8

10 ECTS

Seminar

Ideas and American Foreign Policy

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Thursday, 10am – 2pm, room P3

10 ECTS

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION/ POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

POLITISCHE PARTIZIPATION/ POLITISCHE KOMMUNIKATION

Seminar

Main Features of Political Participation

Prof. Dr. Claudia Ritzi

Monday, 12pm – 02pm, room A11

Wednesday, 8am – 10am, room A11

10 ECTS

Seminar

Main Features of Political Communication

Prof. Dr. Uwe Jun & Dr. Sebastian Bukow

TBC

10 ECTS

Exercise

Methods of Democratic Politics and Communication

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Monday, 10am – 12am, room P13

and

TBC

Tuesday (02.03.2026), 1pm – 04:15pm, room P2

Wednesday (03.03.2026), 9am – 04:15pm, room P2

Monday (15.03.2026), 1pm – 04:15pm, room P2

SEMINAR

Scientific Theoretical Foundations

Dr Lasse Cronqvist

Monday, 10am – 12am, room P13

5 ECTS

EUROPEAN / EAST ASIAN POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE

Seminar

Geoeconomics: How Political Power Transforms Economic Exchanges

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Heilmann

Monday, 2pm – 4pm, room A7

Thursday, 10am – 12am, room A7

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

Seminar

Europe and East Asia in Global Governance

Prof. Dr. Dirk Schmidt

Wednesday, 10am – 2pm, room A11

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

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