

POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSES

SUMMER TERM 2026



Trier University – Political Science

Course Information

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Course Information

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

Last update: 08.01.2026. The information in this document is preliminary and might be subject to change!

How to find a course

First, we offer an **ERASMUS Module** each winter semester that encompasses the most crucial issues on the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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. You can receive 5 ECTS for a Seminar in a Basic Module.

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.

After consultation with the relevant lecturer, master's courses can also be taken by bachelor's students.

IMPORTANT: Attendance in seminars is compulsory. You will only be allowed to 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 13. April 2026 and will end on 18. July 2026

Digital/on-site

Certain courses may be offered online only, others onsite and some through a mix of online and onsite classes (blended teaching). This guide does not imply that any of the listed courses will be offered on-site! So please check the website listed above and inform yourselves about the modus of teaching before the lectures start.

Digital courses are taught with Zoom. Zoom is a software for video conferences. The University has a license for this software. Thus, it is free to use for you as a student. If you are only taking part in conferences, you do not need to create an account. All login information for the conferences should be provided by the lecturer prior to your courses.

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

BACHELOR COURSES

BASIC MODULES

BASISMODULE

COMPARATIVE GOVERNANCE

VERGLEICHENDE REGIERUNGSLEHRE

Lecture

Introduction to Comparative Governance

Prof. Dr. Joachim Schild

Monday, 2pm – 4pm; Room HS3

5 ECTS

Seminar Political Systems

Political Systems

Dr. Anna-Sophie Heinze

Tuesday, 8am - 10am; Room P12

5 ECTS

Political Systems

Prof. Dr. Markus Linden

Tuesday, 8am – 10am; Room P3

5 ECTS

The Political System of the EU

Jayanthi Pandiyan

Thursday, 12pm – 2pm; Room A8

5 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

Political Systems

Oliver Drewes

Tuesday, 12pm – 2pm; Room P3

5 ECTS

The Political Systems of Greece

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Tuesday, 8am – 10am; Room A8

5 ECTS

The Political Systems of Great Britain

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Monday, 12pm – 2pm; Room B20

5 ECTS

The Political Systems of Great Britain

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Friday, 8am – 10am; Room B17

5 ECTS

Political Systems

Prof. Dr. Markus Linden

Monday, 10am – 12pm; Room N2

5 ECTS

Political Systems

TBC

Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm; Room **TBC**

5 ECTS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INTERNATIONALE BEZIEHUNGEN

Lecture

Introduction to International Relations

Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich

Tuesday, 4pm – 6pm; Room HS3

5 ECTS

Seminar

Orientation in International Relations

Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich

Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm; Room A8

5 ECTS

Orientation in International Relations

David Teiner

Thursday, 12pm - 2pm; Room C10

5 ECTS

Orientation in International Relations

David Teiner

Thursday, 2pm - 4pm; Room A11

5 ECTS

Orientation in International Relations

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Thursday, 8am – 10pm; Room E10

5 ECTS

Orientation in International Relations

Adrian Steube

Tuesday, 12pm - 2pm; Room A8

5 ECTS

Orientation in International Relations

Adrian Steube

Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm; Room N3

5 ECTS

Orientation in International Relations

Anna Lehmkuhler

Saturday, 10am - 4pm; Room A8

Block Seminar, dates **TBC**

5 ECTS

POLITICAL ECONOMY

POLITISCHE ÖKONOMIE

Lecture

Introduction to Political Economy

Prof. Dr. Dirk Schmidt

Thursday, 10am – 12pm; Room **TBC**

5 ECTS

Lecture

Political Economy of the European Integration

Prof. Dr. Joachim Schild

Monday, 10am – 12pm; Room HS3

5 ECTS

Teaching at elementary schools (for Bachelor of Education)

Lehramt an Grundschulen

Lecture

Fundamentals of science teaching

Dr. Johanna Mäsgen, Prof. Dr. Martin Remmele, JProf. Dr. Jaqueline Staub, Samantha Airo,

Wednesday, 12pm – 2pm; Room HS1

ECTS*

Seminar: Dimensions of science education

Nature as a learning space: diversity and sustainability

Samantha Airo

Monday, 10am – 12pm; Room B211

ECTS*

Nature as a learning space: diversity and sustainability

Samantha Airo

Monday, 12pm – 2pm; Room E51

ECTS*

Discovering the body - Promoting health - Understanding sexuality

Samantha Airo

Tuesday, 12pm – 2pm; Room C1(FLS)

ECTS*

Discovering the body - Promoting health - Understanding sexuality

Samantha Airo

Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm; Room B12

ECTS*

Seminar: Dimensions of Social Studies and History

Understanding, participating, acting - children as active democrats

Samantha Airo

Thursday, 8am – 10am; Room C1(FLS)

ECTS*

The Fascination of Antiquity - Discover, Understand, Communicate

Samantha Airo

Wednesday, 10am – 12pm; Room N4

ECTS*

The Fascination of Antiquity - Discover, Understand, Communicate

Samantha Airo

Wednesday, 2pm – 4pm; Room B16

ECTS*

Learning about politics and democracy in elementary school

Prof. Dr. Matthias Busch

Tuesday, 8am – 10am; Room A142

ECTS*

Seminar

Didactics of Teaching Social Science

TBC

Wednesday, 8am – 10am; Room A6

ECTS*

***For ECTS – information please contact Steffen Barth: barths@uni-trier.de**

ADVANCED MODULES**AUFBAUMODULE****COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT**
VERGLEICHENDE REGIERUNGSLEHRE**Seminar****TBC**

Prof. Dr. Dirk Schmidt

Tuesday, 4pm – 6pm; Room P2 (FLS)

Thursday, 4pm – 6pm; Room B17

10 ECTS**Seminar**

Dr. Anna-Sophie Heinze

Tuesday, 10am – 12pm, Room P14

Wednesday, 8am – 10am, Room B16

10 ECTS**Seminar****TBC**

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Monday, 2pm – 4pm; Room A11

Thursday, 10am – 12pm; Room **TBC****10 ECTS**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FOREIGN POLICY

INTERNATIONALE BEZIEHUNGEN & AUßENPOLITIK

Seminar

Conflicts and Development in Africa

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Friday, 10am – 2pm; Room B16

10 ECTS

POLITICAL THEORY AND HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHTS

POLITISCHE THEORIE UND IDEENGESCHICHTE

Seminar

TBC

Prof. Dr. Claudia Ritzki

Wednesday, 10am – 12pm; Room A8

Thursday, 8am – 10am; Room A8

10 ECTS

Seminar

TBC

Prof. Dr. Markus Linden

Monday, 8am – 10am; Room B18

Thursday, 8am – 10am; Room A7

10 ECTS

MASTER COURSES

POLITICAL SYSTEMS

POLITISCHE SYSTEME

Seminar

Political Systems Specialization

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Heilmann

Tuesday, 6pm – 8pm; Room A7

Thursday, 2pm – 4pm; Room P14

10 ECTS

Seminar

Political Systems Specialization

Prof. Dr. Dirk Schmidt

Tuesday, 10am – 12pm; Room A11

Wednesday, 10am – 12pm; Room P2 (FLS)

10 ECTS

POLITICAL THEORY AND HISTORY OF THOUGHT

POLITISCHE THEORIE UND IDEENGESCHICHTE

Seminar

Political Theory Specialization

Prof. Dr. Markus Linden

Tuesday, 10am – 12pm; Room P13 (FLS)

Thursday, 12pm – 14pm; Room P1

10 ECTS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FOREIGN POLICY

INTERNATIONALE BEZIEHUNGEN & AUSSENPOLITIK

Seminar

**Individuals and international politics.
The example of UN Secretaries-General**

Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich

Thursday, 2pm – 6pm; Room A8

10 ECTS

Seminar

Global Governance

Dr. Sascha Werthes

Monday, 12pm – 4pm; Room B21

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

Seminar

**Geopolitics and the global economy:
How geopolitical conflicts are
transforming the global economy**

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Heilmann

Tuesday, 12pm – 2pm; Room A6

Thursday, 10am – 12pm; Room A6

10 ECTS

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION/ POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

POLITISCHE PARTIZIPATION/ POLITISCHE KOMMUNIKATION

Seminar

Specialization Political Communication

Prof. Dr. Claudia Ritzi

Wednesday, 8am – 10am; Room B20

Thursday, 10am – 12pm; Room B20

10 ECTS

Seminar

Methodical exercise

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Tuesday, 8am – 10am; Room P2 (FLS)

5 ECTS

Seminar

Advanced module on Political participation

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Tuesday, 10am – 12pm; Room P2 (FLS)

Wednesday, 12am – 2pm; Room P2 (FLS)

10 ECTS

Seminar

Methodical exercise

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist

Tuesday, 08.09.26, 12:30 – 16:30; P2 (FLS)

Wednesday, 09.09.26, 9:00 – 16:30 P2(FLS)

Thursday, 24.09.26, 12:30 – 16:30 P2 (FLS)

5 ECTS

EUROPEAN / EAST ASIAN GOVERNANCE

Seminar

European / East Asian Economy

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Heilmann,

Dr. Moritz Liebe

Tuesday, 4pm – 6pm; Room A7

Thursday, 12pm – 2pm; Room P2 (FLS)

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

Seminar

Economic Governance

Prof. Dr. Joachim Schild

Tuesday, 12pm – 2pm; Room B18

Thursday, 10am – 12pm; Room **TBC**

10 ECTS

This course will be taught in English!

DIDACTICS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE (for Master of Education)

FACHDIDAKTIK

Seminar

Introduction to the Didactics of Society

Prof. Dr. Matthias Busch

Tuesday, 12pm – 14pm; Room A9/10

5 ECTS

Seminar

Understanding international politics through simulation

Steffen Barth

Thursday, 10am - 12pm; Room C01

Friday 10.07.26, 9am – 6pm; Room B20
(single appointment)

5 ECTS

Seminar

Specialized academic seminar

Dr. Lasse Cronqvist,

Monday, 10am – 12pm; Room P2 (FLS)

5 ECTS

Seminar: Politics and political education

Judgment formation in social studies classes

TBC

Wednesday, 4pm – 8pm, Room A6 (every 14 days)

5 ECTS

Seminar

Understanding and communicating economic policy

Steffen Barth,

Wednesday, 8am – 10am; Room P13 (FLS)

5 ECTS

Seminar: Politics and political education

Seminar: Artificial Intelligence and social studies classes

Steffen Barth

Wednesday, 10am – 12pm, Room F55

Friday, 19.06.26, 9am – 6pm, Room B20 (single appointment)

5 ECTS

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to send an e-mail to eraspols@uni-trier.de