



Political Science (M.A.) modules scheme

1st semester (winter)	Introductory Module 1: Concepts and Theories in Political Science (6 CP) ● Lecture: Concepts and Theories in Political Science 6 CP	Introductory Module 2: Methods and Research Design (18 CP) ● Lecture: Research Design and Philosophy of Science 5 CP ● Lecture: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods 5 CP ● Seminar: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods 8 CP	Core Module (A)* (6 CP) ● Seminar 6 CP	Free Elective Area (12 CP) A minimum of 12 CP must be completed in the free elective area, through courses or modules. You can choose courses or modules from the full range of options available in STINE for the free elective area. The acquisition of credit points is subject to the regulations of the degree program offering the respective course or module.		
2nd semester (summer)	Core Module (B)* (6 CP) ● Seminar 6 CP	Core Module (C)* (6 CP) ● Seminar 6 CP	Core Module (D)* (6 CP) ● Seminar 6 CP		Research Seminar (14 CP) ● Part 1 4 CP ● Part 2 (incl. Extended Research Paper) 10 CP	Hamburg Political Science Seminar Series (HPS³) (6 CP) ● Seminar 2 CP
3rd semester (winter)	Core Module (E)* (6 CP) ● Seminar 6 CP	Core Module (F)* (6 CP) ● Seminar 6 CP				● Seminar 2 CP
4th semester (summer)	Final Module (28 CP) ● Master's thesis (6 months, c. 18,000-30,000 words)					● Seminar 2 CP

*Core Module areas are: **Global Challenges, Governance, and Transformation** and **Political Decision Making and Political Processes**. You can freely combine modules from these two areas.

- This course concludes with the module examination.
- This course concludes with coursework only.