

Bachelor Studies
Course Regulations and Curriculum O20 Major in International Affairs [CR BIA 20]¹

 Senate Resolution of [20 May 2019]^{2,3,4}

 Pursuant to art. 88 para. 1 lit. h of the University Statute of 25 October 2010 (as at 1 April 2019)⁵

Course		Semester	Credits	Examination type and duration	Time and org. of the examination ⁶	Remarks
No	Designation					
1.1	Core Studies – Compulsory Subjects					
	Public Management	3	4.0	Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture; course is taught in German.
	Politische Theorie	3	4.0	Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)	D-TT	Lecture; course is taught in German.
	Comparative Politics (<i>dt. Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft</i>)	3	4.0	Examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)	D-TT	Lecture and exercise groups
				Written examination (50%, 60 mins.)	C-ITB	
	Microeconomics II (<i>dt. Mikroökonomik II</i>)	3	4.0	Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture and exercise groups; BBWL/BVWL/BLE: same examination
	Quantitative Methods (<i>dt. Quantitative Methoden</i>)	3	4.0	Written examination (70%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture and exercise groups; closed to other majors.
				Examination paper written at home (individual) (30%)	D-TT	

¹ As a consequence of the "Verwesentlichungsinitiative", the degree course scheme was integrated into the programme regulations as of 1 August 2020, the semester weekly hours were removed, and, as a result of the VWI project "Complexity Reduction Languages", the restrictions regarding foreign language study possibilities in the "Skills and Languages" container were lifted.

² Adjustment of the examination types in the courses "International Economics", "Qualitative Methods" and "European Governance" as amended by the Senate Committee on 8 December 2020; in force as from 1 February 2021.

³ Adjustments of the examination types in the courses "Public Management" and "Politische Theorie" as amended by the Dean of Studies on 19 April 2021, in accordance with the competences granted in section "Supplementary provisions" (valid for the academic year 2020/2021); in force as of 1 February 2021.

⁴ Adjustment of the examination type in the course "Accounting, Controlling, Auditing" as amended by the Senate Committee on 24 June 2021; in force from 1 August 2021.

⁵ sGS 217.15; US; Pursuant to Art. 123 of the University Statutes, only the German version of these regulations shall be legally binding.

⁶ ITB = inter-term break; TT = term time (the deadline for handing in a written work can also be shifted to a date during the ITB); C = centrally organised examination (by the Dean of Studies); D = decentrally organised examination (by the faculty member).

Course		Semester	Credits	Examination type and duration	Time and org. of the examination ⁶	Remarks
No	Designation					
	International Relations	4	4.0	Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture and exercise groups; course is taught in English.
	European Governance (<i>dt. Regieren in Europa</i>)	4	4.0	Written examination (40%, 60 mins.)	D-TT	Lecture and exercise groups
				Written examination (60%, 60 mins.)	D-TT	
	International Economics	4	4.0	Group examination paper (all given the same grades) (50%) ⁷	D-TT	Lecture and exercise groups; course is taught in English; closed to other majors.
				Written examination (50%, 90 mins.) ⁸	C-ITB	
	Qualitative Methods (<i>dt. Qualitative Methoden</i>)	4	4.0	Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture and exercise groups; closed to other majors.
	International Law (<i>dt. Völkerrecht</i>) ⁹	5	4.0	Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture and exercise groups.
	Macroeconomics II (<i>dt. Makroökonomik II</i>)	5	4.0	Examination paper written at home (individual) (10%)	D-TT	Quizzes on StudyNet that the students solve in independent study.
				Written examination (90%, 90 mins.)	C-ITB	Lecture and exercise groups; BBWL/BVWL/BLE: same examination.
	Accounting, Controlling, Auditing	5/6	4.0	Written examination (without exam duration) (15%)	D-TT	Weekly quizzes on StudyNet
				Written examination (without exam duration) (15%)	D-TT	Weekly quizzes on StudyNet
				Written examination (MidTerm) (70%, 90 mins.)	C-TT	Course alternating in English (AS) and German (SpS); BBWL/BVWL/BLE: same examination.

⁷ Adjustments as amended by the Dean of Studies on 21 December 2020, in accordance with the competences granted in section "Supplementary provisions" (valid for the academic year 2020/2021); in force as of 1 February 2021.

⁸ Adjustments as amended by the Dean of Studies on 26 October 2021, in accordance with the competences granted in section "Special provisions"; in force as of 1 February 2022.

⁹ Adjustments as amended by the Dean of Studies on 14 June 2022, in accordance with the competences granted in section "Special provisions"; in force as of 1 August 2022.

Course		Semester	Credits	Examination type and duration	Time and org. of the examination ⁶	Remarks
No	Designation					
	Total Compulsory Subjects		48.0			Courses with the examination format «Examination paper» can also use the format «Group examination paper (all given the same grade)».
1.2	Core Studies – Core Electives					
	Integrated Fundamentals	3-6	12.0-24.0			12.0 credits min., 24.0 credits max.
	Global Challenges	3-6	8.0-20.0			8.0 credits min., 20.0 credits max.
	Spring Project	4	4.0			Only in the Spring Semester, closed to other majors
	Total Core Electives		24.0-36.0			
1.3	Core Studies – Electives¹⁰					
	From among courses offered by SEPS/LS/SoM and SoF	3-6	0.0-12.0			Recommended for the 5th or 6th semester
	Total Core Studies		84.0			
2	Contextual Studies					
	Areas of Concentration	3-6	12.0-24.0			12.0 credits min., 24.0 credits max.
	Skills and languages	3-6	0.0-12.0			0.0 credits min., 12.0 credits max., of which max. 8.0 credits can be credited from course-independent achievements. Skills are optional.
	Total Contextual Studies		24.0			
3	Bachelor's thesis		12.0	Written work	C-ITB/TT	
	Total Major in International Affairs		120.0			

¹⁰ The core electives and electives may be chosen from among the courses offered by the individual schools (SEPS: School of Economics and Political Science, LS: Law School, SoM: School of Management and SoF: School of Finance).

Supplementary Provisions

Art. 1 Minimum number of ECTS credits in the course languages German and English

¹ A minimum of 9.0 credits of core studies (compulsory subjects, core electives and electives) must be earned in both German and English.

Art. 2 English level C2

¹ English on the level C2 (GER) is required in the area Skills and languages.

² Exempt are students,

- a) whose language of schooling is English; or
- b) who have a Bachelor's degree in an English programme.

³ The Dean of Studies may grant exceptions to this rule in particularly justified cases.

Transitional Provisions

A. Graduating under the previous Regulations R18

Students who have completed all compulsory subjects until the end of the Spring Semester 2020 will remain in the old Regulations R18 and will be able to complete their studies under the old Regulations R18 until the end of Spring Semester 2023.

Students in this category write a Bachelor's thesis weighted with 16 ECTS credits.

Students who have completed the compulsory courses "Public Management & Governance", "Politische Ideengeschichte", "Comparative Politics" (or "Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft"), "International Relations Theory", "Multi-Level Governance" (or "Regieren in Mehrebenensystemen"), "International Economics" as well as "Public International Law" (or "Völkerrecht") according to R18 until the end of Spring Semester 2020 may apply for a voluntary transfer via Compass until 30 June 2020 at the latest. The equivalences noted below apply.

B. Graduating under the new Regulations R20

For students, who have not completed the compulsory courses "Public Management & Governance", "Politische Ideengeschichte", "Comparative Politics" (or "Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft"), "International Relations Theory", "Multi-Level Governance" (or "Regieren in Mehrebenensystemen"), "International Economics" as well as "Public International Law" (or "Völkerrecht") under the old Regulations R18, the following rules apply:

- All students are transferred to the new R20.
- Already completed courses from the core courses of the previous R18 will be credited according to the equivalence and conversion table below.
 - o Courses listed in the new R20 under core courses are credited to the core courses. Courses whose ECTS credits in R20 is less than in R18 are credited the number of ECTS credits to the core courses according to the new R20, any remaining ECTS credits are credited to “Global Challenges” in core electives.
 - o Courses that now have 4 instead of 3 ECTS credits are credited with the number of ECTS credits to the new R20.
- Courses listed in the new R20 under core electives are credited under core electives.
- Already completed electives are credited under electives, whereby electives from the BIA programme’s core electives are credited according to the equivalence and conversion table below.

Spring Project and Bachelor’s thesis

Students who transferred to the new R20 and have already registered for the Bachelor’s thesis have to complete a Spring Project worth 4 ECTS credits as well as a Bachelor’s thesis worth 12 ECTS credits. Since the Spring Project is only offered in the Spring Semester, this may lead to an extension in the duration of studies. The only exemption: If the Bachelor’s thesis worth 16 ECTS credits had already been completed and graded at the time of the regulations transfer, it is credited with 12 ECTS credits to the new R20 and 4 ECTS credits are credited to core electives “Spring Project”.

Contextual Studies

The Contextual Studies’ credits are transferred one to one.

Remarks

If completed courses of the previous Regulations R18 are credited to the core courses of the new regulations, the courses cannot be retaken under the new R20.

For students who re-matriculate after Spring Semester 2020, the provision mentioned above apply correspondingly.

Hardship provision

In cases of hardship, the Dean of Studies will be able to make individual adaptations to transitional provisions and transfer rules after consultation with the Directors of the programme. In justified cases of hardship, in which a transfer to the new regulations leads to a time extension of studies, a request for a continuation in Regulations R18 can be posed.

C. Equivalence and conversion table

Courses acc. R18	Equivalent course or container according to R20	ECTS – Transfer of credits
Compulsory subjects acc. R18		
Public Management & Governance (6)	Public Management (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Politische Ideengeschichte (6)	Politische Theorie (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Macroeconomics II (4)	Macroeconomics II (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects
Qualitative Methods (3)	Qualitative Methods (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects (1 given)
International Relations Theory (6)	International Relations (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Recht und Staat (4)	Recht und Staat (4) Core electives «Integrated Fundamentals»	4 - Core electives
Quantitative Methods (3)	Quantitative Methods (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects (1 given)
Financial & Management Accounting (6)	Accounting, Controlling, Auditing (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Public International Law (3)	International Law (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects (1 given)
European Law (3)	European Law (4) Core electives «Integrated Fundamentals»	4 - Core electives (1 given)
Microeconomics II (4)	Microeconomics II (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects
Comparative Politics (6)	Comparative Politics (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Public Finance (4)	Public Sector Economics (4) Core electives «Integrated Fundamentals»	4 - core electives

Courses acc. R18	Equivalent course or container according to R20	ECTS – Transfer of credits
International Economics (6)	International Economics (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Multi-Level Governance (6)	European Governance (4)	4 - Compulsory subjects 2 - Core electives («Global Challenges»)
Electives from among BIA courses acc. R18		
Leadership in Humanitarian Crisis	Core electives «Global Challenges»	4 ECTS credits
Brennpunkte und Grundprobleme politischer Ökonomie	Core electives «Global Challenges»	4 ECTS credits
Demokratietheorien	Core electives «Global Challenges»	4 ECTS credits
Brennpunkte und Grundprobleme internationaler Politik	Core electives «Global Challenges»	6 ECTS credits
American Grand Strategy: European Colonies to Global Superpower	Core electives «Global Challenges»	4 ECTS credits
Introduction to US Politics	Core electives «Global Challenges»	4 ECTS credits
Grundzüge der diplomatischen Praxis I	Core electives «Global Challenges»	4 ECTS credits
National Model United Nations New York (NMUN)	Core electives «Global Challenges»	6 ECTS credits
Model WTO	Core electives «Global Challenges»	6 ECTS credits
Menschenrechte, Staat und internationale Organisationen	Core electives «Integrated Fundamentals»	6 ECTS credits

D. Special Provisions

Examination types and dates, as well as contact hours, may be adapted during the first two years of the Regulations 20 major in International Affairs – for instance, as a consequence of new faculty or the introduction of innovative examination and teaching formats. Any adaptations will be ordered by the Dean of Studies after

consultation with the Directors of the major in International Affairs. After the evaluation of the major in International Affairs, but no later than its third edition (as from Autumn Semester 2022), examination types and dates, as well as contact hours, will have to be specified definitively.