



# Module Handbook

Modules of the M.A. Degree Program  
“Comparative & Middle East Politics and  
Society (CMEPS)”

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## I. Introduction

Title of degree program:	Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)
Degree type:	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Cycle:	Commencement of the degree program is only possible during the winter term (WS). The deadline for applications is May 15 <sup>th</sup> of every year.

The M.A. program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)” is a program offered by the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (WiSo) at Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HUSS) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) and possible other cooperation partners. Each fall/winter term usually 10 (ten) students can be admitted.

The M.A. program is open to students holding a B.A. degree or equivalent in either  
a) Political Science or related Social Sciences or  
b) Middle East Studies or related studies with a regional focus (e.g., Islamic Studies). The selection of students will be based on academic merit and personal qualification.

Through its comprehensive compulsory modules (45 ECTS for *international track* students or 48 ECTS for *professional track* students), the M.A. program CMEPS establishes a substantial theoretical and methodological basis for answering questions of comparative politics. A major focus is on transition research, peace and conflict resolution, theories of democratization, and development. This focus is deepened by practice-oriented analysis of cases. Students will learn to identify, analyze, and find solutions to social science and policy-related problems in the fields of state-society relations, modes of governance and patterns of political rule as well as international cooperation, including mechanisms of peaceful conflict regulation. While the regional focus is the Middle Eastern and North African region (MENA), program contents cover key issues that are relevant beyond any particular geographical area.

By pursuing either the *international track* or the *professional track* students specialize on their own interests and goals. *International track* students will, in particular, hone their intercultural and Arabic language skills and develop a capability of working in different academic environments. *Professional track* students will especially interrelate learned scholarly contents with experiences and know-how generated in a professional field of their potential future career and critically assess the chosen professional field in academic self-study.

### Prospects

Pursuing the Master's program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)” provides students with a comprehensive qualification for a wide range of professional activities including, but not limited, to the following possible fields of employment: national and international governmental sectors (such as national ministries or diplomatic services, but also international organizations); social organizations and enterprises, think tanks, universities and research institutes, national and international development agencies, political advisory and consultancy bodies, private businesses, non-governmental organizations, national and international media, and organizations of civic education.

Apart from disciplinary knowledge, the program also equips students with the cross- and inter-cultural skills (including foreign language skills) as well as professional work experiences, gained in a compulsory internship, that are necessary for entering an increasingly globalized labor market.

## II. Structure of the M.A. degree program

This is a two-year program consisting of four terms (semesters). During each term, students are required to take a full course load, which amounts to a total of 120 ECTS credits (usually 30 credits per term). These are divided as follows:

### **24 ECTS credits for the alternate modules**

- Module 1: Foundations and Methods in Political Science<sup>1</sup> (12 ECTS)
  - Module 2: Introduction to Comparative Politics (6 ECTS)
  - Module 3: Language Acquisition Advanced Learners (6 ECTS)
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- Module 4: Language Acquisition I (12 ECTS)<sup>2</sup>
- Module 5: Language Acquisition II (12 ECTS)

### **27 ECTS credits for both track's compulsory modules**

- Module 7: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society I – The Modern Middle East (12 ECTS)
- Module 8: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society II – Democratization (6 ECTS)
- Module 9: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society III – Development (9 ECTS)

### **Further 18 ECTS credits for *international track* compulsory modules**

- Module 6: Language Acquisition III (12 ECTS)
- Module 10a: Short Internship *or* Trans-disciplinary qualifications (6 ECTS)

*or*

### **Further 21 ECTS credits for *professional track* compulsory modules**

- Module 10b: Extensive Internship (21 ECTS)

### **18 *or* 21 ECTS credits for the mandatory elective modules**

- Module 11: Issues in Cultures and Civil Societies of the Middle East (6 *or* 9 ECTS)<sup>3</sup>
- Module 12: Special Issues in Political Science (6 *or* 9 ECTS)<sup>3</sup>
- Module 13: Special Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (6 *or* 9 ECTS)<sup>3</sup>

### **30 ECTS credits for the examination module**

- Module 14: Examination (30 ECTS)

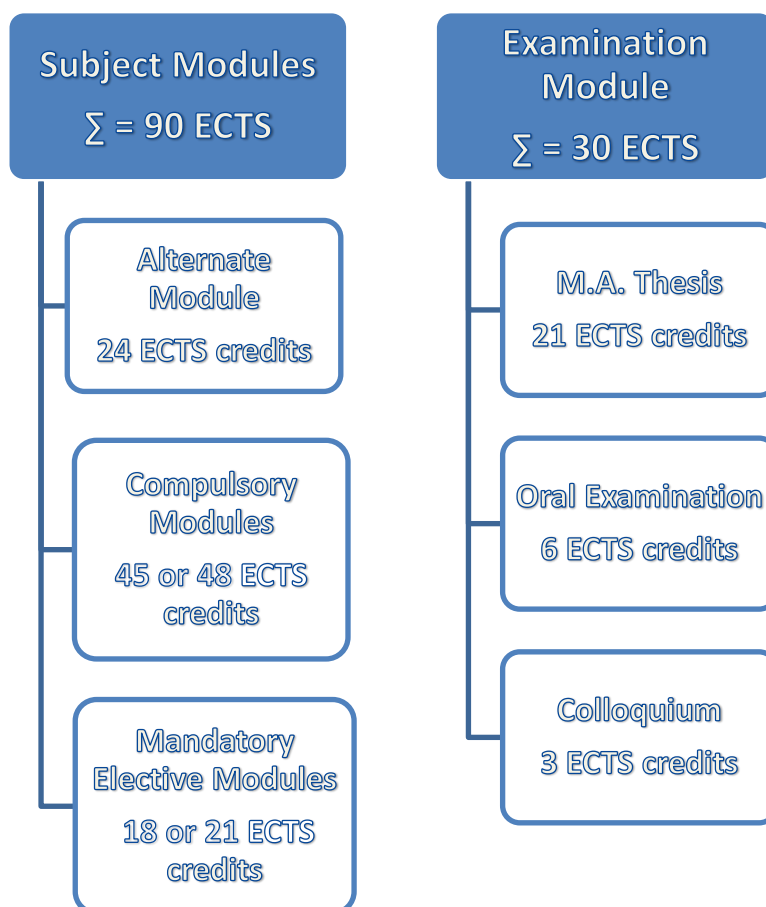
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<sup>1</sup> Modules 1-3 are compulsory for students who do not possess sufficient knowledge in Political Science, but do possess sufficient area knowledge, in particular as regards language skills.

<sup>2</sup> Modules 4-5 are compulsory for students who do not possess sufficient knowledge in Arabic language.

<sup>3</sup> *International track* students will study one of the mandatory elective modules 11-13 at the partner institution for 9 ECTS.

Illustration 1: Macro structure of M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”



### III. Curriculum & Distribution of Modules Across the Terms

The CMEPS combines Comparative Politics contents with additional issues from other sub-disciplines of Political Science. It concentrates on societies, states, the relationship between both, as well as their embeddedness in international contexts and dynamics of social and political transformation. Focus is on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. It also includes language courses.

The curriculum first offers introductory courses to Political Science and modern standard Arabic, depending on students’ prior qualifications reached in their first degree. Courses on politics, societies and cultures of the Middle East provide the basis of regional expertise for students, with more specialized courses following in subsequent terms. The latter cover topics such as International Political Economy, Development Politics and International Cooperation, Regime Change and Democratization, Peace and Conflict Resolution, and Issues in the Cultures and Civil Societies of the Middle East, which, for students in the *international track*, are also offered at the partner institution.

## **Internship**

All students are required to complete an internship module during the course of their studies, to apply learned scholarly content on a professional field of their choice. For *professional track* students this takes the form of an extended internship (Module 10b) while *international track* students will complete a short internship or a course equipping students with trans-disciplinary qualifications (Module 10a). *International track* students can complete Module 10a at any point of their studies (full- or part-time) while *professional track* students work in an extended full-time internship during term 3. Students are responsible to look for an internship placement in their preferred professional field but might, depending on the capabilities of the CMEPS staff and faculty, be assisted in their search for a suitable place. Students are required to hand in written assignments on their academic, professional and cultural experiences gained through Module 10, which will be evaluated by and discussed with the faculty members in charge.

## **Term 1**

During the first term, students take classes which introduce them to MA-level Political Science methods and contents, guaranteeing a solid disciplinary foundation for all students. Those students at Tübingen who have taken a first degree in Political Science, but do not possess sufficient knowledge of Arabic as the most important Middle Eastern and a UN-language are required to take Arabic language classes instead. This represents alternate modules in order to account for the different backgrounds of incoming students. In addition, all students must take two compulsory courses: one on Middle East politics and societies and one exploring regime change and democratization. The latter is both relevant to the actual processes of transformation in the Arab world and represents one of the most important debates in Political Science. Depending on students' preferences, they can also already choose a course from the special issues in political Science. At the end of the first term, students express their preference for following the *international track* or the *professional track* in term 3.

## **Term 2**

During the second term, the alternate module structure at Tübingen continues: students without a previous degree in Political Science / Social Sciences but sufficient knowledge of Arabic take a lecture in Comparative Politics and increase their language proficiency in advanced Arabic courses. Students with a Social Science background intensify their study of Arabic instead. All students attend a compulsory seminar on Comparative Politics of the Middle East. Moreover, they can choose between different special issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS) and special issues in Political Science.

## **Term 3**

The third term is spent either at the partner institution where each student is expected to take a full course load (*international track*) or completing an internship at an institution relevant to the student's chosen professional field (*professional track*). All students will take Module 9 (Development Politics); for *professional track* students this usually takes the form of a blocked seminar, for *track students* the partner universities will explore possibilities of a joint seminar. *International track* students can choose between courses in the mandatory elective modules and will deepen their knowledge of Arabic in advanced courses (Module 6) at the partner institution. Students enrolled in the *professional track* will gain crucial professional qualifications in an internship and reflect on their experiences in accompanying written assignments; for them Module 6 is waived.

#### **Term 4**

The fourth term consists of the examination module. All students write an M.A. thesis for four months. They will have to successfully attend a research colloquium during which they need to present an outline of their planned thesis to their fellow students and lecturers. The research colloquium also ensures a common, high-quality profile of all graduates, which improves their chances on the labor market. After completion of their thesis students have to pass an oral examination.



*Illustration 2.1: Distribution of modules across the terms for international track students*

<b>Module</b>	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
<b>Alternate Modules</b>	<b>Module 1 (12 ECTS)</b>	<b>Module 2 (6 ECTS)</b>		<b>Module 14 (30 ECTS)</b>
		<b>Module 3 (6 ECTS)</b>		
	<b>OR</b>			
	<b>Module 4 (12 ECTS)</b>			
<b>Compulsory Modules</b>		<b>Module 5 (12 ECTS)</b>	<b>Module 6 (12 ECTS)</b>	
	<b>Module 7 (12 ECTS)</b>		<b>Module 9 (9 ECTS)</b>	
	<b>Module 8 (6 ECTS)</b>			
	<b>Module 10a (6 ECTS)</b>			
<b>Mandatory Elective Modules</b>	<b>One module out of Modules 11-13 (6 ECTS)</b>	<b>One module out of Modules 11-13 (6 ECTS)</b>	<b>One module out of Modules 11-13 (9 ECTS)</b>	
<b>ECTS Credits</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

*Illustration 2.2: Distribution of modules across the terms for professional track students*

<b>Module</b>	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
<b>Alternate Modules</b>	<b>Module 1 (12 ECTS)</b>	<b>Module 2 (6 ECTS)</b>		<b>Module 14 (30 ECTS)</b>
		<b>Module 3 (6 ECTS)</b>		
	<b>OR</b>			
	<b>Module 4 (12 ECTS)</b>	<b>Module 5 (12 ECTS)</b>		
<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Module 7 (12 ECTS)</b>		<b>Module 10b (21 ECTS)</b>	
	<b>Module 8 (6 ECTS)</b>		<b>Module 9 (9 ECTS)</b>	
<b>Mandatory Elective Modules</b>	<b>One module out of Modules 11-13 (6 ECTS)</b>	<b>Two modules (prof. exp. track) out of Modules 11-13 (6 or 12 ECTS)</b>	-	
<b>ECTS Credits</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

Illustration 3.1: Curriculum for international track students

	Year 1		Year 2	
	Winter-/Fall Term 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Spring-/Summer Term 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Winter/Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	Spring Term 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester
Alternate Modules (depending on first degree held by student)	(M1) <b>Foundations and Methods in Political Science</b> S: Foundations of Political Science (4) S: Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (4+4)	(M2) <b>Introduction to Comparative Politics</b> L: Foundations of Comparative Politics (6) (M3) <b>Language Acquisition Advanced Learners</b> Advanced Arabic: Conversation plus Reading Course (3+3)	(M6) <b>Language Acquisition III</b> S: Modern Standard Arabic III (12) <i>or</i> S: Egyptian Colloquial (12)	M.A. Thesis (21)  Oral Examination (6)
	(M4) <b>Language Acquisition I</b> S: Modern Standard Arabic I (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic I (4)	(M5) <b>Language Acquisition II</b> S: Modern Standard Arabic II (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic II (4)		
Com-pulsory	(M7) <b>Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East</b> S: Middle East Politics and Societies (4) (M8) <b>Issues in CMEPS II - Democratization</b> S: Regime Change and Democratization (6)	(M7) <b>Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East</b> S: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (4+4)	(M9) <b>Issues in CMEPS III – Development</b> S: Development Politics and International Cooperation (9)	
Com-pulsory Electives (one course per module in terms 1-3)	(M11) <b>Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East</b> S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (6) <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Political Islam (6) (M12) <b>Special Issues in Political Science</b> Seminar(s) or lecture(s) in one of the designated thematic fields (6) (M13) <b>Special Issues in CMEPS</b> Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”, e.g. S: Authoritarianism, Revolution & State Fragility (6) <i>or</i> S: International Relations & Regional Order of the MENA (6)	(M11) <b>Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East</b> S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (6) <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Pol. Islam (6) (M12) <b>Special Issues in Political Science</b> Seminar(s) or lecture(s) in one of the designated thematic fields (6) (M13) <b>Special Issues in CMEPS</b> Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”, e.g. S: Authoritarianism, Revolution & State Fragility (6) <i>or</i> S: International Relations & Regional Order of the MENA (6)	(M11) <b>Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East</b> S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (9) <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Political Islam (9) (M12) <b>Special Issues in Political Science</b> Seminar or lecture in one of the designated thematic fields (9) (M13) <b>Special Issues in CMEPS</b> Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics” (9)	
Com-pulsory	(M10a) <b>Short Internship or Trans-disciplinary qualifications</b> P: Internship or S: Trans-disciplinary qualifications (6)			Colloquium (3)
<b>Credits</b>	= 30 ECTS	= 30 ECTS (incl. internship or trans-disciplinary qualifications)	= 30 ECTS	= 30 ECTS (incl. colloquium)

Illustration 3.2: Curriculum for professional track students

	Year 1		Year 2	
	Winter-/Fall Term 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Spring-/Summer Term 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Winter/Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	Spring Term 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester
Alternate Modules (depending on first degree held by student)	<b>(M1) Foundations and Methods in Political Science</b> S: Foundations of Political Science (4) S: Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (4+4)	<b>(M2) Introduction to Comparative Politics</b> L: Foundations of Comparative Politics (6) <b>(M3) Language Acquisition Advanced Learners</b> Advanced Arabic: Conversation plus Reading Course (3+3)	n.a.	M.A. Thesis (21)  Oral Examination (6)
	<b>(M4) Language Acquisition I</b> S: Modern Standard Arabic I (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic I (4)	<b>(M5) Language Acquisition II</b> S: Modern Standard Arabic II (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic II (4)		
Compulsory	<b>(M7) Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East</b> S: Middle East Politics and Societies (4)	<b>(M7) Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East</b> S: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (4+4)	<b>(M10b) Extensive Internship</b> P: Internship and self-study (21)	Colloquium (3)
	<b>(M8) Issues in CMEPS II - Democratization</b> S: Regime Change and Democratization (6)		<b>(M9) Issues in CMEPS III – Development</b> S: Development Politics and International Cooperation (9)	
Compulsory Electives (one course <u>per</u> module; one in term 1, two in term 2)	<b>(M11) Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East</b> S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Pol. Islam <b>(M12) Special Issues in Political Science</b> Seminar(s) or lecture(s) in one of the designated thematic fields <b>(M13) Special Issues in CMEPS</b> Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”, e.g. S: Authoritarianism, Revolution & State Fragility <i>or</i> S: International Relations & Regional Order of the MENA		n.a.	
<b>Credits</b>	<b>= 30 ECTS</b>	<b>= 30 ECTS</b>	<b>= 30 ECTS</b>	<b>= 30 ECTS</b>

#### IV. Third Semester: *International Track or Professional Track*

According to the curriculum, students spend their third semester either at the partner university (*international track*) or complete an extended internship at an institution relevant to their chosen professional field (*professional track*). The *international track* involves direct personal communication and joint learning between Tübingen students and students from the partner university while the *professional track* opens possibilities for an extended and in-depth work experience complemented by academic reporting on it.

It is possible for *international track* students to complete their internship (module 10a) in the partner country if a vacancy has been found and fulfills the program requirements. All course requirements at the partner university have to be fulfilled before the end of the term so that unlike in Germany, students do not face any additional workload during the term break. Full credit transfer for all credits earned at the partner institution is guaranteed according to the agreements between the universities.

*Illustration 4.1: Modules & Curriculum during the third term for international track students*

Modules	Course Name	ECTS Credits
<b>Module 6: Language Acquisition III</b>	<b>Modern Standard Arabic III <i>or</i> Egyptian Colloquial</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Module 9: Issues in CMEPS III – Development</b>	<b>Development Politics and International Cooperation</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Module 11: Issues in Cultures &amp; Civil Societies of the Middle East</b>  <i>or</i> <b>Module 12: Special Issues in Political Science</b>  <i>or</i> <b>Module 13: Special Issues in CMEPS</b>	<b>Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics <i>or</i> Contemporary Issues in Political Islam <i>or</i> other courses in this field as offered.</b>  <b>Seminar or lecture in one of the designated thematic fields</b>  <b>Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”</b>	<b>9</b>
<b><i>Optional:</i></b> <b><i>Module 10a: Short Internship or Trans-disciplinary qualifications</i></b>	<b><i>Internship</i></b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>30 (36)</b>

*Illustration 4.2: Modules & Curriculum during the third term for professional track students*

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
<b>Module 9: Issues in CMEPS III – Development</b>	<b>Development Politics and International Cooperation</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Module 10b: Extensive Internship</b>	<b>Internship</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Modules 11-13 already taken in term 1 and 2. Module 6 does not apply</i>		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>30</b>

**V. Alternate Modules of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)” due to first degree**

The alternate modules depend on the first degree held by the student. Modules 1-3 are compulsory for students who do not possess sufficient knowledge in Political Science, but do possess sufficient area knowledge, in particular as regards language skills. Modules 4 and 5 are compulsory for students who do not possess sufficient language skills.

*Illustration 5: Overview of Alternate Modules*

Module No.	Course type	Title of Module Course(s) + (course number)	Credits	Seminar hours / Work-load
1	S S	<b>Foundations and Methods in Political Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of Political Science (1a)</li> <li>• Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (1b)</li> </ul>	12 ECTS	4 / 360
2	L	<b>Introduction to Comparative Politics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of Comparative Politics (2)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS	2 / 180
3	T T	<b>Language Acquisition Advanced Learners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Arabic: Reading (3)</li> <li>• Advanced Arabic: Conversation (4)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS	2 / 180
OR				
4	S Ü	<b>Language Acquisition I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern Standard Arabic I (5a)</li> <li>• Modern Standard Arabic I (5b)</li> </ul>	12 ECTS	8 / 360
5	S Ü	<b>Language Acquisition II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern Standard Arabic II (6a)</li> <li>• Modern Standard Arabic II (6b)</li> </ul>	12 ECTS	8 / 360
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24 ECTS</b>	<b>8/16 / 720</b>

*Explanation: S=seminar, L=lecture, T=tutorial, Ü=Exercise (Übung).*

**Modules 1-3 are compulsory for students who do not possess sufficient knowledge in Political Science, but do possess sufficient area knowledge (language skills in particular).**

<b>Module Number:</b> 1	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Foundations and Methods in Political Science</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	1a: S: Foundations of Political Science (2 sem./hrs.) 1b: S: Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (2 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	1a + 1b		
<b>Credits</b>	12		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 360 hours 60 hours (4 sem./hrs.) 300 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 1)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (winter term)		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	This module introduces students with no previous knowledge of Political Science to the Political Science discipline. It covers the foundations of science, the history and different sub-disciplines of Political Science (Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Relations) as well as several central issues such as authority and power, norms, and gender. In addition, it introduces research methods and techniques necessary for studying Political Science.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students acquire a basic knowledge of Political Science and have a broad overview of the discipline and its sub-disciplines. Students are familiar with the specific research methods and working techniques of the discipline.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	1a: Regular attendance, core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS
	Oral exam or written assignment (2 ECTS)	graded	2 ECTS
	1b: Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- oral presentation <i>and/or</i> peer discussion of a draft paper (2 ECTS) - oral exam <i>or</i> research paper (4 ECTS)	graded	6 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	Oral exam or written assignment		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M1		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 <sup>st</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Dr. Thomas Nielebock		
<b>Instructor</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger or another Institute of Political Science lecturer		
<b>Literature</b>	• A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations		

	will be distributed at the beginning of the term		
<b>Module Number:</b> 2	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Introduction to Comparative Politics</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	2: L: Foundations of Comparative Politics (2 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	2		
<b>Credits</b>	6		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 180 hours 30 hours (2 sem./hrs.) 150 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 2)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (summer term)		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	This module focuses on the sub-discipline of Comparative Politics. It discusses its key logics (why compare? how do we compare?), introduces its core (qualitative and quantitative) methods, and reviews key issues and questions. Furthermore, it looks at how the comparative research process is typically organized. The contents are applied to a range of current cases taken from across various world regions.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students have an advanced understanding of the Comparative Politics sub-discipline. In addition, they are able to establish comparative research designs, incl. concepts, key issues, and methods.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	2: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class (2 ECTS)	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Oral <i>or</i> Written exam (4 ECTS)	graded	4 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	Oral <i>or</i> Written exam		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M2		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	M1		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
<b>Instructor</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger or Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels		
<b>Literature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gabriel Almond, <i>Comparative Politics Today: A Worldview</i></li> <li>• Timothy Lim, <i>Doing Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Approaches and Issues</i></li> <li>• Todd Landman, <i>Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics</i></li> <li>• Rod Hague and Martin Harrop, <i>Comparative Government and Politics</i></li> </ul>		



<b>Module Number:</b> 3	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Language Acquisition Advanced Learners</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	3: T: Advanced Arabic: Reading (1 sem./hrs.) 4: T: Advanced Arabic: Conversation (1 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	3 + 4		
<b>Credits</b>	6		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180 hours 30 hours (2 sem./hrs.) 150 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 2)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	-		
<b>Content</b>	This module offers advanced students of Arabic the opportunity to read modern Arabic texts and discuss them orally. It covers current Arabic newspapers as well as other media and books. Students are encouraged to hold conversations on different topics of interest.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students will consolidate and expand their previous knowledge of Arabic. They will be able to read and translate basic Arabic texts, answer text-related questions and converse with their classmates in Arabic.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	3: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Oral or written assignments	graded	1 ECTS
	4: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in Class	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Oral or written assignments	graded	1 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	Oral <i>or</i> written assignments		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M3		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Prior knowledge of Arabic		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow		
<b>Instructor</b>	Attoura, Hala, M.A. or another Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies lecturer		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term.		
<b>Import</b>	Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies		

Modules 4 and 5 are compulsory for students who not possess sufficient Arabic language skills.

<b>Module Number:</b> 4	<b>Name of Module:</b> Language Acquisition I	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	5a: S: Modern Standard Arabic I (4 sem./hrs.) 5b: Û: Modern Standard Arabic I (4 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s)</b>	5a + 5b		
<b>Credits</b>	12		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 360 hours 120 hours (8 sem./hrs.) 240 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 1)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	50		
<b>Content</b>	This module offers an introduction to the Arabic language, including its script, basic vocabulary, and the foundations of Arabic morphology and syntax.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students acquire some basic phonological and lexical skills in the Arabic language. They acquaint themselves with the grammatical structure of the language.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	5a: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	4 ECTS
	- End of term written exam	graded	4 ECTS
	5b: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	4 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	End of term written exam		
<b>Module exam no.:</b>	M4		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 <sup>st</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No prior knowledge of Arabic is required		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow		
<b>Instructor</b>	Attoura, Hala, M.A. or another Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies lecturer		
<b>Literature</b>	Will be announced at the beginning of the module		
<b>Import</b>	Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies		

<b>Module Number:</b> 5	<b>Name of Module:</b> Language Acquisition II	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	6a: S: Modern Standard Arabic II (4 sem./hrs.) 6b: Ü: Modern Standard Arabic II (4 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	6a + 6b		
<b>Credits</b>	12		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 360 hours 120 hours (8 sem./hrs.) 240 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 2)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2nd semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	50		
<b>Content</b>	This module is the immediate continuation of M4 and builds upon the basic instruction of Arab syntax and grammar, including derivated stems and weak verbs.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students consolidate and complete their knowledge of the basic grammatical characteristics of the Arabic language. They expand their vocabulary and are able to recognize morphemes and independently use a dictionary		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	6a: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	4 ECTS
	- End of term written exam	graded	4 ECTS
	6b: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	4 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	End of term written exam		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M5		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	M4		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow		
<b>Instructor</b>	Attoura, Hala, M.A. or another Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies lecturer		
<b>Literature</b>	Will be announced at the beginning of the module		
<b>Import</b>	Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies		

## **VI. Compulsory Modules of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”**

Modules 7-9 form the core of CMEPS contents and are compulsory for all students. Modules 6 and 10b are compulsory for *international track* students while Module 10a is compulsory for *professional track* students, for whom Module 6 is waived.

*Illustration 6.1: Overview of Compulsory Modules for international track students*

<b>Module No.</b>	<b>Course type</b>	<b>Title of Module</b> Course(s) + (course number)	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Seminar hours / Work load</b>
6	S S	<b>Language Acquisition III</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern Standard Arabic III (7) <i>or</i></li> <li>• Egyptian Colloquial (8)</li> </ul>	12 ECTS	4 / 360
7	S S	<b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society I – The Modern Middle East</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle East Politics and Societies (9)</li> <li>• Comparative Politics of the Middle East (10)</li> </ul>	12 ECTS	4 / 360
8	S	<b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society II – Democratization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regime Change and Democratization (11)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS	2 / 180
9	S	<b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society III – Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Politics and International Cooperation (12)</li> </ul>	9 ECTS	3 / 270
10a	P S	<b>Short internship <i>or</i> Trans-disciplinary qualifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship (13) <i>or</i></li> <li>• Trans-disciplinary qualifications (14)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS	n.a. / 180
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45 ECTS</b>	<b>13 / 1350</b>

*Explanation: S=seminar, P=internship*

*Illustration 6.2: Overview of Compulsory Modules for professional track students*

<b>Module No.</b>	<b>Course type</b>	<b>Title of Module</b> Course(s) + (course number)	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Seminar hours / Work load</b>
7	S S	<b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society I – The Modern Middle East</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle East Politics and Societies (9)</li> <li>• Comparative Politics of the Middle East (10)</li> </ul>	12 ECTS	4 / 360
8	S	<b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society II – Democratization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regime Change and Democratization (11)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS	2 / 180
9	S	<b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society III – Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Politics and International Cooperation (12)</li> </ul>	9 ECTS	3 / 270
10b	P	<b>Extended Internship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship (13)</li> </ul>	21 ECTS	n.a. / 630
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>48 ECTS</b>	<b>9 / 1440</b>

<b>Module Number:</b> 6	<b>Name of Module:</b> Language Acquisition III	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory for <i>internat. track</i> students	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	7: S: Modern Standard Arabic III <i>or</i> 8: S: Egyptian Colloquial		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	7 + 8		
<b>Credits</b>	12 ECTS (AUC or other partner institution)		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 360 hours 60 hours (4 sem./hrs.) 300 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 3)		
<b>Rotation</b>	-		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	-		
<b>Content</b>	Through the reading and analysis of selected texts, the course exposes students to a wide range of vocabulary, idiom, and style, while reviewing the major topics of grammar. In addition, the course uses authentic material, whether recorded or written, to encourage discussion.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	This module develops the students' ability to express themselves more precisely and fluently. It pays particular attention to the communication skills as regards everyday topics, enabling the students to deepen their intercultural experience in their study-abroad term.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	7:		
	- Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class (2 ECTS)	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Presentation/Discussion of a text (2 ECTS)	graded	10 ECTS
	- Mid-term exam (written <i>and/or</i> oral) (4 ECTS)		
	- End of term written exam (4 ECTS)		
8:			
Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class (2 ECTS)	ungraded	2 ECTS	
- Presentation/Discussion of a text (2 ECTS)	graded	10 ECTS	
- Mid-term exam (written <i>and/or</i> oral) (4 ECTS)			
End of term written exam (4 ECTS)			
<b>Module exam type</b>	End of term written exam		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M6		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	M3 or M5		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Professor at partner institution		
<b>Instructor</b>	instructor at partner institution		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		

<b>Module Number:</b> 7	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society I - The Modern Middle East</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory for all students</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	9: S: Middle East Politics and Societies (2 sem./hrs.) 10: S: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (2 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	9 + 10		
<b>Credits</b>	12		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 360 hours 60 hours (4 sem./hrs.) 300 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	2 semesters (term 1 and 2)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	The module comprises a Master's level introduction to the region's key political and social structural traits as it aims at generating an understanding of the fundamentals of the modern Middle East. This will, in the second part of the module, be linked to key concepts and questions of Comparative Politics which are examined with the help of cases taken from the Middle East / North Africa region and which cover chiefly questions of state-society relations, political regimes, civil society, statehood, and political economy. By doing so, it gives an overview of the region's key characteristics on an advanced level of studies.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students learn about (1) key characteristics of the modern Middle Eastern politics, society and political economy and they learn (2) how to address key questions of Comparative Politics analytically.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	9: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class (2 ECTS)	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- oral presentation <i>and/or</i> peer discussion of a draft paper	Graded	2 ECTS
	10: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class (2 ECTS)	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- oral presentation <i>and/or</i> peer discussion of a draft paper (2 ECTS) - oral exam <i>or</i> research paper (4 ECTS)	graded	6 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	Oral exam <i>or</i> research paper (4 ECTS)		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M7		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
<b>Instructor</b>	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc or another Institute of Pol. Science lecturer		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		

<b>Module Number:</b> 8	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society II - Democratization</b>	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory for all students	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	11: S: Regime Change and Democratization (2 sem./hrs.)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	11		
<b>Credits</b>	6		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 180 hours 30 hours (2 sem./hrs.) 150 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 1)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (winter term)		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	<p>This module provides knowledge about key concepts and theoretical approaches to analyze processes of systemic political change. It looks at important methodological and epistemological pitfalls which students need to know in order to distinguish between “good” social science and “bad” social science.</p> <p>While the focus of this module is on concepts and explanatory approaches (including the examination of structural long-term factors, political actors within and outside of political regimes, as well as on international factors in regime change), empirical cases chosen from different continents allows student to apply of concepts to real world cases.</p>		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students know and are able to apply the most important approaches to analyze and explain the systemic change of political regimes / democratization.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	11: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Oral presentation (2 ECTS) - Written Assignment (2 ECTS)	graded	4 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	Written assignment		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M8		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 <sup>st</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
<b>Instructor</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger or another Institute of Political Science lecturer		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		



<b>Module Number:</b> 9	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society III - Development</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory for all students</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	12: S: Development Politics and International Cooperation (3 sem./hrs.) *		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	12		
<b>Credits</b>	9 ECTS		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 180-270 hours 30-45 hours (2 sem./hrs. as blocked seminar in Tübingen <i>or</i> 3 sem./hrs at the partner institution) 150-225 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (usually term 3)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (winter term)		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	The module provides students with knowledge about the main features of the politics of development and international development cooperation, including, but not limited to conceptual issues such as the changing understandings of 'development' itself as well as theoretical approaches to explain development or its absence; key bi- and multi-lateral as well as state and non-state actors in development cooperation; prominent challenges for development cooperation actors (climate change, poverty, good governance, etc.); and key trends of practical development cooperation.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students know and understand the different types of actors, political challenges and key debates in North-South relations and international development cooperation and are able to critically analyze topics in the field of development politics.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	12: - Regular attendance, preparation of mandatory readings, active participation	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Presentation with handout (3 ECTS) - Written exam / Practical assignment (4 ECTS)	graded	7 ECTS
<b>Module exam</b>	Written exam / Practical assignment		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M9		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	M7		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
<b>Instructor</b>	Tba		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the module.		

<b>Module Number:</b> 10a	<b>Name of Module:</b> Short internship <i>or</i> Trans-disciplinary qualifications	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory for <i>international track students</i>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	13: P: Internship <i>or</i> 14: S: Trans-disciplinary qualifications		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	13 + 14		
<b>Credits</b>	6		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180 hours n.a. (120 hours internship) 60 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	At least 3 weeks, usually longer		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every semester from term 1 – 3		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	-		
<b>Content</b>	This module consists of either an internship in a field of students' potential future career OR in the acquisition of trans-disciplinary qualifications. Thus, the module is geared towards providing students with practical experience and opportunities to apply academic contents to real world problems in order to enhance their future employability.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students get to know future fields of employment and realize, through practical experience, the transferability of their knowledge to practical contexts.		
<b>Course Requirements/grading</b>	13: - Successfully completed internship with official confirmation <i>or</i> designated in-class requirements of trans-disciplinary qualifications (4 ECTS) - Internship report (2 ECTS) and official confirmation are to be handed in within 4 weeks after the completion of the internship	ungraded	6 ECTS
	14: - successfully completed course requirements	ungraded	6 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship report and official confirmation <i>or</i></li> <li>• Any form of examination for trans-disciplinary qualification</li> </ul>		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M10a		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
<b>Instructor</b>	-		
<b>Literature</b>	-		

<b>Module Number:</b> 10b	<b>Name of Module:</b> Extended Internship	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory for <i>professional track students</i>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	13: P: Internship		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	13		
<b>Credits</b>	21		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 630 hours n.a. (360 hours internship) 270 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	At least 10 weeks, usually longer		
<b>Rotation</b>	Term 3		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	-		
<b>Content</b>	This module consists of an extensive internship in a field of students' potential future career. Thus, the module provides students with practical experience and opportunities to practically apply academic contents to real world problems. Through self-study, mentored by a faculty member, students analyze real-world institutions and their goals, working procedures and positioning in their respective field of activity. This will enhance students' future employability.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students learn to apply academic contents to possible future fields of employment. They achieve, through practical experience, the transferability of their knowledge to practical contexts and are able to critically assess institutions' goals and practices.		
<b>Course Requirements/grading</b>	13: - Successfully completed internship with official confirmation to be handed in within 4 weeks after the completion of the internship	ungraded	12 ECTS
	- preparatory written assignment presenting internship institution and its field of activity (6 ECTS) - End of internship report (3 ECTS)	graded	9 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship assignment and internship report; official confirmation</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M10b		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
<b>Instructor</b>	-		
<b>Literature</b>	Adequate literature will be announced at the beginning of the term. Students are expected to present and critically discuss further literature on their internship employer's field of work.		

## **VII. Mandatory Elective Modules of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”**

In terms one, two and three, there are in total three mandatory elective modules. Within each module there is a variety of courses.

*Illustration 7: Overview of Mandatory Elective Modules*

<b>Module Number</b>	<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Title of Module</b> Course(s) + (course number)	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Seminar hours / Work-load</b>
11	S  S	<b>Issues in Culture &amp; Civil Societies of the Middle East</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (15) <i>or</i></li> <li>• Contemporary Issues in Political Islam (16)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS (Tü) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)	2 / 180 <i>or</i> 3 / 270
12	S or L	<b>Special Issues in Political Science</b> Seminar or lecture in one of the following thematic fields <i>and</i> marked as CMEPS-relevant in the online timetable (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Politics and Integration <i>or</i></li> <li>• Security, Conflict and Conflict Resolution <i>or</i></li> <li>• International Political Economy <i>or</i></li> <li>• International Policy Analysis <i>or</i></li> <li>• Theories of Political Rule</li> </ul>	6 ECTS (Tü) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)	2 / 180 <i>or</i> 3 / 270
13	S  S	<b>Special Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society</b> All courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authoritarianism, Revolution &amp; State Fragility (23) <i>or</i></li> <li>• International Relations &amp; Regional Order of the MENA (24)</li> </ul>	6 ECTS (Tü) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)	2 / 180 <i>or</i> 3 / 270
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18 or 21 ECTS</b>	<b>7 / 630</b>

<b>Module Number:</b> 11	<b>Name of Module:</b> Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	15: S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics <i>or</i> 16: S: Contemporary Issues in Political Islam		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	15 + 16		
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS (Tübingen) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)		
<b>Work load:</b> • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180-270 hours 30-45 hours (2 sem./hrs.in Tübingen <i>or</i> 3 sem./hrs at partner instit.) 150-225 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 1-3)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	This module complements the study of political science with issues related to norms, values and civil societies (religion, culture, identity). It focuses either on the relevance of these variables on a global scale or covers them with special reference to political Islam.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students are able to examine, analyze, and evaluate the reasons, implications and consequences of norms, values, culture, and religion in today's politics.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	15: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	Ungraded	2 ECTS*
	- Class presentations <i>or</i> written assignment (2 ECTS) - Oral <i>or</i> written module exam (2 ECTS)	Graded	4 ECTS*
	16: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	Ungraded	2 ECTS*
	- Class presentations <i>or</i> written assignment (2 ECTS) - Oral <i>or</i> written module exam (2 ECTS)	Graded	4 ECTS*
<b>Module exam type</b>	End of term oral or written exam		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M11		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 <sup>st</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Professor at partner inst./ Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow (Tübingen)		
<b>Instructor</b>	Professor at partner instit./ Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow (Tübingen)		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		

\* The 9 ECTS gained at the partner institution will be distributed accordingly (3 ungraded ECTS; 6 graded ECTS with 3 ECTS each for mid-term paper/exam and for end of term written exam).

<b>Module Number:</b> 12	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Special Issues in Political Science</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	Seminar or lecture in one of the following thematic fields <i>and</i> marked as CMEPS-relevant in the online timetable (6) 17: European Politics and Integration <i>or</i> 18: Security, Conflict and Conflict Resolution <i>or</i> 19: International Political Economy <i>or</i> 20: International Policy Analysis <i>or</i> 21: Theories of Political Rule <i>or</i> 22: Development and Policy Practice		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	17 –22		
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS (Tübingen) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 180-360 hours 30-60 hours (2 sem./hrs <i>or</i> 4 sem./hrs in Tübingen or 3 sem./hrs at partner institution)		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 1-3)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	This module covers international and transnational trends and developments which through their global relevance also impact on the MENA region. Students can choose to specialize, within this module, on issues from International Relations, International Political Economy, and European politics and integration.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students acquire deepened knowledge of at least one of the following topics: International Political Economy; external relations of the EU and the latter's role in international politics; global governance; security studies; or EU domestic politics		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	17 - 22: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS*
	17 - 22: - Class presentations <i>or</i> written assignment (2 ECTS) - Oral <i>or</i> written module exam (2 ECTS)	graded	4 ECTS*
<b>Module exam type</b>	Oral <i>or</i> written module exam		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M12		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Thomas Diez (Tübingen)/ Professor at partner institution		
<b>Instructor</b>	Depending on student's choice of course		
<b>Literature</b>	Depending on the course chosen, a syllabus with the relevant literature will be made available at the beginning of the term.		

\* The 9 ECTS gained at the partner institution will be distributed accordingly (3 ungraded ECTS; 6 graded ECTS with 3 ECTS each for mid-term paper/exam and for end of term written exam).

<b>Module Number:</b> 13	<b>Name of Module:</b> <b>Special Issues in Comparative &amp; Middle East Politics and Society</b>	<b>Module type:</b> <b>Compulsory</b>	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	All courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”, e.g. 23: S: Special Issues in ME Politics: Authoritarianism, Revolution & State Fragility <i>or</i> 24: S: Special Issues in ME Politics: International Relations & Regional Order of the MENA 25: Research Seminar: Current Issues in the Middle East and Comparative Politics (FFMO)		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	23 – 25		
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS (Tübingen) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)		
<b>Work load:</b> • <b>Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)</b> • <b>Self-study</b>	Total: 180-270 hours 30-45 hours (2 sem./hrs.in Tübingen <i>or</i> 3 sem./hrs at partner institution) 150-225 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 1-3)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25		
<b>Content</b>	This module covers the continuous struggle over the Middle Eastern state as embedded in the regional and international contexts. Focus can be laid either on the nature of the state or the regional and international dimensions of the state (re-) formation.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students gain a clear understanding of the emergence of the Middle Eastern state system, of different regional sub-systems, and of the challenges related to the regional and international embeddedness of the Middle East in world politics.		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	23 – 25: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS*
	- Class presentations or written assignment - Written exam or policy paper (2 ECTS)	graded	4 ECTS*
<b>Module exam type</b>	Written exam <i>or</i> policy paper		
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M13		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	-		
<b>Person resp. for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger (Tübingen)/ Professor at partner institution.		
<b>Instructor</b>	Depending on student’s choice of course		
<b>Literature</b>	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		

\* The 9 ECTS gained at the partner institution will be distributed accordingly (3 ungraded ECTS; 6 graded ECTS with 3 ECTS each for mid-term paper/exam and for end of term written exam).

### **VIII. Examination Module of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”**

The examination module takes place in the fourth and last semester. It includes the successful visit of an (international) research colloquium (3 ECTS credits), the dissertation (21 credits), and a final oral exam (6 ECTS credits).

*Illustration 8: Overview of Examination Module*

<b>Module Number</b>	<b>Title of Module Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colloquium (3 ECTS)</li><li>• M.A. Thesis (21 ECTS)</li><li>• Oral Examination (6 ECTS)</li></ul>	30 ECTS	12



<b>Module Number:</b> 14	<b>Name of Module:</b> Examination	<b>Module type:</b> Compulsory	
<b>Course type + Course(s) name:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colloquium (2 sem./hrs.)</li> <li>• M.A. Thesis</li> <li>• Oral Examination</li> </ul>		
<b>Course number(s):</b>	-		
<b>Credits</b>	30		
<b>Work load:</b>	Total: 900 hours		
• Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)	30 hours (2 sem./hrs.)		
• Self-study	870 hours		
<b>Duration of Module</b>	1 semester (term 4)		
<b>Rotation</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	-		
<b>Content</b>	Students design their own research project from the field of CMEPS and present it in an international research colloquium. With the support of the colloquium, they complete their project within the given timeframe. An oral examination verifies students' deepened knowledge and their ability to present this knowledge adequately according to the academic standards of the discipline.		
<b>Learning targets</b>	Students apply the abilities and knowledge they have acquired during their studies to a topic of their choice from the field of CMEPS, including the independent establishment of a viable research design and its execution. They are able to elaborate in written, in a set timeframe and independently, their own work of research according to high academic standards (M.A. thesis). In addition, students are able to demonstrate their deepened knowledge in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society as well as methodological skills fluently in the English language (oral exam).		
<b>Course requirements/ Grading</b>	Presentation of planned thesis (3 ECTS)	ungraded	3 ECTS
	Master's thesis (21 ECTS)	graded	21 ECTS
<b>Module exam type</b>	Oral exam (6 ECTS)	graded	6 ECTS
<b>Module exam no.</b>	M13		
<b>Allocation to curriculum</b>	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Examination module, 4 <sup>th</sup> semester		
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Successful attendance and participation in Colloquium (3 ECTS)		
<b>Person responsible for module</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
<b>Instructor</b>	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
<b>Literature</b>	Adequate literature for preparing the various components of the exam module will be announced at the beginning of the term. Students are expected to read their fellow students' papers that are presented in the colloquium. Literature for the M.A. thesis has to be researched by students.		