



Module Handbook

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

Last update: 03.05.2016

Contents

- I. Introduction
- II. Structure of the M.A. degree program
- III. Curriculum & Distribution of Modules Across the Terms
- IV. Third Semester: International Track or Professional Track
- V. Alternate Modules of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”
- VI. Compulsory Modules of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”
- VII. Mandatory Elective Modules of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”
- VIII. Examination Module of the M.A. degree program “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)”

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 th 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

- Political Science or related Social Sciences or
- 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 Science¹ (12 ECTS)
- Module 2: Introduction to Comparative Politics (6 ECTS)
- Module 3: Language Acquisition Advanced Learners (6 ECTS)

-
- Module 4: Language Acquisition I (12 ECTS)²
 - 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)³
- Module 12: Special Issues in Political Science (6 *or* 9 ECTS)³
- Module 13: Special Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (6 *or* 9 ECTS)³

30 ECTS credits for the examination module

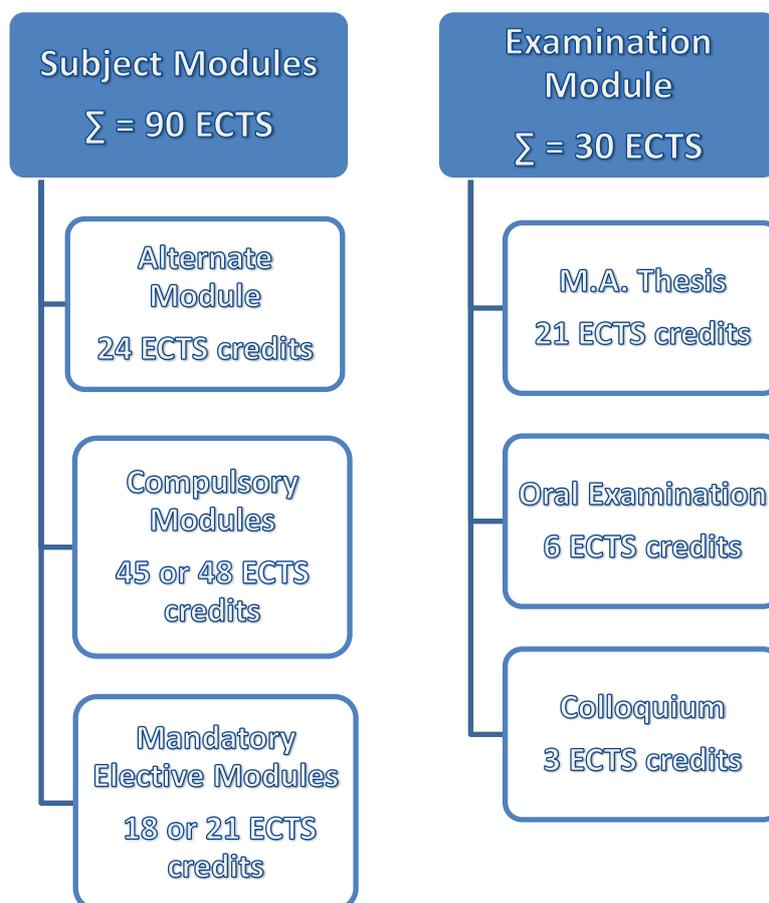
- Module 14: Examination (30 ECTS)

¹ 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.

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

³ *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

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

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

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

Illustration 3.1: Curriculum for international track students

	Year 1		Year 2	
	Winter-/Fall Term 1 st Semester	Spring-/Summer Term 2 nd Semester	Winter/Fall 3 rd Semester	Spring Term 4 th Semester
Alternate Modules (depending on first degree held by student)	(M1) Foundations and Methods in Political Science S: Foundations of Political Science (4) S: Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (4+4)	(M2) Introduction to Comparative Politics L: Foundations of Comparative Politics (6) (M3) Language Acquisition Advanced Learners Advanced Arabic: Conversation plus Reading Course (3+3)	(M6) Language Acquisition III S: Modern Standard Arabic III (12) <i>or</i> S: Egyptian Colloquial (12)	M.A. Thesis (21) Oral Examination (6)
	(M4) Language Acquisition I S: Modern Standard Arabic I (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic I (4)	(M5) Language Acquisition II S: Modern Standard Arabic II (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic II (4)		
Com-pulsory	(M7) Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East S: Middle East Politics and Societies (4) (M8) Issues in CMEPS II - Democratization S: Regime Change and Democratization (6)	(M7) Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East S: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (4+4)	(M9) Issues in CMEPS III – Development S: Development Politics and International Cooperation (9)	
Com-pulsory Electives (one course <u>per module</u> in terms 1-3)	(M11) Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (6) <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Political Islam (6) (M12) Special Issues in Political Science Seminar(s) or lecture(s) in one of the designated thematic fields (6) (M13) Special Issues in CMEPS 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) Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (6) <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Pol. Islam (6) (M12) Special Issues in Political Science Seminar(s) or lecture(s) in one of the designated thematic fields (6) (M13) Special Issues in CMEPS 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) Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics (9) <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Political Islam (9) (M12) Special Issues in Political Science Seminar or lecture in one of the designated thematic fields (9) (M13) Special Issues in CMEPS Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics” (9)	
Com-pulsory	(M10a) Short Internship or Trans-disciplinary qualifications P: Internship or S: Trans-disciplinary qualifications (6)			Colloquium (3)
Credits	= 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 st Semester	Spring-/Summer Term 2 nd Semester	Winter/Fall 3 rd Semester	Spring Term 4 th Semester
Alternate Modules (depending on first degree held by student)	(M1) Foundations and Methods in Political Science S: Foundations of Political Science (4) S: Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (4+4)	(M2) Introduction to Comparative Politics L: Foundations of Comparative Politics (6) (M3) Language Acquisition Advanced Learners Advanced Arabic: Conversation plus Reading Course (3+3)	n.a.	M.A. Thesis (21) Oral Examination (6)
	(M4) Language Acquisition I S: Modern Standard Arabic I (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic I (4)	(M5) Language Acquisition II S: Modern Standard Arabic II (8) Ü: Modern Standard Arabic II (4)		
Com-pulsory	(M7) Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East S: Middle East Politics and Societies (4)	(M7) Issues in CMEPS I – The Modern Middle East S: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (4+4)	(M10b) Extensive Internship P: Internship and self-study (21)	Colloquium (3)
	(M8) Issues in CMEPS II - Democratization S: Regime Change and Democratization (6)		(M9) Issues in CMEPS III – Development S: Development Politics and International Cooperation (9)	
Com-pulsory Electives (one course <u>per</u> module; one in term 1, two in term 2)	(M11) Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics <i>or</i> S: Contemporary Issues in Pol. Islam (M12) Special Issues in Political Science Seminar(s) or lecture(s) in one of the designated thematic fields (M13) Special Issues in CMEPS 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.	
Credits	= 30 ECTS	= 30 ECTS	= 30 ECTS	= 30 ECTS

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
Module 6: Language Acquisition III	Modern Standard Arabic III <i>or</i> Egyptian Colloquial	12
Module 9: Issues in CMEPS III – Development	Development Politics and International Cooperation	9
Module 11: Issues in Cultures & Civil Societies of the Middle East <i>or</i> Module 12: Special Issues in Political Science <i>or</i> Module 13: Special Issues in CMEPS	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. Seminar or lecture in one of the designated thematic fields Courses “Special Issues in ME Politics”	9
<i>Optional:</i> <i>Module 10a: Short Internship or Trans-disciplinary qualifications</i>	<i>Internship</i>	6
	TOTAL:	30 (36)

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

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

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	Foundations and Methods in Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Political Science (1a) • Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (1b) 	12 ECTS	4 / 360
2	L	Introduction to Comparative Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Comparative Politics (2) 	6 ECTS	2 / 180
3	T T	Language Acquisition Advanced Learners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Arabic: Reading (3) • Advanced Arabic: Conversation (4) 	6 ECTS	2 / 180
OR				
4	S Ü	Language Acquisition I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Standard Arabic I (5a) • Modern Standard Arabic I (5b) 	12 ECTS	8 / 360
5	S Ü	Language Acquisition II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Standard Arabic II (6a) • Modern Standard Arabic II (6b) 	12 ECTS	8 / 360
		TOTAL:	24 ECTS	8/16 / 720

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).

Module Number: 1	Name of Module: Foundations and Methods in Political Science	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	1a: S: Foundations of Political Science (2 sem./hrs.) 1b: S: Research in Political Science: Methods and Ethics (2 sem./hrs.)		
Course number(s):	1a + 1b		
Credits	12		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 360 hours 60 hours (4 sem./hrs.) 300 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 1)		
Rotation	Every 1 st semester (winter term)		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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
Module exam type	Oral exam or written assignment		
Module exam no.	M1		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 st semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person responsible for module	Dr. Thomas Nielebock		
Instructor	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger or another Institute of Political Science lecturer		
Literature	• A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations		

	will be distributed at the beginning of the term		
Module Number: 2	Name of Module: Introduction to Comparative Politics	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	2: L: Foundations of Comparative Politics (2 sem./hrs.)		
Course number(s):	2		
Credits	6		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180 hours 30 hours (2 sem./hrs.) 150 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 2)		
Rotation	Every 2 nd semester (summer term)		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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
Module exam type	Oral <i>or</i> Written exam		
Module exam no.	M2		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 nd semester		
Entry requirements	M1		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
Instructor	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger or Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels		
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Almond, <i>Comparative Politics Today: A Worldview</i> • Timothy Lim, <i>Doing Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Approaches and Issues</i> • Todd Landman, <i>Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics</i> • Rod Hague and Martin Harrop, <i>Comparative Government and Politics</i> 		

Module Number: 3	Name of Module: Language Acquisition Advanced Learners	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	3: T: Advanced Arabic: Reading (1 sem./hrs.) 4: T: Advanced Arabic: Conversation (1 sem./hrs.)		
Course number(s):	3 + 4		
Credits	6		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180 hours 30 hours (2 sem./hrs.) 150 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 2)		
Rotation	Every 2 nd semester		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	-		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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
Module exam type	Oral <i>or</i> written assignments		
Module exam no.	M3		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 nd semester		
Entry requirements	Prior knowledge of Arabic		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow		
Instructor	Attoura, Hala, M.A. or another Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies lecturer		
Literature	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term.		
Import	Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies		

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

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

Module Number: 5	Name of Module: Language Acquisition II	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	6a: S: Modern Standard Arabic II (4 sem./hrs.) 6b: Ü: Modern Standard Arabic II (4 sem./hrs.)		
Course number(s):	6a + 6b		
Credits	12		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 360 hours 120 hours (8 sem./hrs.) 240 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 2)		
Rotation	Every 2nd semester		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	50		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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		
Course requirements/ Grading	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
Module exam type	End of term written exam		
Module exam no.	M5		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 nd semester		
Entry requirements	M4		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow		
Instructor	Attoura, Hala, M.A. or another Department for Oriental and Islamic Studies lecturer		
Literature	Will be announced at the beginning of the module		
Import	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

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

Explanation: S=seminar, P=internship

Illustration 6.2: Overview of Compulsory Modules for professional track students

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

Module Number: 6	Name of Module: Language Acquisition III	Module type: Compulsory for <i>internat. track</i> students	
Course type + Course(s) name:	7: S: Modern Standard Arabic III <i>or</i> 8: S: Egyptian Colloquial		
Course number(s):	7 + 8		
Credits	12 ECTS (AUC or other partner institution)		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 360 hours 60 hours (4 sem./hrs.) 300 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 3)		
Rotation	-		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	-		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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)			
Module exam type	End of term written exam		
Module exam no.	M6		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	M3 or M5		
Person responsible for module	Professor at partner institution		
Instructor	instructor at partner institution		
Literature	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		

Module Number: 7	Name of Module: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society I - The Modern Middle East		Module type: Compulsory for all students	
Course type + Course(s) name:	9: S: Middle East Politics and Societies (2 sem./hrs.) 10: S: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (2 sem./hrs.)			
Course number(s):	9 + 10			
Credits	12			
Work load:	Total: 360 hours			
• Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)	60 hours (4 sem./hrs.)			
• Self-study	300 hours			
Duration of Module	2 semesters (term 1 and 2)			
Rotation	Every semester			
Language	English			
Max. number of participants	25			
Content	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.			
Learning targets	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.			
Course requirements/ Grading	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)	graded		6 ECTS	
- oral exam <i>or</i> research paper (4 ECTS)				
Module exam type	Oral exam <i>or</i> research paper (4 ECTS)			
Module exam no.	M7			
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 st and 2 nd semester			
Entry requirements	-			
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc			
Instructor	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc or another Institute of Pol. Science lecturer			
Literature	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term			

Module Number: 8	Name of Module: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society II - Democratization	Module type: Compulsory for all students	
Course type + Course(s) name:	11: S: Regime Change and Democratization (2 sem./hrs.)		
Course number(s):	11		
Credits	6		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180 hours 30 hours (2 sem./hrs.) 150 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 1)		
Rotation	Every 1 st semester (winter term)		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	<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>		
Learning targets	Students know and are able to apply the most important approaches to analyze and explain the systemic change of political regimes / democratization.		
Course requirements/ Grading	11: - Regular attendance, weekly core reading, active participation in class	ungraded	2 ECTS
	- Oral presentation (2 ECTS) - Written Assignment (2 ECTS)	graded	4 ECTS
Module exam type	Written assignment		
Module exam no.	M8		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 st semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
Instructor	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger or another Institute of Political Science lecturer		
Literature	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the term		

Module Number: 9	Name of Module: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society III - Development	Module type: Compulsory for all students	
Course type + Course(s) name:	12: S: Development Politics and International Cooperation (3 sem./hrs.) *		
Course number(s):	12		
Credits	9 ECTS		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	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		
Duration of Module	1 semester (usually term 3)		
Rotation	Every 1 st semester (winter term)		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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
Module exam	Written exam / Practical assignment		
Module exam no.	M9		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	M7		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
Instructor	Tba		
Literature	A syllabus that includes detailed literature recommendations will be distributed at the beginning of the module.		

Module Number: 10a	Name of Module: Short internship <i>or</i> Trans-disciplinary qualifications	Module type: Compulsory for <i>international track</i> students	
Course type + Course(s) name:	13: P: Internship <i>or</i> 14: S: Trans-disciplinary qualifications		
Course number(s):	13 + 14		
Credits	6		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 180 hours n.a. (120 hours internship) 60 hours		
Duration of Module	At least 3 weeks, usually longer		
Rotation	Every semester from term 1 – 3		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	-		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	Students get to know future fields of employment and realize, through practical experience, the transferability of their knowledge to practical contexts.		
Course Requirements/grading	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
Module exam type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship report and official confirmation <i>or</i> • Any form of examination for trans-disciplinary qualification 		
Module exam no.	M10a		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, between 1 st and 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
Instructor	-		
Literature	-		

Module Number: 10b	Name of Module: Extended Internship	Module type: Compulsory for <i>professional track students</i>	
Course type + Course(s) name:	13: P: Internship		
Course number(s):	13		
Credits	21		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	Total: 630 hours n.a. (360 hours internship) 270 hours		
Duration of Module	At least 10 weeks, usually longer		
Rotation	Term 3		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	-		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course Requirements/grading	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
Module exam type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship assignment and internship report; official confirmation • 		
Module exam no.	M10b		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, between 1 st and 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Marie Duboc		
Instructor	-		
Literature	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

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

Module Number: 11	Name of Module: Issues in Culture and Civil Societies of the Middle East	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	15: S: Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics <i>or</i> 16: S: Contemporary Issues in Political Islam		
Course number(s):	15 + 16		
Credits	6 ECTS (Tübingen) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)		
Work load: • 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		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 1-3)		
Rotation	Every 1 st semester		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	Students are able to examine, analyze, and evaluate the reasons, implications and consequences of norms, values, culture, and religion in today's politics.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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*
Module exam type	End of term oral or written exam		
Module exam no.	M11		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 st or 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person responsible for module	Professor at partner inst./ Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow (Tübingen)		
Instructor	Professor at partner instit./ Prof. Dr. Johann Büssow (Tübingen)		
Literature	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).

Module Number: 12	Name of Module: Special Issues in Political Science	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	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		
Course number(s):	17 –22		
Credits	6 ECTS (Tübingen) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)		
Work load: • Seminar hours (sem./hrs.) • Self-study	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)		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 1-3)		
Rotation	Every 2 nd semester		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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		
Course requirements/ Grading	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*
Module exam type	Oral <i>or</i> written module exam		
Module exam no.	M12		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Thomas Diez (Tübingen)/ Professor at partner institution		
Instructor	Depending on student's choice of course		
Literature	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).

Module Number: 13	Name of Module: Special Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	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)		
Course number(s):	23 – 25		
Credits	6 ECTS (Tübingen) <i>or</i> 9 ECTS (partner institution)		
Work load: • 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 institution) 150-225 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 1-3)		
Rotation	Every 2 nd semester		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	25		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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.		
Course requirements/ Grading	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*
Module exam type	Written exam <i>or</i> policy paper		
Module exam no.	M13		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Compulsory Module, 2 nd or 3 rd semester		
Entry requirements	-		
Person resp. for module	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger (Tübingen)/ Professor at partner institution.		
Instructor	Depending on student’s choice of course		
Literature	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

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

Module Number: 14	Name of Module: Examination	Module type: Compulsory	
Course type + Course(s) name:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colloquium (2 sem./hrs.) • M.A. Thesis • Oral Examination 		
Course number(s):	-		
Credits	30		
Work load:	Total: 900 hours		
• Seminar hours (sem./hrs.)	30 hours (2 sem./hrs.)		
• Self-study	870 hours		
Duration of Module	1 semester (term 4)		
Rotation	Every 2 nd semester		
Language	English		
Max. number of participants	-		
Content	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.		
Learning targets	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).		
Course requirements/ Grading	Presentation of planned thesis (3 ECTS)	ungraded	3 ECTS
	Master's thesis (21 ECTS)	graded	21 ECTS
Module exam type	Oral exam (6 ECTS)	graded	6 ECTS
Module exam no.	M13		
Allocation to curriculum	M.A. degree program CMEPS, Examination module, 4 th semester		
Entry requirements	Successful attendance and participation in Colloquium (3 ECTS)		
Person responsible for module	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
Instructor	Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger		
Literature	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.		