

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Core Courses

Middle East Politics and Societies  
Regime Change and Democratization  
Comparative Politics of the Middle East  
Development Politics and International Cooperation

### Alternate Courses (depending on first degree)

Foundations of Political Science  
Foundations of Comparative Politics  
Research Methods and Ethics of Political Science  
Language Courses

### Elective Courses

Authoritarianism, Revolution & State Fragility  
International Relations & Regional Order of the MENA Region  
Contemporary Issues in Political Islam  
International Political Economy  
Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics  
The EU in International Relations  
Comparative Approaches to Social Movements  
Global Environmental Change  
Discourses of Security

### Other Key Contents of the Program

Internship or Trans-disciplinary Qualifications  
Workshops  
Master's Thesis (Jointly supervised by international faculty)  
Integrated semester abroad

## STUDYING IN TÜBINGEN & CAIRO

### Political Science at the University of Tübingen

Tübingen, as one of the oldest universities in Germany, founded in 1477, stands for excellence and innovation in research and teaching. The university is among Germany's most respected academic institutions and provides an outstanding environment for academic studies. With its problem-oriented and theory-based approach to studying political systems, state-society relations, democratization and development, the master's program builds on the University of Tübingen's long-standing research expertise in the MENA region. Most modules will be taught by the Institute of Political Science, one of Germany's top-ranked Political Science institutions, which excels in comparative and international political science research on non-OECD, especially MENA countries. Language training and electives on the culture and civil society of the Middle East will be offered by the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies.

### Political Science at The American University in Cairo

The American University in Cairo (AUC), founded in 1919, is the region's premier English-language University today – an essential contributor to the social, political, and cultural life of the Arab world. In an increasingly globalized society, AUC offers a vital bridge between the cultures of East and West through scholarly research, study-abroad programs, and partnerships with other academic and research institutions. AUC builds leadership, lifelong learning, continuing education and service among its graduates and is dedicated to making significant contributions to Egypt and the international community in diverse fields.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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## Joint Program in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)

### Master of Arts

*Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany)*

*& The American University in Cairo (Egypt)*

 THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

## THE CMEPS EXPERIENCE

The M.A. in “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society” (CMEPS) is a two-year master’s program jointly offered by the University of Tübingen and The American University in Cairo (AUC). It provides in-depth knowledge of the political and societal developments in the Middle East as well as analytical tools for understanding this region’s complex dynamics and challenges.

The focal point of the graduate program is the relationship between societies and states in the MENA region as well as the dynamics of social and political transformation. Key topics are comparative politics of the MENA region, development politics and international cooperation, as well as issues of regime change and democratization. Students can choose from a range of elective modules, concentrating, for example, on international political economy, peace and conflict resolution, or on issues in MENA culture and civil societies. Depending on their first degree, CMEPS students will also attend courses in either methods of political science or Arabic languages during their first year.

Irrespective of their first degree, by the end of their studies CMEPS students will have a unique profile which combines an advanced analytical knowledge of Comparative Politics with a strong specialization in the politics, society, cultures, and language of the Arab Middle East.

To strengthen the link between theory and practice, field trips to international organizations, development agencies or important political and cultural institutions of the respective host country are included in the program, depending on the availability of funds.

**Beginning of the Program:** Each fall term  
**Available Places:** 20 places, 10 each at Tübingen University and at AUC  
**Duration:** 4 semesters (2 years)  
**Language of Instruction:** English (plus training in another foreign language)

## OPPORTUNITIES



**CMEPS students** benefit from the unique set-up of the joint program. The integrated semester abroad at the partner university is a valuable opportunity for students to improve their language skills and immerse themselves in a foreign culture; joint classes facilitate personal interaction between Egyptian, German, and other international students. The program also includes a practicum module for which students complete an internship with a public or private organization, usually in their host country, to gain both practical and intercultural experiences and thus boost their employability and personal development.

**CMEPS** is the first master’s degree in Political Science which is acknowledged in Germany, Egypt, and the United States. Graduates will have excellent job opportunities for international academic and non-academic careers alike. They will be qualified to work for national and international organizations, the media, at leading universities, or in governmental or private research institutions. The focus on Middle East politics and societies provides an excellent foundation for a career in German, European and international institutions concerned with development cooperation or diplomacy, NGOs, political foundations and think tanks.



## REQUIREMENTS

### Interested?

You are eligible to study in the CMEPS program if you

- hold a B.A. degree or equivalent in Political Science or a related social science, or in Middle East Studies, Islamic Studies, or a related discipline
- provide evidence of your proficiency in English (TOEFL, )

The CMEPS program offers 20 places each year, ten of which are open for applicants at Tübingen University. Selection of students is based on academic skills, convincing motivation and personal qualification.

Depending on availability stipends for students at each location will be awarded.

### APPLY

**The closing date for applications is April 1 (at AUC) and May 15 (in Tübingen);** classes begin in fall. Please refer to the program’s website for further information before applying:

<https://cmeps.eu>

To apply for the program please visit:

<https://cmeps.eu/apply>

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