Dear students,

we are looking forward to you studying with us during the winter term 2022/23. This is to give you an overview of the most important information for your stay at JGU Mainz. We are confident that Sars-CoV-2 will allow us to meet and study on campus, but please check here on a regular basis for updated information: https://www.studying.uni-mainz.de/corona/

1. COURSES

The majority of our courses is taught in German as you can see here: https://jogustine.uni-mainz.de → Vorlesungsverzeichnis → Wintersemester 2022/23 → FB 02 Sozialwissenschaften, Medien und Sport → Politikwissenschaft

There are, though, a number of courses taught in English:

At introductory level:
+ 1st/2nd year seminar: "Introduction to International Relations" (Monday: 16-18 hrs.)

At advanced level:
+ seminar: "Foreign Policy and International Institutions in International Crises" (Tuesday: 8-10 hrs.)
+ seminar: "EU-US Relations" (Monday, 12-14 hrs.)
+ seminar: "The European Union and International Conflict Management" (Friday, 12-14 hrs.)
+ lecture: "The Politics of European Integration" (Wednesday, 10-12 hrs.)

In addition to the courses offered by the Department of Political Science, you can choose from a wide variety of courses taught in English by other Departments; a list is being provided for you by our International Office: Gutenberg International School Services (GIS).
Of particular interest to students of Political Science are the courses offered by the faculty of the Social Sciences for all guest students from abroad. You find more information concerning these courses at https://jogustine.uni-mainz.de → Vorlesungsverzeichnis → Wintersemester 2022/23 → FB 02 – Sozialkunde, Medien und Sport → Fächerübergreifende Veranstaltungen.

+ seminar: “Assessing and Critically Reflecting on Digital Media: A literature review” (Monday, 12-14 hrs.)

+ seminar: “The Absence of „Race“ in German Discourses on Bildung” (Wednesday, 10-12 hrs.)

+ seminar: “The Social Scientist’s View of Germany” (Tuesday, 16-18 hrs.)

+ tutorial “Academic Boosting Class: Research in Social Sciences” (Monday, 16-18 hrs.)

+ “Beyond Clichés - German and International Students in Intercultural Exchange” (dates to be announced)

## 2. ECTS credits

**The number of ECTS credits** you can achieve per course depends on the type of exam you take in order to complete the course:

- **lecture**: please contact your instructor, inform him/her that you are a guest student from abroad and that you need to acquire ECTS cr, and he or she will tell you what you are expected to do in order to achieve 4 **ECTS cr.** (oral exam OR written exam OR essay).

- **seminars**: As a rule you have to submit a term paper in seminars:
  - at *introductory level*, you are expected to submit a 10- to 12-page paper - if successful you earn 5 **ECTS cr.**;
  - at *advanced level*, you are expected to submit a paper of roughly 20 pages in order to earn 9 **ECTS cr.**. But you are welcome to contact your instructor whether s/he will accept a shorter paper for 5 ECTS cr. as well.

As an exception and provided the agreement of your instructor, it is also possible to earn 3 ECTS cr. by submitting course work on a regular basis.
In order to complete the seminars successfully, it is, as a rule, very helpful to attend the tutorial: “Academic Boosting Class: Research in Social Sciences” (see above) in order to learn how to write a “Hausarbeit” – a term paper – according to our specifications.

3. ADMISSION

In order to be admitted to the courses of your choice, please get in touch with me PRIOR to the registration phase which is between October 17, 2022, 13 hrs, and October 20, 2022, 13 hrs. by sending an e-mail to schmitt@politik.uni-mainz.de.

- I will be able to register you for all courses offered by the Department of Political Science. I cannot register you for courses offered by other Departments – you need to contact Gutenberg International School Services (gis@international.uni-mainz.de) to learn who is in charge there of registering you.

- In order to make sure that the courses fit your interests and your prior knowledge, we will have to “meet” BEFORE registration starts. If we only meet at the end of the registration phase or afterwards, there is no guarantee that we will be able to admit you to the courses of your choice.

- We schedule a meeting by mail, and then meet either in my office (Georg Forster-Gebäude, see above ☝️, 4th floor: 04-439) or in my “living room” (Wohnzimmer) at BigBlueButton which you find here: https://bbb.rlp.net/b/sch-1x9-onn-b3r.
The Erasmus-team of the Department of Political Science consists of me – Dr. Annette Schmitt: I am the Erasmus Departmental Coordinator – and Antonia Kamp who will be happy to help you with all matters concerning student life at JGU and in Mainz for which your Coordinator is not quite as competent as she is 😊.

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Dear students: we wish you all the very best for your term abroad at JGU, but most importantly: please keep well. If you have any questions concerning your studies of Political Science, please let us know. As far as all other matters are concerned: please contact the persons in charge, but if this is not possible: please let us know – we will assist you in any way possible.

Kindest wishes  
Annette Schmitt and Antonia Kamp