



Dear students,

we are looking forward to you studying with us during the winter term 2023/24!

1. COURSES

The majority of our courses is taught in German as you can see here: <https://jogustine.uni-mainz.de> → Vorlesungsverzeichnis → Wintersemester 2023/24 → FB 02 Sozialwissenschaften, Medien und Sport → Politikwissenschaft

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

<https://jogustine.uni-mainz.de> → Vorlesungsverzeichnis → Wintersemester 2023/24 → FB 02 Sozialwissenschaften, Medien und Sport → Politikwissenschaft → Seminars in English (please take notice: you cannot attend the course on "Bilinguale Fachdidaktik").

Furthermore, an introductory course in "International Relations" will be taught in English:
Course D, Wednesday 16:15 hrs. to 17:45 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 2023/24 → FB 02 – Sozialkunde, Medien und Sport → Fächerübergreifende Veranstaltungen.

2. ECTS credits

The number of ECTS credits you can achieve per course IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 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. He or she will, then, 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 he or she 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 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 16, 13 hrs., and October 19, 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 (this applies to German courses, too).
- 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.

As it is always a good idea to get to know each other in person, I would be very happy to see you all for coffee and cookies on **Friday, October 20th, at 16 hrs.** in the Georg Forster Gebäude (GFG), 4th floor, room 04-401. We can discuss all questions that should be answered prior to the start of the lecture period, and I will show you around the building so that you know where the majority of your Political Science-courses will take place.

Dear students: I 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 me know. As far as all other matters are concerned: please contact the persons in charge, but if this is not possible: please let me know – I will assist you in any way possible.

Kindest wishes,
Annette Schmitt

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