

## INFORMATION PACKAGE “PEACE AND SECURITY STUDIES” (M.A.)

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## 1. At A Glance

<b>Degree :</b>	<b>Peace and Security Studies, Master of Arts</b>
<b>Standard period of study:</b>	4 semesters (or 2 semesters)
<b>Credit points:</b>	120 ECTS (or 60 ECTS)
<b>Languages:</b>	German and English
<b>Time required:</b>	Full-time, part-time on request
<b>Type of study:</b>	Attendance study (with digital elements)
<b>Start:</b>	1 October (winter semester)
<b>Places:</b>	25–30 students
<b>Application period:</b>	15 February to 31 March
<b>Selection process:</b>	April–May
<b>Admission notice:</b>	From 9 June

## 2. Admission M.A. “Peace and Security Studies”

### Online Application (application period: 15 February – 31 March)

#### APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- | Application for admission
- | Letter of motivation (form)
- | Tabular curriculum vitae
- | Certificate of general higher education entrance qualification or certificate of an equivalent school-leaving qualification
- | University or university of applied sciences degree certificates (min. 180 ECTS)
- | Proof of German and English language skills
- | Proof of relevant professional activity or internships or voluntary work in the content area of the degree programme (optional)

### Selection Process (April – May)

#### THE SELECTION PROCESS TAKES PLACE IN TWO STAGES:

1. Ranking according to documents:
  - a) Grade of higher education entrance qualification,
  - b) Grades of university degrees,
  - c) Work experience,
  - d) Letter of motivation and curriculum vitae
2. Further selection process for selected applicants consisting of essay and interview for final ranking.

### Admission (admission notice from 9 June)

### Online-Enrolment (within 7 days after notification of admission)

#### ENROLMENT DOCUMENTS:

- | Enrolment application
- | Health insurance certificate
- | Proof of higher education entrance qualification and academic degrees
- | If applicable, further documents
- | Payment of semester contribution (includes HVV ticket)

### 3. Model Study Plan “Peace and Security Studies” for 4 Semesters

#### SEMESTER MODULES

- 1
  - Module 1 (12 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Basics and Methods of Peace and Conflict Research
  - Module 2 (8 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research
  - Module 5 (10 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Security and Peace
  
- 2
  - Module 1 (6 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Basics and Methods of Peace and Conflict Research
  - Module 2 (6 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research
  - Module 3 (6 ECTS) *Practice Module*  
Practice-oriented Learning  
(e.g. Brussels/Vienna excursion, Rhetoric course)
  - Module 4 (6 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Security Studies
  - Module 5 (6 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Security and Peace
  
- 3
  - Module 3 (14 ECTS) *Practice module*  
Practice-oriented Learning (internship and e.g. media training)
  - Module 4 (16 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Security Studies
  
- 4
  - Module 6 (30 ECTS) *Final module*  
Master thesis

30 ECTS per semester.

## 4. Model Study Plan “Peace and Security Studies” for 2 Semesters

### SEMESTER MODULES

1

Module 1 (6 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Basics and Methods of Peace and Security Research

Module 2 (8 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research

Module 4 (10 ECTS) *Profile Module*  
Security Studies

Module 5 (6 ECTS) *Profile Module*  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peace and Security

2

Module 3 (7 ECTS) *Practice module*  
Practice-oriented Learning (internship)

Module 6 (23 ECTS) *Final module*  
Master thesis

30 ECTS per semester.

## 5. Curriculum of the Master of Peace and Security Studies (4 Semester)

Semester	Basic Modules (32 ECTS)		Practice Module (20 ECTS)	Profile Module (38 ECTS)	
	Module 1: Fundamentals and Methods of Peace and Security Research (1.-2. Sem.) 6 SCH / 18 ECTS	Module 2: Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research (1.-2. Sem.) 5 SCH / 14 ECTS	Module 3: Practical Learning (2.-3. Sem.) 4 SCH / 20 ECTS	Module 4: Security Studies (1.-3. Sem.) 8 SCH / 22 ECTS	Module 5: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peace and Security (1.-3. Sem.) 7 SCH / 16 ECTS
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Lecture Fundamentals</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> <li>✓ <b>1 Lecture Methods</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Main Seminar</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> <li>✓ <b>1 Tutorial</b> ● as Block Seminar (2 ECTS)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Seminar</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> <li>✓ <b>2 Tutorials as Block Seminar</b> ● (2 ECTS each = 4 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>3 Tutorials</b> ● as Block Seminar <i>or</i> 1 Lecture / Seminar (6 LP) ●</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Research Seminar</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Follow-up Seminar</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1-2 Field Trips e.g. to Vienna and Brussels</b> ● (4 ECTS)</li> <li>✓ <b>1 Tutorial as Block Seminar e.g. Course on Communication Skills</b> ● (2 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Seminar</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>1 Seminar</b> ● (6 ECTS)</li> </ul>
3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Internship</b> ● (10 ECTS)</li> <li>✓ <b>Internship Report</b> ● (2 ECTS)</li> <li>✓ <b>1 Practical-based Seminar e.g. Media Training</b> ● (2 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>3 Tutorials</b> ● as Block Seminar <i>or</i> 1 Lecture / Seminar ● (6 ECTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>2 Tutorials</b> ● as Block Seminar (2 ECTS each = 4 ECTS)</li> </ul>
4	<b>Modul 6: Final Module (30 ECTS)</b> Master's Thesis (4. Semester) ●				

● = graded module examination; ● ungraded semester performance; **highlighted dark-grey**: Courses have to be taken at the defined semester = cannot be shifted/postponed; **highlighted grey**: Only offered during winter semester; **highlighted light-grey**: Only offered during summer semester.

## 6. Curriculum of the Master of Peace and Security Studies (2 Semester)

Semester	Basic Module (14 ECTS)		Practice Module (7 ECTS)	Profile Module (16 ECTS)	
	Module 1: Basics and Methods of Peace and Security Research (1.-2. Sem.) 2 SCH / 6 ECTS	Module 2: Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research (1.-2. Sem.) 3 SCH / 8 ECTS	Modul 3: Practical Learning  (2. Sem.) 7 ECTS	Modul 4: Security Studies  (1. Sem.) 3 SCH / 10 ECTS	Module 5: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peace and Security  (1. Sem.) 3 SCH / 6 ECTS
1	✓ 1 Lecture (6 ECTS) ●	✓ 1 Main Seminar (6 ECTS) ● ✓ 1 Tutorial as Block Seminar (2 ECTS) ●		✓ 1 Seminar (6 ECTS) ● ✓ 2 Tutorial as Block Seminar (2 ECTS each = 4 ECTS) ●●	✓ 3 Tutorial as Block Seminar or 1 Lecture / Seminar (6 ECTS) ●●●
2			✓ Internship (5 ECTS) ● ✓ Internship Report (2 ECTS) ●		
<b>Modul 6: Final Module (23 ECTS)</b> Master's Thesis (2. Semester) ●					

● = graded module examination; ● = ungraded semester performance