

# Peace and Security Studies

## (M.A.)

Co-operation Network Peace Research and Security Policy  
(KoFrieS)

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# General Information on the Master's Program

- Two-semester consecutive program
- First program of this kind in Germany
- Practice-oriented program
- Trans-and interdisciplinary of the program  
(Natural sciences, social sciences, law)
- Internationality of the program

# Goals and contents of the study program

- Participants
  - Highly qualified graduates from national or foreign universities and academically trained practitioners
- Course Contents
  - Theory-based education in the areas of peace research and security policy
  - Practical application of research methods
- Objectives of the Program
  - Preparation for
    - Professions in scientific peace research and teaching
    - Careers in (inter)national organizations, administrations, firms, media etc.

# Program Structure

## First Semester

### **Interdisciplinary Orientation**

- Introduction of the essential topics of peace research and security policy
- Introduction to the course
- Two intensive courses
- Presentation of the resident institutes (RI)
- Individual course planning, pre-selection of research projects and resident institutes

### **Specialization modules**

- Intensive study of basic issues on peace studies and security policy in lectures, seminars, block seminars and intensive courses

## Second Semester

- Practical elements and profession-related research

# Curriculum of the First Semester

- Elaboration of contents and methodical approaches for practice and research in the second semester
- Intensive study on the basis of a modular curriculum

## → Modules:

- Introductory Module: Interdisciplinary Orientation
- (I) International Peace and Security Policy
- (II) International Law of Peacekeeping, Security and Conflict
- (III) Natural Science and Peace
- (IV) Ethics and Peace
- (V) Political Security Economics
- (VI) Interdisciplinary Module

# Curriculum of the Second Semester

→ Practical elements and profession-related research

- Practical and Research Module (VII)
  - Study, practice and research element
  - RI-seminar
  - Participation in cross-sectional tasks
  - Preparation for the research phase
  - Optional interviews/excursions within the country and abroad on approval of the supervisor(s)
- Master's Thesis (VIII)
  - Final phase for writing the master's thesis (4 weeks)
- Final Module (IX)
  - Final Colloquium

## Program structure

Phase	Course of study	modes of examination	Examples of courses	
A: two week Orientation Week	Introductory Module: Interdisciplinary Orientation	exams protocols	1. Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great choice from Lectures, advanced seminars and block seminars: see <a href="https://ifsh.de/en/teaching/mps/informations">https://ifsh.de/en/teaching/mps/informations</a></li> </ul>
B: Modules  You choose 2 out of 5 Compulsory modules	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Peace and Security Policy</li> <li>International Law of Peacekeeping and Conflict</li> <li>Science and Peace</li> <li>Ethics and Peace</li> <li>Political Security Economics</li> </ol>	active participation, eventually exams  For the specialization modules: Midterm Colloquium		
C: Practical element	At least 4 weeks internship	Report on the Practical and Research Module	2. Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Colloquium</li> <li>Study trips to Vienna (OSZE and UN) and Brussels (NATO and EU)</li> <li>Workshops</li> </ul>
D: Research element	At least 4 weeks Participation in interdisciplinary tasks and/or studies or research projects of a residence institute (KoFrieS)			
E: Master Thesis / Final Colloquium	Master Thesis and Oral Examination			



## Course of the Academic Year 2020/2021

19.10. (Mo) – 30.10.2020 (Fr)	<b>Introductory module / Interdisciplinary Orientation (OE)</b>
16.10.2020 (Mo)	Graduation and matriculation ceremony <b>(OE)</b>
01.11.2020 – 20.02.2021	<b>Duration of the first semester (lecture period)</b>
20.12.2020 – 03.01.2021	Christmas Holidays (Lecture-free time)
22.02. (Mo) – 26.02.2021 (Fr)	Period of written and oral examinations
28.02. – 07.03.2021	Preparation for the 2nd semester (time for moving if necessary)
07.03.2021 (Sun)	Deadline for papers from the 1st semester
08.03.2021 – 30.09.2021	Duration of the second semester (lecture period)
08.03.2021 – 29.04.2021	Practical and research element at resident institutes (RI), preparation for the Midterm-Colloquium (MC)
02.04 – 05.04. 2021	Easter holidays (Lecture-free time)
19.04. (Mo) – 23.04.2021 (Fr)	<b>Study trip to Vienna (OSCE, UN) (t.b.c.)</b>
26.04.2021(Mo) –29.04.2021(Thu)	<b>Midterm-Colloquium (MC) (t.b.c.)</b>
03.05. (Mo) – 07.05.2021 (Fr)	<b>Study trip to Brussels (NATO, EU) (t.b.c.)</b>
03.05.2021 – 27.07.2021	Master's thesis phase at the resident institutes (During the last four weeks, the stay at the RI is optional)
16.05.2021 (Sun)	Submission of the report on the practical and research module
27.07.2021 (Tue)	<b>Submission of master's thesis</b>
15.09.2021 (Wed)	Deadline for master's theses assessments
27.08. (Thu) – 28.08.2021 (Fr) 30.08. (Mo) – 02.09.2021 (Thu)	<b>Final Colloquium (t.b.c.)</b>
August/September 2021	Exercise at <i>FüAkBW</i> "UN Peacekeeping Operation" (voluntary attendance)( <i>t.b.c.</i> , two weeks duration)
October 2021	Ceremonial award of master's degree and granting of the title: „Master of Arts“ (M.A.)

# Credit Point System

1st Semester: **30 Credit Points (CP)** to be obtained

• Introductory Module: Interdisciplinary Orientation	4 CP
	+
• Specialization Modules	
• 2 Modules including one lecture each (VO), one advanced seminar and one block seminar (BLV)	16 CP
	+
• Interdisciplinary Module	
• BLV, exercise course, additional courses, module exam	10 CP
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	<b><u>30 CP</u></b>

## Example of the course of study

<b>1. Semester</b>		
<b>Introductory module: Interdisciplinary Orientation (Compulsory module)</b>		
Introductory lecture:	001-VO <i>Disciplinary Methods and Interdisciplinary Peace and Security Research</i>	2 CP
Intensive Course 1:	031-IK <i>Berlin Study Trip – German Foreign Policy between Global Involvement and National Interests</i>	1 CP
Intensive Course 2:	032-IK <i>Rhetoric and Presentation Skills</i>	1 CP
} 4 CP		
<b>Specializations (2 Compulsory elective modules)</b>		
<b>Module 2: International Law of Peacekeeping, Security and Conflict (1<sup>st</sup> Specialization)</b>		
Module lecture:	201-VO <i>Public International Law I: General Principles</i>	4 CP
Intensive seminar:	211-VS <i>Defending Human Rights - Of Victims and Perpetrators</i>	3 CP
Block seminar:	<i>International Criminal Courts and Tribunals - Theory and Practice</i> 621-BLV <i>Introduction to International Humanitarian Law</i>	1 CP
} 16 CP		
<b>Module 4: Ethics and Peace (2<sup>nd</sup> Specialization)</b>		
Module lecture:	401-VO <i>Peace, Liberty, Justice - Everything a Question of Political Ethics?</i>	4 CP
Intensive seminar:	411-VS <i>The Ethics of Promoting Peace</i>	3 CP
Block seminar:	641-BLV <i>Intercultural Communication and Cooperation</i>	1 CP
} 8 CP		
<b>Module 6: Interdisciplinary Module (Compulsory module)</b>		
4x Block seminar:	612-BLV <i>Democracy, Conflict and Violence in Latin America</i> 615-BLV <i>Introduction to Terrorism Research</i> 651-BLV <i>Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) of Ex-Combatants: Approaches, Successes and Failures</i>	1 CP 1 CP 1 CP
Exercises:	631-BLV <i>Is Confidence Building Feasible in Cyberspace?</i>	0 CP 1 CP
Other courses (3 CP):	603-Ueb1 <i>Academic Writing</i> 603-Ueb2 <i>Practical Introduction to Methods of the Social Sciences</i>	3 CP
Module examination:	113-VS <i>International Crisis Management: Developments, Requirements and Reality</i>  30-minute oral examination	2 CP
} 10 CP		
<b>Credit points of the 1. Semester:</b>		<b>30 CP</b>

# Credit Point System

2nd Semester: 30 CP to be obtained

- Practical and Research Module (VII)
  - Practical seminar(s) **3 LP**
  - Practice and research elements **+ 5 LP**
    - Participation in cross-sectional tasks and/or study and research projects at the RI
- Master's Thesis (VIII) **+ 18 LP**
- Final Module (IX) (Final Colloquium) **+ 4 LP**

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**30 LP**

## Example of the course of study

<b>2. Semester</b>		
<b>Module 7: Practical and Research Module (Compulsory module)</b>		
Practical seminar:	<i>721-RI Study Trip to Vienna - International Organisations in Vienna. Central Focus on the OSCE and the United Nations</i>	3 CP
Practical and re- search units:	<i>Stay at the residence institute (5- to 6-pages long report)</i>	5 CP
		} 8 CP
<b>Module 8: Master's Thesis (Compulsory module)</b>		
Master's Thesis:	<i>12-weeks completion period</i>	18 CP
<b>Module 9: Final Module (Compulsory module)</b>		
Final Colloquium:	<i>Presentation and defense of results of the Master's thesis</i>	4 CP
<b>Credit points of the 2. Semester:</b>		<b>30 CP</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>60 CP</b>

# Credit Points System: Overview

A total of **60 CP** to be obtained

– 1. Semester **30 CP**

*Please note: 4 CP Introductory Module: Interdisciplinary Orientation  
16 CP in 2 core modules  
10 CP in Module VI*

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– 2. Semester **30 CP**

- Practical and Research Module 8 CP
- Master's Thesis 18 CP
- Final Module (FC) 4 CP

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**60 CP**

# Examinations

- General evaluation of academic achievement, including oral presentations, oral examinations, written examinations, seminar papers, study trip reports and project reports
- Midterm Colloquium (MC)
  - → Module exam VI and oral presentation of topics of master's theses
- Master's thesis
- Final Colloquium (FC)
  - → Oral presentation and defense of master's thesis

# Master's Thesis

- Time frame: 12 weeks
- Submission deadline: Monday, **July 27<sup>th</sup> 2021**
- Master's thesis guidelines (form, layout, scope etc.) are predetermined
- Grading of master's thesis by 2 graders:
  - First grader: the same as supervisor; second grader: from cooperating institutes or other external supervisors; he/she cannot come from the same resident institute (at least one of the two has to have a professor title)
  - Grade of the master's thesis is calculated from arithmetic mean of the grade given by the two graders
  - Third grader: if one grader grades the master's thesis as “failed” or the difference between the grades of the graders amounts to a difference of two grade levels or more



# Criteria for the Evaluation of the Master's Thesis

- Clear research question or hypothesis and exposition of topic
- Logical proceeding; systematical structure of the contents; sources and appendix
- Knowledge of current research; accuracy and relevance of the sources used
- Correct application of methodology, including formal writing techniques
- Comprehensibility of the presentation, expression and linguistic competence
- Originality of the thesis; critical reflection of the conclusions with regard to different point of views
- Theoretical relevance: classification of results within the corresponding discipline; discussion on universality of theory, its applicability and limits
- Practical relevance: discussion of the results in relation to practicability and problem-resolving qualities

# Calculation of the Final Grade

## Final Grade :

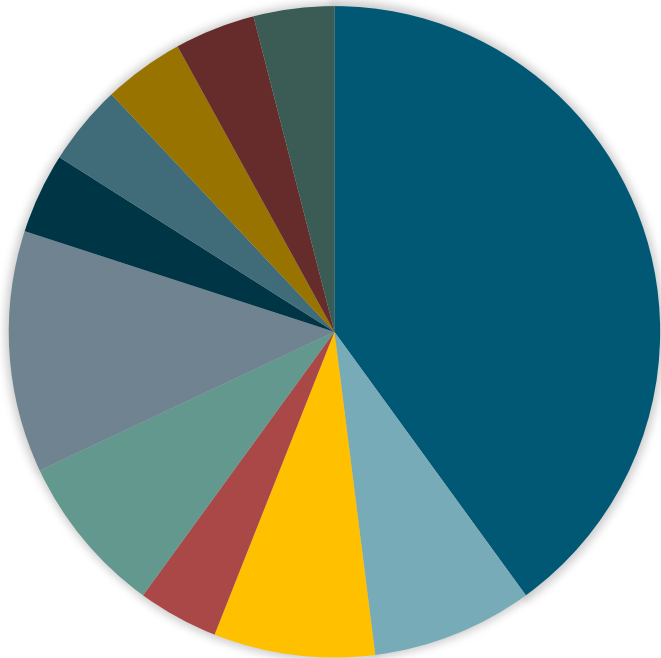
–	A) Specialization Module 1	25 %
		+
–	B) Specialization Module 1	25 %
		+
–	C) Module VIII (Master's thesis)	40 %
		+
–	D) Module IX (Final Module)	10 %

# Share of digital and presence teaching in the MPS 2020/21

- *Orientation Unit*: 3 out of 10 days in presence
- *Weekly courses*: 4 out of 14 courses on presence
- *Block-seminar*: 18 out of 26 seminars in presence
- *Study Trips*: Berlin will be digital, Vienna and Brussels planned to be in presence  
(depending on the travel restrictions/ Covid-19-Situation)
- MC/FC: expected to be digitally

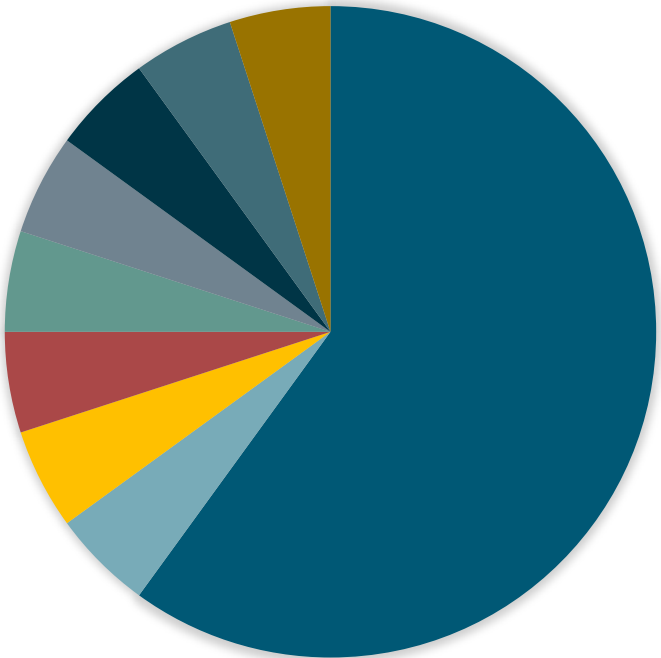
# Citizenship of the students in previous years

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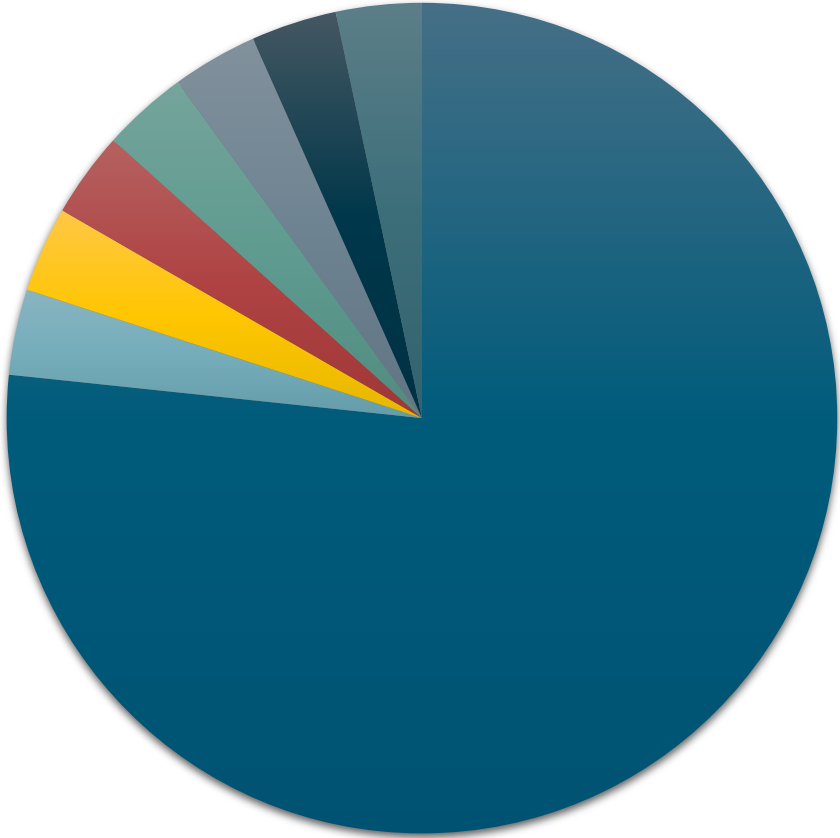
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- Germany    ■ Japan    ■ Brasil
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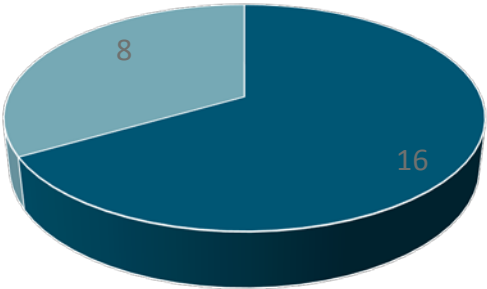
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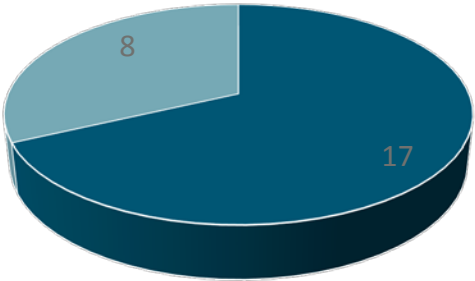
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Year 2017/2018



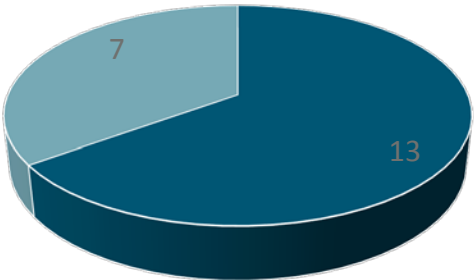
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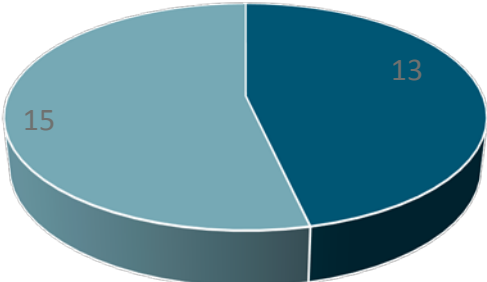
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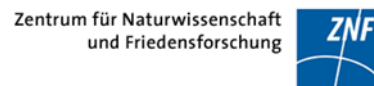
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