



## **International MA Program in Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture**

### **Study Regulations**

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#### **Admission requirements**

This M.A. program is open to graduates of Israeli universities and colleges recognized by the Council for Higher Education who have completed a B.A. degree in one of the relevant disciplines in the faculties of the Social Sciences, Law, or Humanities (or, through special admission, who have completed a different B.A. degree), with a grade point average of 80. First-year studies are conducted in the course (non-research) track.

#### **About the program**

The teaching program is affiliated to the three Faculties: Social Sciences, Law, and Humanities. The teaching language is English.

In addition to compulsory courses, the program offers five specialization tracks over a period of two years:

- Politics and Economy
- Law and International Relations
- Geography and Urban Studies
- History and Sociology

- Literature, Philosophy, Culture, and the Arts

Knowledge of the German language is not a pre-requisite for admission into the program. However, it is compulsory for all students in order to graduate to complete level B 1.2 according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).

Students, who during the M.A. program must take German classes to demonstrate knowledge of the German language at an advanced level, can get credit for up to 8 credit points for German advanced language courses offered by the Language Center of the Hebrew University. In addition, the program offers its students German language summer courses.

### **M.A. Regulations**

The M.A. program offers the following two study tracks:

#### **M.A. research track (36 credit points)**

This track is a requirement for future Ph.D. studies.

Students are required to choose two out of the five specialization tracks. It is highly recommended that at least one specialization track be connected to the specialization field of the B.A. studies. The program of studies will be set up in consultation with the M.A. program adviser at the Center, considering:

- the student's field(s) of specialization during their undergraduate studies
- the elected specialization tracks.

#### **Basic courses (8 credit points)**

Courses to be chosen from the list of basic courses of the teaching program, from tracks not chosen as specialization tracks.

#### **Compulsory courses (16 credit points)**

- Colloquium A & Colloquium B for European Forum Students (2 credit points) – courses 54677 & 54777
- Methodological course in first year (2 credit points) – course 54699
- Methodological course in 2<sup>nd</sup> year (2 credit points)
- 2 Simulation courses (2 credit points)
- Advanced German language courses (8 credit points)\*

*\* Students who study less than 8 credit points of German language courses are required to study the remaining credit points in courses offered by the program (including elective courses offered in the course track)*

#### **Elective-compulsory courses (12 credit points)**

- Courses from the list of elective-compulsory courses in two specialization tracks (8 credit points)
- Seminar paper in one of the seminar courses (4 credit points) in the first year

The **M.A. Thesis** (35% of the final grade) is written under the supervision of a faculty member of the Faculties of Social Sciences, Law, or Humanities. The thesis is graded by the student's supervisor and an additional reviewer.

### M.A. course track (38 credit points)

Students are required to choose three out of the five specialization tracks. It is highly recommended that at least one specialization track be connected to the specialization field of the B.A. studies. The program of studies will be set up in consultation with the M.A. program adviser at the Center, considering:

- the student's field(s) of specialization during their undergraduate studies
- the elected specialization tracks.

### Basic courses (8 credit points)

The courses will be chosen from the list of basic courses of the teaching program, from tracks not chosen as specialization tracks.

### Compulsory courses (14 credit points)

- Colloquium A & Colloquium B for European Forum Students (2 credit points) – courses 54677 & 54777
- Methodological course in first year (2 credit points) – course 54699
- 2 Simulation courses (2 credit points)
- Advanced German language courses (8 credit points)\*

*\* Students who study less than 8 credit points of German language courses are required to study the remaining credit points in courses offered by the program.*

### Elective-compulsory courses (10 credit points)

- Courses from the list of elective-compulsory courses in the three specialization tracks (6 credit points)
- Seminar paper in one of the seminar courses (4 credit points) in the first year.

### Elective courses (6 credit points)

- Courses from the list of elective-compulsory or elective courses (2 credit points)
- Seminar paper in one of the seminar courses (4 credit points)

### Transfer to the research track

Students can transfer to the research track at the end of the first year of studies. Conditions for transition to the research track:

- The student completed at least half of the courses required for graduation with an average score of at least 90;
- The student submitted a seminar paper in an elective compulsory course, and it was graded at least 90;

- A senior Hebrew University faculty member officially approved that she/he will supervise the thesis;
- The supervisor approved the thesis topic;
- The student has been registered for an advanced methodological course approved by the supervisor. The methodological course will be selected from the list of courses of other departments in the humanities, social sciences and law faculties, according to the thesis topic or methodology.

**Deadline for the transfer is the end of course registration for the fall term in the second year.**