



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

Study Regulations

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Admission requirements

This M.A. program is accessible to students 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 with a grade point average of 80 for an M.A. diploma degree or 85 for an M.A. research degree. It is possible to switch from an M.A. diploma degree to an M.A. research degree after M.A. courses of at least half of the total credit points have been marked with an average grade of 85.

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 basic and methodological courses as well as simulations, obligatory to all participants, 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 at this point not a pre-requisite for admission into the program for students coming from the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law; however it is compulsory for all students in order to graduate to pass the exemption exam or the “Advanced German” exam.

Candidates who intend to specialize in German literature and culture are required to demonstrate knowledge of German at beginners` level when registering for the MA-program.

Students, who in the course of the M.A. program have to take German classes in order to demonstrate knowledge of the German language at an advanced level, can get credit for up to 8 credit points for German language courses offered by the Hebrew University. Additionally, the Center for German Studies will offer its students summer courses prior to the beginning of first year as well as between the first and the second year.

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.

Two out of the five specialization tracks have to be chosen. It is highly recommended that at least one specialization track should be connected to the specialization field of the BA studies. The program of studies will be set up in consultation with the M.A. program adviser at the Center, taking into account:

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

Basic courses (8 credit points)

The courses have 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 for European Forum Students (2 credit points) – course 54677
- Methodological course in 1st year (2 credit points) – course 54699
- Methodological course in 2nd year (2 credit points)
- 2 Simulation courses (2 credit points)
- Advanced or specialized German language course or seminar (8 credit points)*

*students who study less than 8 credit points of advanced or specialized German language will study the remaining credit points in courses offered by the program (including elective courses offered in the non-research track)

Elective compulsory courses (12 credit points):

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

*it is recommended to study course [54882 Designing Your Research](#) in the first year

M.A. Thesis (35% of the final grade) is written under the supervision of one of the teachers of the Faculties of Social Sciences, Law or Humanities. The thesis is graded by two teachers and, together with the final grade, determines the eligibility of the student for the Ph.D. program.

M.A. non-research track (38 credit points)

Three out of the five specialization tracks have to be chosen.

Basic courses (8 credit points)

The courses have to 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 for European Forum Students (2 credit points) – course 54677
- Methodological course in 1st year (2 credit points) – course 54699
- 2 Simulation courses (2 credit points)
- Advanced or specialized German language course or seminar (8 credit points)*

*students who study less than 8 credit points of advanced or specialized German language will 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 two specialization tracks (6 credit points)*
- Seminary paper in one of the seminar courses (4 credit points)
- *students who intend to switch to the research track are advised to study course 54882 Designing Your Research in the first year

Elective courses (6 credit points)

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