

Course Scheme for Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy (DIA)¹
Programme Regulations 17

(based on Art. 12 of the Programme Regulations for the DIA Ph.D. Programme dated 14 November 2016).

Unit (seminar, course, etc.)	Semester	ECTS Credits	Grading*	Remarks
1 Compulsory				
1.1 Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Social Science Analysis	1-4	6	Yes	
1.2 Proposal Colloquium	1-4	6	Yes	
Total compulsory courses		12		Two compulsory courses must be taken
2 Compulsory elective				
2.1 Compulsory elective courses for DIA	1-4	4-12	Yes	Min. 4 – max. 12 ECTS credits (min. 1 course from the subject areas of political science, economics or Institutional Organisation Theory)
3 Non-compulsory elective				
3.1 Methodological and specialist courses		0-8	Yes	Min. 0 – max. 8 credits (non-required optional courses may be taken for up to max. 8 ECTS credits)
Total compulsory elective and non-compulsory elective courses	1-4	12	Yes	A total of 12 ECTS credits must be earned from compulsory courses and non-compulsory elective courses.
Total coursework phase		24		
4 Research proposal (incl. the colloquium on the research proposal)			No	
5 Research phase				
5.1 Essay seminars	5-10	6	No	

¹ Only the German version of these regulations is legally binding.

5.2	Ph.D. seminar		6	No	
	Total research phase	5-10	12		A total of 12 ECTS credits must be earned from seminars.
6	Thesis			Yes	
7	Thesis defence			Yes	
	Total doctoral studies		36		In total during the coursework and research phases 36 ECTS credits must be earned.

*A grade of 1 to 6 or a "Passed/Not Passed" evaluation is given.

Exchanges / external courses

A maximum of two external courses may be credited. Courses taken with the GSERM at the University of St.Gallen do not count as external courses.

Research proposal

The unit "Research proposal" implies the development of a research proposal and the colloquium on the research proposal.

Transitional provisions

The Ph.D. programme in International Affairs and Political Economy under the Course Regulations dated 4 June 2007 [DIA 07] will be offered for the last time in the academic year that includes the 2016 autumn semester and the 2017 spring semester. Students who have not completed courses in the coursework phase by the end of the 2017 spring semester, will be transferred to the new Programme Regulations dated 14 November 2016 [DIA 17].

The Course Regulations dated 4 June 2007 [DIA 07] apply until the end of the 2020 spring semester. After that, this academic title and certification will no longer be awarded under the Course Regulations dated 4 June 2007 and the Award Regulations dated 11 December, 2006 [PromO 07]. Existing students who have not completed their Ph.D. programme under the Course Regulations dated 4 June 2007 [DIA 07] by the end of the 2020 spring semester, will be transferred and must complete their work under the new Degree Regulations dated 14 November 2016 [DIA 17].

All elements completed under the Course Regulations dated 4 June 2007 [DIA 07] will be credited under the new programme regulations. The following rules apply:

- The course "Philosophical Foundation of Social Science Analysis" is compulsory under the new Regulations, replacing the course "Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Social Science Analysis" in the new programme regulations.
- The course "Method Seminar" is compulsory under the new Regulations, replacing the course "Proposal Colloquium" in the new programme regulations.
- The courses "Literature Seminar" and "Field Seminar" are listed as compulsory electives in the new Regulations.
- The thesis-related seminars are listed as thesis colloquia in the new programme regulations.