

MODULES

The accredited M.A. in International Relations and Development Policy offered by the Institute of Political Science at the University of Duisburg-Essen combines a sound theoretical foundation course in the field of International Relations with a practically oriented qualification in Development Policy. The combined focus on political and regional studies generates competence not only for further academic study, but also for development cooperation in the field. The curriculum comprises basic and regional modules. A term abroad can deepen students' knowledge of a region and enables them to gain valuable first-hand experience for their careers.

FOUNDATION MODULES

- Structures and Theories of International Relations
- Peace and Violent Conflicts in the North-South Context
- Development Policy
- Theories and Methodology of Development Research and Comparative Studies

Regional Modules on the State and Society, Development Issues and Strategies, Foreign and Security Policies in

- Europe
- East Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa



INEF AND DuEMUN

The programme is sponsored by the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF). This provides students with the opportunity to come into contact with selected projects of basic as well as practically oriented research. The INEF ranks among the leading institutes in global governance research and works at the interface of research in the fields of conflict, governance and development (www.inef.uni-due.de). Core subjects include: Legitimacy and Responsibility in the Global Process, Global Governance and Foreign Policy, Human Security as a normative and analytical Concept, Failure of the State and Nation-Building, Governance and Corruption, and Resources and Conflicts.



THE UNITED NATIONS MODEL

Simulations of the UN Model (MUN) are organised on a regular basis by the Institute of Political Science, with ambassadors and representatives of international organisations participating. The object is to provide experience in controversial negotiating processes, strategies for the implementation of political interests, and methods of reaching compromise in complex international relations.

Courses offered by the Duisburg-Essen United Nations Model Project may be made available to students of the Master Programme.



APPLICATION

Admission to the four-semester programme is only possible in the winter semester. Details of the application procedure can be found on our programme website (www.ib-master.de). In the third semester there is a regional specialisation in social and political processes in Europe, East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa (with the option of two regions). The term abroad usually takes place between the third and fourth semester.



COURSES HELD IN ENGLISH

Selected lectures will be held in English; oral and written exams can be taken in English. Relevant language skills are necessary.

CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION

A Bachelor's Degree in Political Science is the pre-condition for the admission in the Master Programme. A "Diplom" in a Political Science Course, a "Magister" degree or an Education Degree with Political Science as main subject are also accepted entry qualifications.

Furthermore we accept applications from students with vocational degrees in the Social Sciences or a course including Social Science elements, as long as the Political Science competencies essential for the Master Programme have been covered.

The recognition of such qualifications will be decided upon an individual basis for each applicant.

The term abroad, which normally lasts eight weeks, aims to equip students with practical competencies in the field of international politics and development cooperation and to deepen intercultural and language skills.

Practical competence can also be acquired within the scope of a study project abroad. The project is designed by students with the help of lecturers and is based on the work of international organisations or government administrations dealing with foreign policy. Exceptionally there is also the alternative of doing an internship in Germany with an internationally operating organisation. The final thesis is to be completed in the fourth semester, the contents of which may also be the presentation of the results of the study project.

PROFESSORS INVOLVED IN THE MASTER PROGRAMME

- Prof. Dr. Heinz-Jürgen Axt (European Integration and European Politics)
- Prof. Dr. Tobias Debiel (International Relations and Development Policy; Director of the INEF)
- Prof. Dr. Othmar Nikola Haberl (International Relations and European Politics)
- Prof. Dr. Christof Hartmann (International Relations and Development Policy with the focus on the region Subsahara-Africa)
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer (Politics and Society in East Asia)
- Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner (Global Governance and Development Policy, Director of the German Institute for Development Policy/DIE)

TERM ABROAD

LOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Institute of Political Science at the University of Duisburg-Essen is one of the largest in Germany, working in close cooperation with the INEF (Institute for Development and Peace) and the Institute of East Asian Studies. There are 1.1 million inhabitants in Duisburg-Essen; the university, with a student population of over 30,000 is one of the largest in Germany. Essen and the Ruhr District will be European Capital of Culture in 2010. It takes about three hours to get to Brussels or The Hague. Düsseldorf, the state capital of North Rhine Westphalia, is close by.



OBJECTIVES

Holders of the M.A. in International Relations and Development Policy

- have key qualifications enabling them to continue their academic work or to pursue careers in international cooperation and development policy,
- have specific knowledge of two selected regions,
- acquire intercultural competence through study projects abroad,
- are familiar with theories of International Relations and controversial assessments of globalisation processes,
- are able to analyse the causes of violent conflicts, of the decline of states and underdevelopment,
- have dealt intensively with the theory and practice of development policy
- can assess structures, processes and persons involved in international areas of politics, and
- are able to evaluate multilateral negotiating options to overcome poverty and to prevent and put an end to armed conflicts



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