

Subject	BA DIPLOMA THESIS			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	(M)	VI	10	
Course Lecturer Course Assistant Course Tutor				
Aims and Objectives	<p>The Bachelor Thesis is the final work of the Bachelor in Political Science and offers students the opportunity to explore their personal interests within the field. In this 7,500-8,000 words research paper students should demonstrate that they are able to write a substantial individual paper that critically reflects on a topic of their own choice, while applying the knowledge and skills acquired in other political science courses and showing that they master the final qualifications of the programme.</p> <p>The writing of the Bachelor Thesis takes place during the sixth semester, meaning that individual and independent work on the paper is scheduled parallel to the regular study programme. Instead of normal tutor meetings, students will meet with their supervisor and fellow students in smaller groups organised around specific themes. They will also receive written individual feedback on the work submitted on four present deadlines.</p>			
Learning Outcomes	<p>At the end of this course students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a substantial individual research paper that critically reflects on a topic of their own choice and which applies the knowledge and skills acquired in Political Science; • Develop a sound conceptual/theoretical and methodological framework; • Use this framework in an innovative way, either by looking at a topic from a different perspective, or by using original data; • Build a balanced and convincing argument and communicate this to academic and non-academic audiences; • Reflect on feedback and comments from their supervisor; • Work independently and plan their time effectively. 			
Course Content	Course Plan			Week
	Independent supervised work of student			1
	Independent supervised work of student			2
	Independent supervised work of student			3
	Independent supervised work of student			4
	Independent supervised work of student			5
	Independent supervised work of student			6
	Independent supervised work of student			7
	Independent supervised work of student			8
	Independent supervised work of student			9
Independent supervised work of student			10	

	Independent supervised work of student			11
	Independent supervised work of student			12
Teaching/Learning Methods	Teaching/Learning Activity			Weight (%)
		54. Lectures		
		55. Seminars		n.a.
		56. Laboratory		n.a.
		57. Case studies		n.a.
		58. Role play		-
		59. Problem-based learning		-
		60. Study visits		n.a.
	61. Work placement		n.a.	
Assessment Methods	Assessment Activity			Number
		31. Project working group	0	n.a.
		32. Midterm exam	0	n.a.
		33. Final exam	0	n.a.
Course resources	Resources			Number
		40. Class (e.g)		1
		41. Laboratory (e.g)		n.a.
		42. Moodle		1
		43. Software MATLAB/SPSS/SIMULINK		n.a.
		44. Projector		1
ECTS Workload	Activity		Weekly hrs	Total workload
		48. Lecture	n.a.	15
		49. Seminar	n.a.	n.a.
		50. Laboratory	n.a.	n.a.
		51. Internship in industry	n.a.	n.a.
		52. Independent learning	n.a.	235
	53. Exams	n.a.	n.a.	
Literature/References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booth, W.C., Colomb, G.C. &Williams, J.M. (2008). The craft of research. (3rd ed.). Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press. Greetham, B. (2014). How to write your undergraduate dissertation. (2nd ed.). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. Undergraduate Research Handbook. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 			
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