

Subject-Specific Study and Examination Regulations

for the four-year B.A. Study Program

Sociology, Politics & Economics

SSSER BA SPE | 4y

(starting from Fall Semester 2024)

Subject-Specific Study and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor Program
Sociology, Politics & Economics | BA SPE
at Zeppelin University
Dated December 02, 2015

On December 02, 2015, the Senate of Zeppelin University passed the following regulations, based on § 70 sect. 6 in conjunction with § 34 sect. 1 of the Law Governing the Universities in Baden-Württemberg (Landeshochschulgesetz – LHG) in its respective version to determine teaching, study program, and examinations in the bachelor program Sociology, Politics & Economics, last amended on April 30, 2025:

§ 1 Study Structure, Study Modules

- 1) The program (240 ECTS) is divided into 5 mandatory modules in the interdisciplinary Zeppelin Year (60 ECTS, Semester 1-2), 4 major mandatory modules (54 ECTS, Semester 3-4) and 11 elective modules in the major phase (66 ECTS, Semester 3-7), 1 elective module in the integrated Humboldt Year (30 ECTS, Semester 6-7) as well as the bachelor thesis in the bachelor phase, including the bachelor disputation (14 ECTS, Semester 8) (see Appendix 2). As additional credits there are two obligatory internships. It is recommended to spend at least one of them abroad to gain international experience. The Tandem Coaching is part of the workload according to the ECTS and extends over semesters 1 to 8.
- 2) In the bachelor phase, at least 7 elective modules as well as max. 4 multidisciplinary modules can be chosen (in the amount of up to 24 ECTS).
- 3) Any mandatory or elective module of the bachelor study programs at Zeppelin University (depending on availability of places) which is not part of the student's own study program is eligible as a multidisciplinary elective module, as well as offers from the GlobalStudies and StudentStudies. Furthermore, up to two courses from the Zeppelin Year's module "Interdisciplinary Perspectives" can be elected as multidisciplinary elective modules.
- 4) A StudentStudy can replace major elective modules totaling 12 ECTS. Alternatively 1 or 2 StudentStudies can also be eligible as multidisciplinary elective module.

§ 2 Authority of the Examination Board

The Examination Board of the bachelor programs is authorized to decide on changes in these regulations; the Senate will be informed accordingly. This does not apply to essential changes, especially those that concern the essence, the content orientation, or the fundamental structure of the program.

§ 3 Commencement

- (1) These regulations of April 30, 2025 come into effect on the September 01, 2025.
- (2) These regulations apply to students starting at the Fall Semester 2024 or later.

Note of Promulgation

Approval is granted in accordance with § 70 sect. 6 in conjunction with § 34 sect. 1 clause 3 LHG, and the regulations are published:

Friedrichshafen, April 30, 2025

Professor Dr. Wieland

President (ad interim) | Chairman of the Senate

Appendix 1 | Study Structure BA SPE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
P R E - S T U D Y I N T E R N S H I P	Zeppelin Year		Major Phase			Humboldt Year		Bachelor Phase
	Zeppelin Project		4 mandatory modules			1 of 2 elective modules		
	Introduction to Science		Methods			Research Project		Bachelor Thesis
	Foundations of Methods		Sociology			or		Disputation
	Program module SPE		Politics			Special Subjects		
	Interdisciplinary Perspectives		Economy					
			Elective modules in amount of 66 ECTS;					
			from them at least 7 major elective modules (42 ECTS)					
			and max. 4 multidisciplinary elective modules (24 ECTS)					
			Theories of Democracy and the State			Gender Studies		
			Political Economy			Networks – Fields, Forms, Semantics		
			Cities - Structures, Logics, Media			Social Inequality – Work, Credit, Distinction		
			Global Culture & Communication			Social Movements and Political Protest		
			Sustainability – Concept, Practice, Policies			Legal Framework of Economic Activity		
			Behavioural Economics			Political Communication & Public Sphere		
			Corporate Responsibility & Leadership			Strategic Political Communication		
			Theory of the Firm			Politics of the European Union		
			Safety & Risk			Governance of the European Union		
			Decision & Game Theory			Money and Capital		
			Psychology of Judgment and Decision Making			Business Informatics & Digitalization		
			Selected Topics (I-III)			Capitalism – Idea, Development, Future		
		Advanced Microeconomics			Advanced Methods (I and II)			
		Advanced Macroeconomics			Sociological Aspects of Communication			
		Data Science						
		Fundamentals & Topics of Political Sociology						
		StudentStudies, GlobalStudies, TandemCoaching						
		ZUJPlus Workshops „Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship“ and „Creativity & Performativity“						
		2 mandatory internships						

Appendix 2 | Study Plan BA SPE

Zeppelin Year (Semester 1-2)												
Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week									ECTS		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Σ	C	Module	
Pre-study Internship												
Module 10000												
Interdisciplinary Module Zeppelin Project										6		13
C 100006 Disciplinary Perspectives		2									3	
C 100007 A-K Methods Workshop I			1,5								1	
C 100007 A-K Methods Workshop II				1,5							1	
C 100008 Project Work in Groups											8	
Module 10001												
Interdisciplinary Module Introduction to Science										6		5
C 100014 Philosophy of Science		3									3	
C 100015 Introduction to Academic Research			1,5								1	
C 100009 Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI)				1,5							1	
Module 10002												
Methods										6		12
C 100024 Empirical Social Research		3									6	
C 100025 Statistics			3								6	
Module 10006												
Program Module SPE										6		18
C 100151 Foundations of Sociology		3									6	
C 100091 Polity, Politics, Policy			3								6	
C 100072 Introduction to Economics				3							6	
Module 10014												
Interdisciplinary Perspectives (2 of 9)										6		12
C 100081 Introduction to Communication Science			3								6	
C 100082 Introduction to Cultural Science				3							6	
C 100083 Cultural History					3						6	
C 100071 Introduction to Business Management						3					6	
C 100092 Public Administration							3				6	
C 100073 Company Accounting								3			6	
C 100094 International Relations									3		6	

C 100095												
Social Psychology			3									6
C 100093												
Fundamentals of Law			3									6
Total Sum Zeppelin Year												60

Major Phase (Semester 3-7) Mandatory Modules

4 Major Mandatory Modules totaling 54 ECTS
 The module 11416 "Methods" must be completed entirely; in the modules Sociology, Politics and Economics, 2 out of the 3 courses must be completed

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week										ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Σ	C	Module	
Module 11416												
Methods									9		18	
C 114161 Applied Data Analysis			3							6		
C 114162 Applied Research			3							6		
C 123241-44 A-Z Advanced Methods				1.5						3		
C 123241-44 A-Z Advanced Methods				1.5						3		
Module 11417 (2 of 3)												
Sociology									6		12	
C 114071 Action and Interaction Theory			3							6		
C 100115 World Society (Differentiation and Integration)			3							6		
C 114073 Social Theory of Organization			3							6		
Module 11418 (2 of 3)												
Politik									6		12	
C 114081 Comparative Politics			3							6		
C 114082 Political Philosophy			3							6		
C 114083 Global Governance			3							6		
Module 11419 (2 of 3)												
Economics									6		12	
C 114091 Microeconomics			3							6		
C 114092 Macroeconomics			3							6		
C 100111 History of Economic Theory			3							6		
Sum Major Mandatory Modules											54	

* The Advanced Methods can be replaced by the course 112044 "Econometrics". Prerequisite for the attendance of the course 112044 "Econometrics" is, that the course 112041 "Business Mathematics" within the scope of the multidisciplinary modules has been attended in advance. This amendment has been conducted by the central examination committee on 01 March 2017.

Major Phase (Semester 3-7) Elective Modules

Elective modules totaling 66 ECTS

At least 7 major elective modules and max. 4 multidisciplinary elective modules (cf. § 1 sect. SSSER) in totaling up to 24 ECTS; 2 major elective modules can be replaced by a StudentStudy on request; max. 2 StudentStudies are eligible on the curricular. Up to 3 elective modules can be replaced with the not chosen courses from the modules Sociology, Politics and Economics.

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week								Σ	ECTS		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		C	Module	
Module 123111 Theories of the State & Democracy					3					3		6
Module 114093 Political Economy					3					3		6
Module 124024 Cities – Structures, Logics, Media					3					3		6
Module 124025 Global Culture & Communication					3					3		6
Module 124032 Sustainability - Concepts, Practices, Policies					3					3		6
Module 126103 Behavioral Economics					3					3		6
Module 124042 Corporate Responsibility & Leadership					3					3		6
Module 124043 Theory of the Firm					3					3		6
Module 124052 Safety & Risk					3					3		6
Module 123131 Decision & Game Theory					3					3		6
Module 124053 Psychology of Judgement and Decision Making					3					3		6
Module 124073 Networks – Fields, Forms, Semantics					3					3		6
Module 124071 Social Inequality – Work, Credit, Distinction					3					3		6
Module 124072 Social Movements and Political Protest					3					3		6
Module 122161 Legal Framework of Economic Activity					3					3		6
Module 124081 Political Communication & Public Sphere					3					3		6
Module 124082 Strategic Political Communication					3					3		6
Module 113072 Politics of the European Union					3					3		6
Module 123182 Governance of the European Union					3					3		6
Module 124101 Money and Capital					3					3		6
Module 124102 Capitalism – Idea, Development, Future					3					3		6
Module 122174 Advanced Microeconomics					3					3		6

Module 122171 Advanced Macroeconomics								3		6
Module 112045 Data Science								3		6
Module 113121 Fundamentals & Topics of Political Sociology								3		6
Module 121284 Sociological Aspects of Communication								3		6
Module 124103 Gender Studies								3		6
Module 123192 Business Informatics & Digitalization								3		6
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Module 12344 Advanced Methods I									3	6
C 123241- 44 A-Z Advanced Methods 1										3
C 123241- 44 A-Z Advanced Methods 2										3
Module 12345 Advanced Methods II									3	6
C 123241- 44 A-Z Advanced Methods 3										3
C 123241- 44 A-Z Advanced Methods 4										3
Module 124401 Selected Topics I									3	6
Module 124402 Selected Topics II									3	6
Module 124403 Selected Topics III									3	6
Sum Major Elective Modules										66

Humboldt Year (Semester 6-7)

2 major fields of study, of which one major (with 30 ECTS) has to be elected.

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week								Σ	ECTS	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		C	Module
MAJOR 1 RESEARCH PROJECT											
Module 114711 Research Project						1				1	21
Module 114712 Research Colloquium						2				2	3
1 Elective Module of SPE/CCM/CMR/PAIR BA- Programs matching with the Research Project						3				3	6
OR											
Module 114711 Research Project						1				1	21
Module 12347 Advanced Methods						1.5				1.5	3
1 Elective Module of SPE/CCM/CMR/PAIR BA- Programs matching with the Research Project						3				3	6
OR											
Module 114711 Research Project						1				1	21
Module 111533 1 Advanced Seminar matching with the Research Project						3				3	9
MAJOR 2 SPECIALISATION FIELD											
Module 114533 1 Advanced Seminar						3				3	9
Module 114534 1 Advanced Seminar						3				3	9
2 Modules of SPE/CCM/CME/PAIR Elective Modules						6				6	12
OR											
Module 114533 1 Advanced Seminar						3				3	9
Module 114534 1 Advanced Seminar						3				3	9
Module 12348 Advanced Methods										3	6
C 123241- 44 A-Z Advanced Methods 1						1.5					
C 123241- 44 A-Z Advanced Methods 2						1.5					
1 Module of SPE/CCM/CME/PAIR Elective Modules						3				3	6
Sum Humboldt Year										30	
Total Sum Major Phase										150	

Bachelor Phase (Semester 8)

Module Course (C)	Semester / hours per week									ECTS		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Σ	C	Module	
Module 11280												
Final Module												14
Bachelor Thesis											12	
Disputation											2	
Two internships												16
Total Sum Bachelor Phase												30
Total Sum												240

ZU|Plus (Semester 1-8)

Optional modules (do not contribute to the final grade)

Course (C)	Semester / hours per week									ECTS		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Σ	C	Module	
Workshops												
C 110011												
Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship					2						2	
C 110012												
Creativity & Performativity					2						2	