

**Subject-Specific Study and Examination  
Regulations for the Two-Year M.A. Study  
Program International Relations & Global  
Politics SSER M.A. IRGP**

(studies beginning in Fall Semester 2021)



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**for the Two-Year M.A. Study Program**  
**International Relations & Global Politics | IRGP**  
**at Zeppelin University**  
dated 11/4/2020

Based on § 70 Para. 6 in conjunction with § 34 Para. 1 Item 1 of the law regarding universities in Baden-Württemberg (State Higher Education Act – LHG), on 11/4/2020 the Senate of Zeppelin University decided upon the following regulations governing teaching, studies and examinations in the master study program International Relations & Global Politics.

### § 1 Study program objective

The English-language, research-oriented IRGP master program prepares students for a career in academia and in the public, non-profit and commercial sectors. The content of the study program topics is drawn from the subfield of international relations within political science. The study program provides students with, in particular, detailed knowledge in the areas of: war and peace, dealing with (new) security threats in a globalized world; new forms of governance in global contexts; the role of international organizations, and the transnational approach to current challenges such as climate change, development, digitalization and migration. The study program therefore offers students the opportunity to orientate themselves within the field of international relations, to build a foundation and expertise for a professional profile in this context, and assess the various approaches and possibilities.

### § 2 Program structure

The study program is divided into 5 compulsory modules (36 ECTS, 1-2 semesters) and up to 10 elective modules (max. 60 ECTS, 2-4 semesters) in the major phase and master thesis including a thesis defense in the master phase (24 ECTS, 4 study semester). In practice, the modules are organized throughout the semester as follows.

| Semester | Compulsory modules  | Elective modules | Final assignment |
|----------|---|------------------|------------------|
| 1.       | 1 Lecture from the research methods module<br>2 Module on the core content of the study program | 2                |                  |
| 2.       | 1 Lecture from the research methods module<br>2 Module on the core content of the study program | 2                |                  |
| 3.       |   | 5                |                  |
| 4.       |   | 1                | 1                |

### § 3 Options

- (1) Options within a compulsory module or modules in the elective section can be found in Appendix 2 of these regulations.
- (2) As a rule, all mandatory and elective modules within the Zeppelin University master study programs that are not included in the student's own program can be chosen as a multidisciplinary elective module (depending on availability), as well as offerings from StudentStudies and GlobalStudies.
- (3) A minor qualification in IRGP is offered to students in other master study programs.
- (4) Participation in the "Creativity & Performance" workshop (provided it is not attended as part of the CCM elective module) and the "Value-added Entrepreneurship" workshop is open to students as an extracurricular activity; it is not graded with ECTS, but it may on request be reported in the diploma supplement.
- (5) Elective modules totaling max. 12 ECTS can be replaced with an internship or multidisciplinary modules. Alternatively, elective modules totaling 18 ECTS can be replaced with the "Research Project" module.
- (6) Two modules may be chosen from "selected topics", addressing different themes.

### § 4 Authorization of the Examination Committee

When minor changes are made to the SSER, the faculty may allow the Central Examination Committee to make the decision, if consideration by the Senate is not considered necessary. For this purpose, the Central Examination Committee is authorized to undertake changes to these regulations, in the event of which, they will notify the Senate. This does not apply to significant changes, particularly those which affect the very essence, content-related orientation or the basic structure of the study program. Consideration by the senate is absolutely essential in this case. The faculty is always entitled to consult the Senate directly regarding any proposed changes.

### § 5 Effective date

These regulations come into force on the day of their publication.

## Appendix 1 | Study Structure two-year MA IRGP

## Major-Phase

| Semester 1                  | Semester 2   | Semester 3 | Semester 4       |
|-----------------------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Mandatory Modules           |  |            |                  |
| Research Design & Methods I | Research Design & Methods II   |            | Final Module     |
|                             | War and Peace  |            | Masterthesis     |
| International Relations     | European Institutions  |            | Disputation      |
| Global Governance           |  |            |                  |
| ELECTIVE MODULES            |  |            |                  |
| 2 Elective Modules          | 2 Elective Modules   |            | 1 Elective Modul |
|                             | Elective Modules in amount of 60 ECTS  |            |                  |
|                             | <b>Modules from the core area of INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &amp; GLOBAL POLITICS</b> |            |                  |
|                             | Democracy and Justice in International Politics                                    |            |                  |
|                             | International Law  |            |                  |
|                             | Decisions, Games and Negotiations  |            |                  |
|                             | Selected Topics: International Relations & Global Politics I / II / III            |            |                  |
|                             | <b>Other Elective Modules</b>   Political Behavior & Public Opinion                |            |                  |
|                             | Theories of Justice  |            |                  |
|                             | Comparative Politics & Institutions  |            |                  |
|                             | Inequality and Justice   |            |                  |
|                             | Comparative Public Policy Analysis   |            |                  |
|                             | Human Decisionmaking   |            |                  |
|                             | Selected Topics: Political Norms, Institutions & Behavior I                        |            |                  |
|                             | Selected Topics: Political Norms, Institutions & Behavior II                       |            |                  |
|                             | Governance and Controlling of Public Sector Organizations                          |            |                  |
|                             | Computational Political Science  |            |                  |
|                             | Applied Data Analysis  |            |                  |
|                             | Advanced Methods   |            |                  |
|                             | any 2 multidisciplinary electives from other study programs                        |            |                  |
|                             | <b>Replacement of elective modules</b>   |            |                  |
|                             | 2 Elective modules in amount of 12 ECTS can be replaced by an internship           |            |                  |
|                             | 3 Elective modules in amount of 18 ECTS can be replaced by a research project      |            |                  |

## Appendix 2 | Studyplan MA IRGP

**Major Phase** (Semester 1 - 2)**Mandatory Modules in amount of 36 ECTS**

| Module<br>Course (C)                           | Semester / hours per week |   |   |   |   | ECTS |        |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|--------|
|  | 1                         | 2 | 3 | 4 | Σ | C    | Module |
| <b>Module 23306</b><br><b>Research Methods</b> |                           |   |   |   | 6 |      | 12     |
| C 233061<br>Research Design and Methods I      | 3                         |   |   |   |   | 6    |        |
| C 233062<br>Research Design and Methods II     |                           | 3 |   |   |   | 6    |        |

| Module<br>Courses (C)  | Semester / hours per week |   |   |   |    | ECTS |           |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|------|-----------|
|  | 1                         | 2 | 3 | 4 | Σ  | C    | Module    |
| <b>Modules from the core area of</b><br><b>International Relations &amp; Global Politics</b> |                           |   |   |   | 12 |      | 24        |
| Module 243022-6<br>International Relations   | 3                         |   |   |   |    |      | 6         |
| Module 243021-6<br>Global Governance   | 3                         |   |   |   |    |      | 6         |
| Module 243164-6<br>War and Peace   |                           | 3 |   |   |    |      | 6         |
| Module 243163-6<br>European Institutions   |                           | 3 |   |   |    |      | 6         |
| <b>Sum Major-Mandatory Modules</b>   |                           |   |   |   |    |      | <b>36</b> |

## Major Phase (Semester 2 – 4) Wahlpflichtmodule

Elective Modules in amount of 60 ECTS

| Module<br>Course (C)   | Semester / hours per week |   |   |   |   | ECTS |        |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|--------|
|  | 1                         | 2 | 3 | 4 | Σ | C    | Module |
| <b>Core area of the study program INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &amp; GLOBAL POLITICS</b>              |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Module 243143-6<br>Democracy & Justice in International Politics                                 |                           | 3 |   | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243041-6<br>International Law   | 3                         |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243165/66/67-6<br>Selected Topics: International Relations & Global Politics I / II / III | 3                         | 3 | 3 | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243152-6<br>Decisions, Games and Negotiations   |                           | 3 |   | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| <b>Other Elective Modules</b>  |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Module 243111-6<br>Comparative Public Policy Analysis  | 3                         |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243171-6<br>Human Decisionmaking  | 3                         |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 233021-6<br>Comparative Politics & Institutions   | 3                         |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243151-6<br>Political Behavior & Public Opinion   |                           | 3 |   | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| Module 233022-6<br>Modern Political Theory   | 3                         |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243155-6<br>Selected Topics: Political Norms, Institutions & Behavior I                   |                           |   |   |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243156-6<br>Selected Topics: Political Norms, Institutions & Behavior II                  | 3                         |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243153-6<br>Inequality and Justice  |                           | 3 |   | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243072-6<br>Governance and Controlling of Public Sector Organizations                     |                           | 3 |   | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243113-6<br>Computational Political Science   |                           | 3 |   | 3 |   |      | 6      |
| Module 243114-6<br>Applied Data Analysis   |                           |   | 3 |   |   |      | 6      |

| Module<br>Course (C)                           | Semester / hours per week |   |   |   |   | ECTS |        |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|--------|
|  | 1                         | 2 | 3 | 4 | Σ | C    | Module |
| <b>Multidisciplinary Elective Modules</b>      |                           |   |   |   | 3 |      | 6      |
| <b>Module 24353</b>                            |                           |   |   |   | 2 |      | 18     |
| <b>Elinor-Ostrom-Projekt</b>                   |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| C 243523                                       |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Research Colloquium                            |                           | 2 |   |   |   | 3    |        |
| C 243522                                       |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Research Project                               |                           |   |   |   |   | 15   |        |
| <b>Module 24353</b>                            |                           |   |   |   |   |      | 18     |
| <b>Elinor-Ostrom-Projekt</b>                   |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| C 123241 - 44 A – P                            |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Advanced Methods                               |                           | 2 |   |   |   | 3    |        |
| C 243522                                       |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Research Project                               |                           |   |   |   |   | 15   |        |
| <b>Module 12344</b>                            |                           |   |   |   | 4 |      | 6      |
| <b>Advanced Methods</b>                        |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| C 123241 - 44 A – P                            |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Advanced Methods                               |                           | 2 |   |   |   | 3    |        |
| C 123241 - 44 A – P                            |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Advanced Methods                               |                           | 2 |   |   |   | 3    |        |
| <b>Internship</b>                              |                           |   |   |   | 4 |      | 12     |
| <b>Sum Elective Modules of the Major-Phase</b> |                           |   |   |   |   |      | 60     |

#### Master Phase (Semester 4)

| Module<br>Course (C)           | Semester / hours per week |   |   |   |   | ECTS |        |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|--------|
|                                | 1                         | 2 | 3 | 4 | Σ | C    | Module |
| <b>Module 55000</b>            |                           |   |   |   | 3 |      | 24     |
| <b>Final Module</b>            |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Masterthesis                   |                           |   |   |   |   |      |        |
| Disputation                    |                           |   |   | 3 |   |      |        |
| <b>Sum of the Master Phase</b> |                           |   |   |   |   |      | 24     |
| <b>Sum Total</b>               |                           |   |   |   |   |      | 120    |

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|--|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|--------|
| Optional modules count as extracurricular activity and do not contribute to the final grade. |  | Semester / hours per week |   |   |   |   | ECTS |        |
|  |  | 1                         | 2 | 3 | 4 | Σ | C    | Module |
| Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship   |  |                           | 2 |   |   |   |      | 1      |
| Creativity & Performativity  |  |                           | 2 |   |   |   |      | 1      |