

The detailed program structure of the Two-year Master of Arts in Political Science Program:

**Introductory and Catch-up Courses (0-50 ECTS)**

***Introductory courses (0 ECTS.)***

Academic Writing

Computer Skills

***Catch-up course (0-20 ECTS. Depending on educational background)***

History of Political Thought

Foundations of Political Theory

Introductory Research Methodology

World Politics in the 20th Century

Political Institutions

Constitutional Law and Legal Policy

International Relations and European Integration

Introductory Political Economy

Political Sociology

Comparative Politics

**Mandatory core courses (54 ECTS)**

***Foundational theoretical and methodological courses (20 ECTS)***

Foundational Political Philosophy

Comparative European Politics

Political Economy I

Political Communication

***Core courses (34 ECTS.)***

**Mandatory (26 ECTS)**

Research Design and Techniques

Multivariate Statistical Analysis

Constitutional Democracy

Thesis Writing Workshops[1]

**Mandatory electives**

**(8 ECTS., 1 course out of 3 courses)**

Political Theory

Political Economy II

Topics and Methods in Comparative Politics

**Elective political science courses (30-36 ECTS)**

Patterns of Political Change  
Political Dynamics in Central and Eastern Europe  
Revolution and the State  
Advanced Topics in EU Politics  
Analyzing Democracy  
Regime Changes in Comparative Perspective  
Globalization  
Human Rights and Cultural Diversity  
The Europeanization of Central and Eastern Europe  
Information, Decision and Foreign Policy  
Party Competition and Political Representation\*  
Alternative Media  
Environmental Politics and Communication  
Nationalism and the Media  
Values, Attitudes and Political Behavior  
Economic Transformations in Eastern Europe  
The Politics of Labor in Europe  
Law, Ethics and Public Policy\*  
Contemporary Political Ideologies  
Theory of Democracy\*  
Institutional Analysis\*  
Transitional Justice  
Institutions and Development  
Voting Behavior  
Advanced Issues in Comparative Social Research\*  
Survey Methodology\*

**Free electives (10-16 ECTS)**

**THESIS ( approx. 18,000 words -- 20 ECTS)**

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (0 ECTS)**

**TOTAL -- 120 ECTS**

\* PhD courses, successful fulfillment of specific MA courses might be required.