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- Subject-specific Annex 5.17 **Public Affairs and Democracy (M.Sc.)** to the Framework Examination Regulations for the Master's programmes of the Graduate School of the Leuphana University Lüneburg

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Based on § 41 para. 1 sentence 1 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) in the version of February 26, 2007 (Nds. GVBl. p. 69), last amended by Art. 7 of the Act of March 23, 2022 (Nds. GVBl. p. 218), the Faculty Council of the School of Public Affairs on November 08. 2023 adopted the following Subject-Specific Annex 5.16 to the Framework Examination Regulations for the Master's Programmes at the Graduate School of the Leuphana University Lüneburg of September 17, 2008 (Leuphana Gazette No. 15/08 of October 06, 2008), last amended on April 19, 2023 (Leuphana Gazette No. 49/23 of June 16, 2023). The Presidential Board approved the subject-specific annex in accordance with § 44 para. 1 sentence 3 and § 37 para. 1 sentence 3 no. 5b) NHG on December 20, 2023.

SECTION I

To §2 FER, Aim of the study programme, purpose of the examination

The English-language degree programme is aimed at both national and international Bachelor's graduates in the field of political science. It enables students to analyse central aspects of democratic governance and the current challenges facing liberal democracy in Western societies and political systems in the Global South in a theoretically sound manner and with the help of empirical methods. The programme also aims to enable students to operate confidently in an international professional environment. This is achieved through the focus on internationally relevant curricular topics, English language skills, close cooperation with the non-university and internationally oriented Leibniz Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) as part of the degree programme and beyond, the international composition of the student body and the opportunity to participate in existing and new (e.g. Hebrew University Jerusalem) exchange programmes.

Professional competences

Successful graduates of the Master's programme

- have a broad and theoretically based knowledge in the field of democracy research based on the latest scientific findings;
- have a well-founded, broad and practically applicable knowledge of relevant social science methods for dealing with complex problems in the field of democracy research;
- have critical judgement skills with regard to central questions of democracy research and current developments in this field;
- have extended knowledge of interfaces to neighbouring areas;
- have specialised technical and conceptual skills for solving strategic problems within democracy research.
- have the specialised, conceptual and methodological skills to carry out independent research in the field of democracy research.

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Personal competences

Successful graduates of the master's programme

- can argue complex subject-related problems and solutions to experts and develop them further with them.
- can define, reflect on, evaluate and sustainably design goals for learning and work processes.
- can work responsibly in teams of experts and lead groups or organisations within the framework of complex tasks.
- can guide and specifically promote the professional development of others.
- can lead interdisciplinary and cross-departmental discussions and represent the results of their work.
- are able to define goals for new application- or research-orientated tasks while reflecting on the possible social and political effects, use suitable means and independently acquire knowledge for this purpose.

TO § 3 FER, Modularisation, study structure and scope, standard period of study

The standard period of study is two years. The Master's degree programme is completed when a total of 120 credit points (CP) is achieved.

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Module overview Master “Public Affairs and Democracy” (M.Sc.)

(see also subject-specific Annex 8 Complementary Studies and subject-specific Annex 5.15c Master Sustainability Science: Governance and Law and subject-specific Annex 5.16 Master Public Affairs and Economics)

4.	Master's Forum (MA-PAD-4a) 5 CP	Master's Thesis (MA-PAD-4b) 25 CP				
3.	Research Seminar in Democracy Studies (MA-PAD-3a) 5 CP	Democracy in a Changing World Order (MA-PAD-3b) 5 CP	Climate Governance in the Global South (MA-PAD-3c) 5 CP	Cultural Perspectives on Democracy* (MA-PAD-3d) 5 CP	Elective 5 CP	Connecting Science, Responsibility, and Society (MA-K-3) 5 CP
2.	Qualitative Methods (Integration „Methods of Public Affairs“) (MA-PAD-2a) 5 CP	Experimental Methods (Integration “Methods of Public Affairs”) (MA-PAE-2a) 5 CP	Global Theories of Democracy (MA-PAD-2b) 5 CP	Democratic Policymaking (MA-PAD-2c) * 5 CP	Elective 5 CP	Reflecting on Research Methods (MA-K-2) 5 CP
1.	Quantitative Methods (MA-PAE-1a) (Integration “Methods of Public Affairs”) 10 CP	Introduction to Sustainability Governance (MA-GL-1) 5 CP	Institutions of Democracy (MA-PAD-1a)* 5 CP	Accountability and Participation in the Global South (MA-PAD-1b) 5 CP	Engaging with Knowledge and Sciences (MA-K-1) 5 CP	

*1 CP at Leuphana University Lüneburg corresponds to a workload of 30 hours and thus also one ECTS.

	Electives
	Integration „Methods of Public Affairs“
	Main Area
	Complementary Studies
	Master's Forum/ Master's Thesis

In the **Electives Section**, students must choose two modules from the following modules:

- Comparative and International Political Economy (MA-PAD-2d) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Environmental Economics (MA-PAE-2c) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Governing transformation to sustainability (MA-GL-3) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Public Finance and Public Policy (MA-PAE-2d) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Global Sustainability Politics and Sustainable Statehood (MA-GL-5) (5 CP, 3rd semester)
- Security Policy in a Globally Comparative Perspective (MA-PAD-3e) (5 CP, 3rd semester)
- Replication Studies in Economics (MA-PAE-3d) (5 CP, 3rd semester)
- Behavioral Public Economics (MA-PAE-3c) (5 CP, 3rd semester)

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The **Integration Area "Methods of Public Affairs"** (20 CP) covers the joint methods training in the Master's degree programmes "Public Affairs and Democracy" and "Public Affairs and Economics". Students are familiarised with the most important methods of current social science research and are taught the ability to critically evaluate existing research as well as to conduct their own in-depth research. The following compulsory modules must be taken in the integration area:

- Quantitative Methods (MA-PAE-1a) (10 CP, 1st semester)
- Qualitative Methods (MA-PAD-2a) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Experimental Methods (MA-PAE-2a) (5 CP, 2nd semester)

The modules in the **Main Area** (45 CP) of study introduce students to the most important concepts, theories, arguments and debates in democracy research in both the Global North and the Global South. This area of study also includes a research seminar in which students carry out their own research project in preparation for their Master's thesis. Students must take the following modules in the main area:

- Introduction to Sustainability Governance (MA-GL-1) (5 CP, 1st semester)
- Institutions of Democracy (MA-PAD-1a) (5 CP, 1st semester)
- Accountability and Participation in the Global South (MA-PAD-1b) (5 CP, 1st semester)
- Global Theories of Democracy (MA-PAD-2b) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Democratic Policymaking (MA-PAD-2c) (5 CP, 2nd semester)
- Research Seminar in Democracy Studies (MA-PAD-3a) (5 CP, 3rd semester)
- Democracy in a Changing World Order (MA-PAD-3b) (5 CP, 3rd semester)
- Climate Governance in the Global South (MA-PAD-3c) (5 CP, 3rd semester)

The **"Complementary Studies"** modules (MA-K-1, MA-K-2, MA-K-3) (15 CP in total) offer an interdisciplinary range of courses that help students to understand knowledge from other subjects and different subject-specific methods and to establish connections between different areas and forms of knowledge (see Subject-Specific Annex 8 Complementary Studies).

In the modules **"Master's Forum"** (MA-PAD-4a) (5 CP, 4th semester) and **"Master's Thesis"** (MA-PAD-4b) (25 CP, 4th semester), students are prepared for the practical and methodological requirements of independent democracy research and supported in writing their Master's thesis.

To § 5 FER, Academic degrees

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

To § 6 para. 10 FER

The language of teaching and examination is exclusively English.

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To § 8 RPO

The Master's thesis takes five months to complete. The grade for the "Master's Thesis" module results from the assessment of the submitted work; there is no oral examination.

To § 21 RPO, type and scope of examination

Modules in the Master "Public Affairs and Economics"

Modultabel First Semester

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Mandatory Modules					
Quantitative Methods (MA-PAE-1a) (Integration)	This course provides an overview of quantitative methods used in economics and political science focussing on regression analysis. It covers regression models for continuous, binary, categorical, and ordinal outcomes as well as regression models for statistics other than the mean.	1 Lecture (2 CH) and Tutorial (1 CH) or 1 Seminar (3 CH)	1 written examination under supervision or 1 combined scientific work	10	English
Introduction into Sustainability Governance (MA_GL-1) (Main Area)	The module offers a comprehensive and advanced introduction to environmental and sustainability governance. It aims to provide a thorough understanding of key concepts and theoretical approaches in this field and their application to real-world cases. The module explores the functioning of governance systems in the development and implementation of public policies that address pressing environmental and sustainability issues at local, national, and international levels. The module focuses on both the structural and procedural the structural and procedural aspects of governance.	1 Lecture (2 CH)	Written examination under supervision	5	English
Institutions of Democracy (MA-PAD-1a) (Main Area)	This module examines the institutional foundations of democracy in a historical perspective. Particular attention will be paid to the trade-off between majority rule and minority rights. Additionally, parties' historical evolution is a major topic of this module, especially with respect to the interactions between established parties and their populist contenders.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 written scientific work without supervision	5	English

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Continuation Modultabel First Semester

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Mandatory Modules					
Accountability and Participation in the Global South (MA-PAD-1b) (Main Area)	This module provides an overview of theories and empirical research on the variety of forms and means of political accountability and political participation in the Global South. It will also introduce students to different regime types and broad trends of democratization and autocratization since the early 1990s.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 oral examination or 1 written scientific work without supervision	5	English
Qualitative Methods (MA-PAD-2a) (Integration)	This module familiarises students with the following qualitative methods: individual and comparative case studies, (Bayesian) process analysis, ethnography and participant observation, content and discourse analysis as well as interviews. In addition to methodological basics, the focus is on the application of selected methods. The module also deals with questions of research ethics and transparency.	1 Lecture (1 CH) 1 Seminar (1 CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 practical examination	5	English
Experimental Methods (MA-PAE-2a) (Integration)	The module provides an introduction to experimental research methods (e.g., laboratory experiments, field experiments). Topics include the role of the experimental method for research in economics and political science, methodological foundations, the design of experiments, and their statistical analysis.	1 Seminar (2 CH) or 1 Lecture (2CH)	1 Combined scientific work or 1 written scientific work under supervision	5	English
Global Theories of Democracy (MA-PAD-2b) (Main Area)	This course examines classical and modern theories of democracy as well as normative and empirical-analytical theories of democracy. Approaches from the European canon, the Global North, and the Global South will be discussed. Finally, theories and analyses of democracy will be compared, and challenges and perspectives of democratic theory will be discussed.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 oral examination or 1 combined scientific work	5	English
Democratic Policymaking (MA-PAD-2c) (Main Area)	This course examines how democratic institutions shape policymaking, using the case of migration policy. Studying migration policymaking in democratic and non-democratic countries in the Global North and the Global South, we will assess how norms, interests and institutions affect policy output and outcome in a national and regional context.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 written scientific work without supervision	5	English

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Modultabel Second Semester

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Electives					
Comparative and International Political Economy (MA-PAD-2d) (Elective)	This module provides an advanced introduction to political economy, focusing on its intricate relationship with democracy. It explores how economic systems impact democratic institutions and vice versa, covering key concepts like capitalism, socialism, and globalization.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 written scientific work without supervision or 1 combined scientific work	5	English
Environmental Economics (MA-PAE-2c) (Elective)	Fundamental treatment of environmental economic problems based on environmental economic modelling and practical examples.	1 Lecture (2CH)	1 written scientific work under supervision or 1 combined scientific work	5	English
Governing Transformation to Sustainability (MA-GL-3) (Elective)	Sustainability transitions (transformations) is a comparatively young field of research that studies how fundamental societal or socio-technical change occurs and how such change for sustainability can be instigated and maintained, focusing on the role of governance. Students will work with cutting-edge academic literature and investigate promising (and failed) examples of sustainability transition in different sectors and world regions.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	Combined assessment	5	English
Public Finance and Public Policy (MA-PAE-2d) (Elective)	Basic concepts of market efficiency, externalities, public goods, Public choice, taxation and tax avoidance.	1 Lecture (2 CH) or 1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 written scientific work under supervision or 1 combined scientific work	5	English

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Modultabel Third Semester

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Mandatory Modules					
Research Seminar in Democracy Studies (MA-PAD-3a) (Main Area)	The module provides an overview of the debates in democracy research with the aim that students apply the concepts of democracy research to their own research project. Within this module students will be developing their own research project (elaboration of a democracy-specific research question, the collection and analysis of data and the presentation of the research results).	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 written scientific work without supervision	5	English
Democracy in a Changing World Order (MA-PAD-3b) (Main Area)	This module examines the manifold interconnections between democracy and international relations in a changing world order, covering both normative and analytical perspectives. Analytically, we examine how democracy shapes international politics and how international politics, in turn, may shape democracy domestically. Normatively, we consider the democratic legitimacy of international politics.	1 Seminar (2CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 oral examination	5	English
Climate Governance in the Global South (MA-PAD-3c) (Main Area)	This module covers the linkages between global and national climate policy and different aspects of democratic governance. On the one hand, it is about the significance of the "Global South" for international climate negotiations, but also about case studies and comparisons of national policies as well as different attempts of cross-border cooperation to combat climate change.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 oral examination or 1 combined scientific work	5	English
Cultural Perspectives on Democracy (MA-PAD-3d) (Main Area)	This course addresses the cultural foundations and pre-requisites of liberal democracies. We study value orientations that enable and motivate citizens to live democratic freedoms. To this end, we analyse how shifts in societal values lead to regime-culture tensions. Doing so, we develop an understanding of the role of value change in regime-culture coevolution from a globally comparative point of view.	1 Seminar (2 CH) or 1 Project (2CH)	1 written scientific work without supervision or 1 combined scientific work	5	English

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Continuation Modultabel Third Semester

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Electives					
Global Sustainability Politics and Sustainable Statehood (MA-GL-5) (Elective)	In September 2015, 193 member states of the United Nations agreed on the 2030 Transformation Agenda and, within it, on global sustainability goals (SDGs). Since the Agenda is not binding under international law, the question arises, which significance the Agenda plays for the nation states and to what extent they actually move forward on the path to sustainable development. The seminar will use literature, empirical information and country studies to examine the status and potential of sustainable statehood in the context of inter- and transnational political, social and economic contextual conditions and dynamics.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	Combined assessment	5	English
Security Policy in a Globally Comparative Perspective (MA-PAD-3e) (Elective)	This module analyses the core concepts of security policy. These include defence policy, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, human security and critical security studies. The course focuses on comparative and empirical analysis across different time periods, regime types and regions of the world, particularly in the Global South.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 oral examination or 1 combined scientific work	5	English
Replication Studies in Economics (MA-PAE-3d) (Elective)	Replication studies usually focus on the robustness of empirical findings. They can use (a) different methods and same data or (b) same methods and different data (different time or different population); but no pure reproductions (same method and same data). Students select a replicable journal paper and conduct an own replication study.	1 Seminar (2 CH) or 1 Project (2CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 written scientific work without supervision	5	English
Behavioural Public Economics (MA-PAE-3c) (Elective)	The module covers fundamental topics from the field of behavioural public economics. It raises different policy relevant questions and incorporates behavioural insights to test whether they improve policy outcomes. It covers basics from behavioural economics and their application to specific topics of behavioural public economics research.	1 Lecture (2 CH) or 1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 combined scientific work or 1 written scientific work without supervision	5	English

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Modultabel Fourth Semester

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Master's Forum (MA-PAD-4a) (Masters Forum / Thesis)	The module accompanies students' work on their Master's thesis in political science. It serves to provide guidance to students in the conception, planning, organisation and execution of their Master's theses and provides for giving feedback on individual research projects.	1 Seminar (2 CH)	1 written scientific work without supervision or 1 combined scientific work	5	English
Master's Thesis (MA-PAD-4b) (Masters Forum / Thesis)	Students produce a scientific thesis within a limited period of time using scientific methods.	None	1 Master's Thesis	5	English

Modultabel Complementary Studies

Modul	Content	Types of taught-components (type and number of courses, CH)	Modul requirements	CP	Comments
Complementary Studies 1-3 Semester	The structure, content, types of class and assessments in Complementary Studies are set out in Subject-specific Schedule 8: Complementary Studies.				5 CP per module each semester

SECTION II

Entry into force

This subject-specific annex comes into force in the winter semester 2024/2025.

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