

Master of Arts in Political Science

Study plan from 24.05.2012

Details of program

Master students are required to attend courses in seven subject fields (political theory, political system of Switzerland, political system of the EU, international relations, comparative political science, policy analysis and political sociology). Subjects covered by students during their Bachelor studies do not have to be repeated in the Master program. A semester of study at a university with a teaching language other than English is required. A maximum of 30 credits must be attained during this semester. When combined with a suitable minor, the Master program in Political Science enables students to further pursue their interests and gain additional knowledge in all different fields of political science.

Scheme of program

Major (90 ECTS-Punkte)	Minor (30 ECTS-Punkte)
<p>Electives (seven subject fields)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Political theory- Political system of Switzerland- Political system of the EU- International relations- Comparative political science- Policy analysis- Political sociology	<p>Basically, any subject can be taken for which the University of Bern offers a minor as part of a Master course of study.</p>
<p>A semester of study at a university with a teaching language other than English (max. 30 ECTS credits)</p>	
<p>Master thesis, including Master Colloquium (30 ECTS credits)</p>	

Note regarding electives

A subject can be covered by attending a lecture or seminar in that subject area. Subjects covered by students during their Bachelor studies do not necessarily have to be repeated in the Master program.

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Master Minor (30 ECTS)

The admission requirements for the MA program in Political Science (minor) are: Admission requirements for the Department of Social Sciences.

Overview of Master program in Political Science (minor).

Courses	ECTS credits
<i>Mandatory courses/requirements:</i>	
Empirical research internship ⁶	8
Statistics I und Statistics II ⁶	8
<i>Electives⁷</i>	14
Total Master in Political Science (minor)	30

⁶ If these courses were attended during the BA minor program, the corresponding ECTS credits must be earned with freely chosen courses in the Political Science Master program.

⁷ Political science courses on the master level.