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Program-Specific Study Regulations for the Master Program of International Social Sciences of Friedensau Adventist University

These Program-Specific Study Regulations complete the General Study and Examination Regulations in force of the School of Social Sciences of Theologische Hochschule Friedensau for the Master program of International Social Sciences.

§ 1 Program Aims

- (1) The program of Master of Arts International Social Sciences (M.A. ISS) prepares students for a practical career in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid through its emphasis on project planning, disaster management and a critical reflection on global power relations and structures of inequality. The program also prepares students for an academic career in development studies. It includes the relevant theoretical foundations, reflects on current discourses, and enhances competences in empirical research methods.
- (2) The program includes an internship of two months in the field of development cooperation. The internship will enable the students to apply obtained knowledge into practice and critically reflect on theories and methods learned in class. Moreover, the students will get an insight into the occupational field and will get to know possible career paths.

§ 2 Academic Degree

- (1) With the successful completion of the program, Theologische Hochschule Friedensau will award the academic degree "Master of Arts (M.A.)".

§ 3 Requirements for Admission

- (1) For admission, the completion of a degree program at a university or an academically recognized college or university of applied sciences or an equivalent degree in social sciences or humanities is required and proven by a Bachelor degree, a Master degree, a Diploma, a State Examination or a Doctorate. A final grade (certificate grade) of at least 2.5 is required. Upon application, the Examination Committee might recognize other program degrees for admission as well.
- (2) All applicants must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a result of at least 550 (PBT = paper-based test) or 79 (IBT = internet-

based test) points or a comparable performance in another test, such as the IELTS (6.0) or the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (FCE). Applicants who received their B.A. degree in an English-language program are exempt.

- (3) For admission into the program, the necessary application forms including the necessary documents need to be submitted to the Admission Office within the period stipulated. The deadlines will be announced by the Admission Office.

§ 4 Beginning of the Program and Program Length

- (1) The program can be started in the winter semester and in the summer semester of an academic year.
- (2) The normal program length including the time for writing the Master's thesis is two years (4 semesters).

§ 5 Program Structure

- (1) The program is a consecutive Master program.
- (2) The program structure as well as scope, title and sequence of the modules are provided the enclosed program timetable. Contents, requirements and type of examination of the specific modules are contained in the module guide book.

§ 6 Application and Admission to Master's Thesis

- (1) A student can be admitted to writing his or her Master's thesis when he or she is regularly registered in the Master program International Social Sciences of Theologische Hochschule Friedensau and has earned a minimum of 60 Cr. Derogating from § 12 (3) of the General Program and Examination Regulations of the School of Social Sciences, the Master's thesis has to be written in the English language.
- (2) The following documents are to be supplied with an application:
 - a. the proposal for the topic of the Master's thesis
 - b. the written consent of the first examiner.
- (3) The General Study and Examination Regulations of the School of Social Sciences regulate further details regarding application and admission to the Master's thesis.

§ 7 Entry into Force

- (1) On 18 April 2018, the Faculty Committee of Social Sciences decided on and the Senate of Theologische Hochschule Friedensau approved these regulations. The Ministry proved the equivalence by decision of 31 May 2018. These regulations enter into force on 01 July 2018.

Program structure M. A. International Social Sciences
Theologische Hochschule Friedensau
(Beginning: Winter term)

Credits	Winter term	Summer term	Winter term		Summer term
5	MI6C1A Introductory Module	MI6C8A Planning, Management and Evaluation of Development Projects, Part 1	MI6C8A Planning, Management and Evaluation of Development Projects, Part 2		MI3C9 Public Health Issues in Developing Countries
5	MI6C1 Introduction in Development Studies		MI2C9A Development Economics		MI1C10 Internship
5		MI5E8 Methods of Empirical Social Research	MI6C9 Disaster Management		
5	MI6C1B Poverty Analysis and Social Protection (Part I: Concepts of Poverty and Vulnerability)	MI6C1B Poverty Analysis and Social Protection (Part II: Social Protection and Development)	MI5E8A* Qualitative Methods of Social Research	MI5E8B* Quantitative Methods of Social Research	MI6C10 Master's Thesis
5	Elective 1	MI6C8 International Peace and Conflict Research	Elective 4		
5	Elective 2	Elective 3			
5					
h/week	12	12	10		

For the list of available electives see page 5.

*only one of both is compulsory

Program structure M. A. International Social Sciences
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 (Beginning: Summer term)

Credits	Summer term	Winter term		Summer term	Winter term
5	MI6C1A Introductory Module	MI6C1 Introduction in Development Studies		MI6C8A Planning, Management and Evaluation of Development Projects, Part 1	MI6C8A Planning, Management and Evaluation of De- velopment Projects, Part 2
5	MI6C8 International Peace and Conflict Research				MI1C10 Internship
5	MI6C1B Poverty Analysis and So- cial Protection (Part II: Social Protection and De- velopment)	MI6C1B Poverty Analysis and Social Pro- tection (Part I: Concepts of Pov- erty and Vulnerability)		MI3C9 Public Health Issues in Developing Countries	
5	MI5E8 Methods of Empirical So- cial Research	MI6C9 Disaster Management		Elective	MI6C10 Master's thesis
5	Elective	MI2C9A Development Economics		Elective	
5	Elective	MI5E8A* Qualitative Methods of So- cial Research	MI5E8B* Quantitative Methods of So- cial Research		
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Electives (4 mandatory)		
Credits	Number	Title
5	MI6E7	Gender and Social Development
5	MI2C8	Comparative Religion and Development Politics
5	MI2E7	Special Social Research
5	MI6E8E	Sustainability, Degrowth and Resource Politics
5	MI6E9A	International and Comparative Education
5	MI6E8C	Migration and Development
5	MI6E8D	Land Use, Land Rights and Development
5	MI6E9	International Research and Development of Science
5	MI6E7A	Globalization and Global Governance
5	MI6E8A	Theories and the Practical Relevance of Primary and Secondary Reference Sciences in Development Cooperation

The research methods module (MI5E8A or MI5E8B) that has not been chosen as compulsory can also be chosen as an elective.