

Master's Level
Programme Regulations with Programme Scheme, R20, Master of Arts in International Affairs and Governance [PR MIA]

Senate Resolution of [20 May 2019]

 pursuant to Art. 88(1)(h) of the University Statutes of 25 October 2010 (as at 1 June 2017)¹

Course (lecture, seminar, etc.)		Sem	Credits	Examination type and duration	Date and org. of the examination ²	Electives and progr.	Remarks
No.	Designation						
1.1	Core studies – compulsory subjects						
	International Politics and Market Economy	7	6	Term paper(s) Written examination(s)	TT, dec. TT, dec.; ITT, cen.	No	Lecture and exercise groups
	International Law and Business Strategy	7	6	Term paper(s) Written examination(s)	TT, dec. TT, dec.; ITT, cen.	No	Lecture and exercise groups
	Data Analytics and Causal Inference	7	6	Term paper(s) Written examination(s)	TT, dec. ITT, cen.	No	Lecture and exercise groups
	Strategies of Social Science Inquiry	7	6	Term paper(s) Written examination(s)	TT, dec. ITT, cen.	No	Lecture and exercise groups
	Cases in International Affairs	8	4	Term paper(s) Oral examination(s)	TT, dec. TT, dec.	No	Lecture
	MIA Mornings: Skills and Competences	7-8	2	Term paper(s) Oral examination(s)	TT, dec. TT, dec.	No	Examinations required for 5 workshops
	Total, compulsory subjects		30				Individual faculty in charge of courses may also stipulate group examinations.

¹ Consolidated Statute Book of the Canton of St.Gallen, No 217.15; US; according to Art. 123 US, only the German version of this document is legally binding.

² ITT = inter-term break; TT = term time (submission date of a term paper may be postponed until the ITT); cen. = centrally organised examination (by the Dean of Studies); dec. = decentrally organised examination (by the faculty member).

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1.2 Core studies – core electives						
2.1 Thematic Courses	7-9	4-20				1 course min., 5 courses max.
2.2 Methodological Courses	7-9	0-16				4 courses max.
2.3 Professional Courses (Consultancy Project)	7-9	4			No	1 Consultancy Project compulsory
Total, core electives		16-24				
Total, Master's Level		46-54				
1.3 Core studies – independent electives	7-9	0-8				
Total, core studies		54				
5 Contextual studies						
5.1 Areas of concentration	7-9	12-18				12 ECTS min.; 18 ECTS max.
5.2 Skills	7-9	0-6				Optional, 6 ECTS max.
Total, contextual studies		18				
4 Master's thesis		18				Presentation in the MIA thesis colloquium compulsory
Total, Master's programme in International Affairs and Governance		90				

Art. 1 Master's thesis

¹ The topic of the Master's thesis must be related to one or several subject matter areas of the programme in International Affairs. Interdisciplinary theses are welcome. Students under R20 are obliged to attend the MIA thesis colloquium, during which they present their Master's thesis. Students under R18 are strongly recommended to present their Master's thesis in the MIA thesis colloquium.

Art. 2 Exchange

¹ An exchange semester is not possible in the 1st semester of the Master's Level. Students are recommended to take their exchange semester in the third semester, after they have attended the compulsory courses of the second semester.

Art. 3 Beginning of the programme

¹ The programme can only be started in the autumn semester.

Transitional provisions

Graduation under the previous R18

Students who have completed all the compulsory courses under R18 by the end of Spring Semester 2020 remain in R18 and are able to conclude their studies in accordance with R18 until the end of Spring Semester 2023.

R18 courses that are not offered any longer are subject to the equivalences and crediting rules outlined below.

Graduation under the new R20

Students who have not completed the compulsory courses under R18 by the end of Spring Semester 2020 are subject to the following provisions:

- Students are converted to the new R20.
- Students who have not completed any compulsory courses under R18 have to attend all the compulsory courses of the new R20.
- Students who have already completed compulsory courses under R18 have them automatically credited in accordance with the equivalence table below, with the old course titles being reported.
- Students who have already completed core electives under R18 have them automatically credited in accordance with the equivalence table below, with the old course titles being reported.
- Students who have already completed independent electives under R18 will have them automatically credited in accordance with the equivalence table below, with the old course titles being reported.

Students who have completed the compulsory courses under R18 by the end of Spring Semester 2020 can convert to R20 on a voluntary basis via Compass until no later than 30 June 2020, with the equivalences below being applicable.

Students who have not completed their studies under the previous R18 by the end of Spring Semester 2023 are converted to the new R20. The above provisions are applied in analogy.

Students who re-enrol after Spring Semester 2020 (from Autumn Semester 2020) are subject to the above provisions in analogy.

Cases of hardship

If these transitional provisions lead to cases of hardship for individual students, the Dean of Studies may stipulate individual arrangements in consultation with the programme directors.

Equivalence and conversion table

Courses under the previous R18	Equivalence in the new R20	ECTS points
1.1 Staat und Wirtschaft / State and Economy	1.1 International Politics and Market Economy (compulsory)	6 ECTS points
1.2 International Governance	1.5 Cases in International Affairs and 1.6 MIA Mornings: Skills and Competences (compulsory)	6 ECTS points
1.3 International Politics, Economics and Business	1.2 International Law and Business Strategy (compulsory)	6 ECTS points
2.1 Research Methods	2.2 Methodological Courses (core electives)	4 ECTS points per course
2.2 Practical project	2.3 Professional Courses (core electives)	4 ECTS points per course; if two practical projects have already been completed, one is credited as a thematic course (core electives)
2.3 Thematic courses	2.1 Thematic courses (core electives)	4 ECTS per course
Fundamentals courses: - Legal Fundamentals - Economic Fundamentals - Political Science Fundamentals	2.1 Thematic courses (core electives)	6 ECTS per course
3. Independent electives	3. Independent electives	1:1 to the extent possible, i.e. 8 ECTS points max. If 12 ECTS have already been earned, and if core electives and electives can still be selected, more electives can be taken on an individual basis.
5. Contextual studies	5. Contextual studies	1:1 crediting

Special provisions

The examination types and dates, as well as the course titles and number of contact hours, may be adapted during the first two implementation years of MIA R20 – for instance because of the arrival of new faculty members or as a consequence of the introduction of further innovative examination and teaching formats. Adaptations will be carried out by the Dean of Studies in consultation with the MIA programme directors. After the evaluation of the MIA but no later than the third edition of the programme (as from Autumn Semester 2022), the examination types, examination dates and course titles will have to be definitively designated.