



Welcome Instructions for Incoming Erasmus-Students

On behalf of the Department of Political Science I would like to welcome you and to give you some information and instructions. First of all let me mention, however, that your decision to spend a (Erasmus) semester at our Department is a good choice. The University of Bremen is among the 11 Universities of Excellence in the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Department of Political Science belongs to the top addresses of Political Science Departments at German Universities. Bremen is also a friendly and vibrant city with attractive cultural offerings and a lively student scene. Our green campus is a little bit outside but very well connected to the heart of the city. With the tram or a bike you can reach in 15 to 20 minutes the central station.

The faculty of the Department of Political Science is more or less concentrated in the House of Social Sciences (Unicom). There you will find a couple of Research Institutes that are associated with the Department: The [SOCIUM](#) (Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy), the Institute of Intercultural and International Studies ([InIIS](#)), and the Jean Monnet Center for European Studies ([CeUS](#)) which is located on the central campus in the building GW 2. All faculty members belong to one of these Research Institutes. The map of the University will help you to find the faculty members of the Department in the respective buildings. .

Our department offers two BA- and three MA-Study Programs. For your Learning Agreement you can choose courses from the BA- and from the MA-Programs (see the course list below). The core of your Learning Agreement has to cover courses in Political Science but you can also take a few courses from neighboring disciplines (if they allow you to take their courses). I have to sign your Learning Agreement by the end of April, latest. You will find several courses taught in English in our BA-Program Political Science. The MA-Program International Relations and Social Theory is a purely English Master Program but due to a joint venture with the private Jacobs University in Bremen only with limited access even for incoming MA-students. The following links will help you to find the calendar of courses in the summer semester 2016. Particularly the Modules 10 to 14 in our BA-Program Political Science are appropriate courses (also in English) for Erasmus students. Usually you can **obtain 3 or 6 credit points in each of these courses depending on the kind of exam** you have to pass at the end of the semester. The lecturers will give you advice at the beginning of the semester which kind of exam is required to obtain either 3 or 6 credits. Furthermore our University offers a Global Education Program for incoming students.

- [BA Political Science](#)
- [BA Integrated European Studies](#)
- [MA Political Science](#)
- [MA Social Policy](#)
- [MA Global Governance/International Relations](#) (restricted access / start of the semester of this program is already in March)
- [Global Education](#)

I would also like to recommend to you to participate in the orientation program for incoming students which is organized by our International Office and starts at the end of September/beginning of October. Furthermore I would strongly recommend to take part in my special office hour for Incoming Erasmus-Students in Political Science (date is not determined yet) at our Institute (www.socium.uni-bremen.de) which is located off campus (you should check the map on the website of our Institute). There I will explain the structure of our course program and talk about exams, credits and other important questions.

Finally some notes regarding the Transcript of Records that I will issue at the end of your Erasmus stay here in Bremen. You should be aware that at the end of the semester you have to pre-fill the Transcript form in Mobility Online, export the form as a Word document, and email it to me. I will then complete the form with your grades and credits and send the form to you or your home university. You also have to make sure that I receive all "Scheine" (attestations) of the courses in which you passed exams. Either you collect the "Scheine" by yourself and bring them to me (respectively drop them in my post box), or you tell your lecturers that they should send the "Scheine" to me (by inhouse mail or email) after they have revised your exams. As soon as I have received all (!) "Scheine" I can issue the Transcript of Records and send it to you or your home coordinator. For this reason you should send me (together with the form "Transcript of Records") the correct E-Mail-address and post-address of your Erasmus-coordinator at your home University.

In the download area you find also a brochure with more information about the faculty of Social Sciences (the Department of Political Science is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences).

I wish you a pleasant and interesting stay at our Department and our University.

Kind regards

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