

Curriculum Revision: Master Program in East Asian Economy and Society
(Unofficial translation, not legally binding)

The Senate of the University of Vienna has passed a curriculum revision of the Master Program in “East Asian Economy and Society” (Ger. Masterstudium “Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Ostasiens“) during its session on May 5, 2011. The first revision of the Master Program in “East Asian Economy and Society”, which had been decided on April 14, 2011 by a curricular commission (authorized according to section 25, subsection 8, clause 3, and subsection 10 of the 2002 University Law), was published in the Official Gazette of the University of Vienna, issue 25, no. 163, on May 8, 2008 as laid down in the subsequent revised version. The legal bases for the decision are the 2002 University Law and the paragraphs concerning Laws Governing University Studies in the Statute of the University of Vienna (Ger. Studienrechtlicher Teil der Satzung der Universität Wien), as amended.

1. The Preamble (Introduction) is amended as follows:

“East Asian Economy and Society” (Ger. “Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Ostasiens“) is a modularized inter-/transdisciplinary learning-based Master Program. [...] In the curriculum, the East Asian region is represented by the countries of China, Japan, North and South Korea, which are subject of research at the Department of East Asian Studies of the University of Vienna; **wherever possible, Southeast Asia is included in the curriculum.**

2. The curriculum will be converted to English. Section 1, subsection 1 is amended as follows:

Graduates of the Master Program in East Asian Economy and Society are able to conduct profound academic research on exemplarily chosen, practically relevant topics **mainly based on English-language material** to be complemented by **German** and original language sources, according to the graduate’s previous individual training and abilities.

3. Section 3, subsection 4 is added as follows:

(4) The Master Program in East Asian Economy and Society is offered exclusively in English. Evidence of the required language skills has to be provided in order to be admitted to the program.

4. Section 5: The amount of semester hours in the outline of Module 4 will be changed from 9-13 to 9-12 hours.

The structure in the description of Module 4 is adapted as follows:

From the following courses, courses totaling to 16 ECTS have to be selected: VO Lecture on East Asian History (2 SH [semester hours]¹, 4 ECTS²)

¹ Editor’s note: “Semester hours“ is the number of contact hours per week for the duration of a semester (usually 15 weeks); thus 2 SH comes to a total of about 30 contact hours.

VO Lecture on **Intercultural Negotiation Patterns (2 SH, 4 ECTS)**

VU Lecture and Tutorial on East Asian History (2 SH, 4 ECTS)

VU Lecture and Tutorial on East Asian Society (2 SH, 4 ECTS)

VU Lecture and Tutorial Introduction to East Asian Languages and Scripts (2 SH, 4 ECTS)

VU Lecture and Tutorial on Methods of East Asian Studies (2 SH, 4 ECTS)

VU Lecture and Tutorial on Governance in East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)

VU Lecture and Tutorial on Regionalism East Asia (2 SH, 4 ECTS)

With the exception of language courses, additional courses totaling to a minimum of 4 ECTS can be selected from the programs offered by the Department of East Asian Studies, provided the respective admission requirements for these courses are fulfilled.

Type of course:

VO (Ger. *Vorlesung*, Lecture), VU (Ger. *Vorlesung und Übung*, Lecture and Tutorial)³, SE (Seminar), UE (Ger. *Übung*, Tutorial), where applicable, other types of courses according to the respective curricula; see also section 9, subsection 5

5. **Section 6, subsection 2** is amended as follows:

The topic of the Master Thesis is to be chosen based on the contents of the compulsory modules M2, M3 or M4. **The research questions of the Master Thesis should concern transnational and regional phenomena. Comparative theses are permitted. Theses which focus on only one East Asian country are generally not accepted.**

6. In **Section 8, subsection 2** the abbreviation for “*Vorlesung und Übung*” (Lecture and Tutorial) will be changed from VO+UE to **VU**

7. **Section 12** Commencement of the new curriculum

Subsection 2 is added as follows: The changes of the curriculum as amended in the Official Gazette of May 11, 2011, no. 98, issue 18, become effective on October 1, 2011.

Subsection 3 is added as follows:

Students who started their studies before October 1, 2011 are entitled to complete all of the required written assignments, as well as the Master Thesis and the Master Exam in German.

On behalf of the Senate:
The Chairman of the Curricular Commission
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² Editor’s note: ECTS is an acronym for “European Credit Transfer System“, often used as a synonym for “credits“. The ECTS number indicates the actual workload consisting of contact hours and homework. One ECTS means an estimated workload of 1 hour per week throughout the semester.

³ Editor’s note: VU is a course type that combines elements of lectures and of more interactive tutorials.