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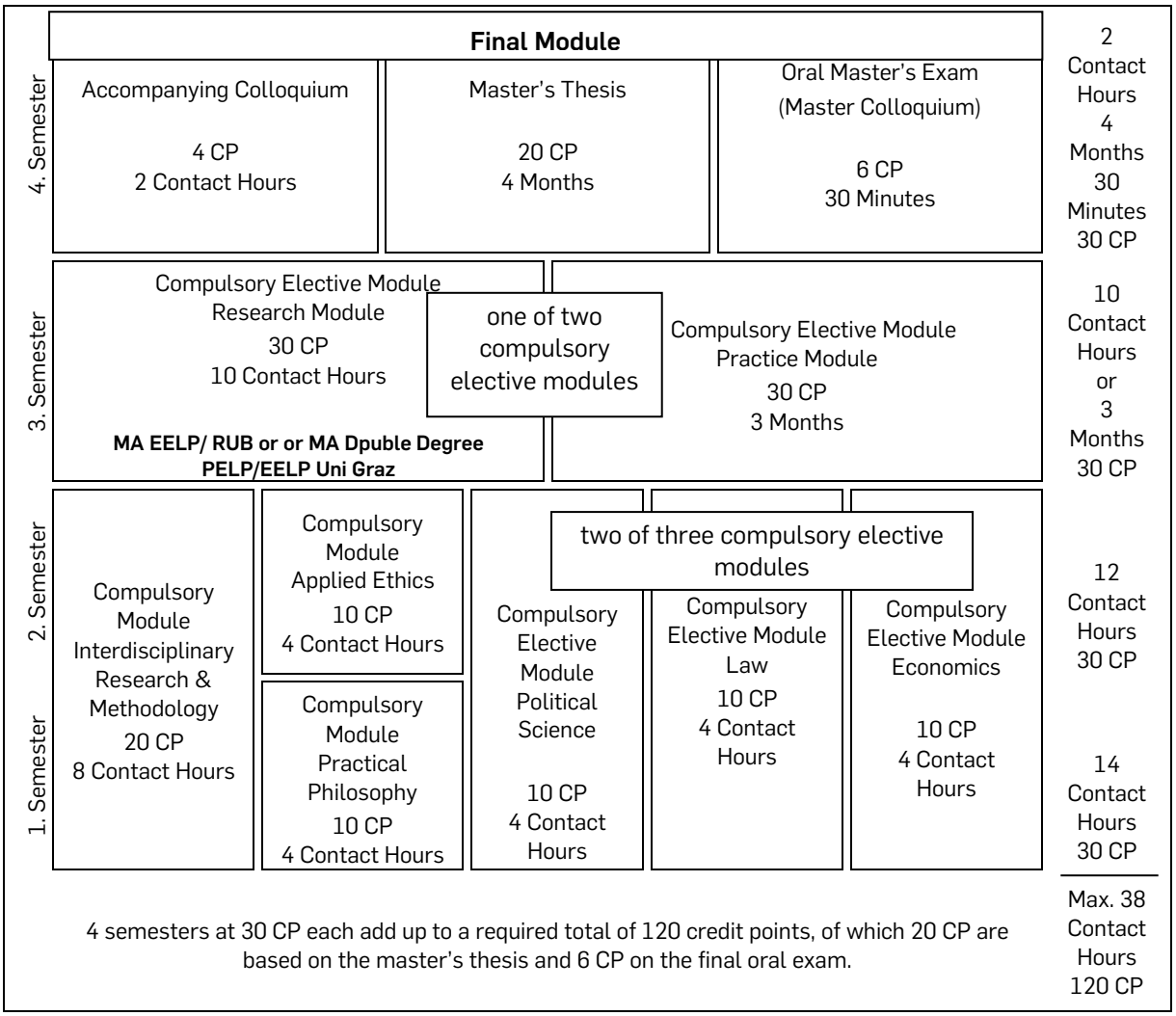
Student Guide

MA Ethics: Economics, Law and Politics

Ethics - Economics, Law
& Politics | EELP

1. Structure of the Program

The program "Ethics: Economics, Law and Politics" is structured into **modules**, which consist of two to five individual courses. Each individual course requires students to do **course assignments** as well as so-called **module exams**, for which they obtain **credit points** (CP). 1 CP equals a study performance of 30 hours. Course assignments are not graded, but module exams are. The number of CP that students collect in their individual courses constitutes the total of credit points for the module. The diagram below indicates the modules offered and their distribution over the various semesters.



Some modules comprise more individual courses than students need to take, giving students a choice between several individual courses in these modules. As shown in the diagram, there is a total of nine modules, of which only seven must be taken. The **compulsory modules**— "Interdisciplinary Research and Methodology", "Applied Ethics", "Practical Philosophy"—are all mandatory, as is the Final Module, which includes the accompanying colloquium, the Master's Thesis, and the master colloquium. Students are asked to select **two of the three** social sciences (political science, law, and economics) at the beginning of the program. By this selection they decide which of the three corresponding **compulsory elective modules** they will have to take in the first two semesters. This selection can be made independently of whether you have studied one or

the other of the three social sciences in your bachelor's program. However, the modules differ with respect to some of the individual courses depending on whether you already have prior knowledge in the field. In the second semester you will need to decide whether you wish to take the research module or the practice module in your third semester. While in the research module you take five seminars, in the practice module you may do an internship outside of the university curriculum. If at the time of your decision you already know that you will be pursuing a doctoral degree after completion of the program, the research module would be suitable for you. If, however, you plan to pursue employment outside of the university after your degree, the practice module would be worthwhile.

Once you have entered the third semester, you will have to make an important decision. You will need to select a focus topic from the descriptive-analytical field as well as one from the normative field for your research project or internship:

Descriptive-analytical Field:	*Normative Field:*
Globalization	Justice
Market	Morality
Climate Change	Responsibility
Welfare	Human Dignity
Migration	Rights
Digitalisation	Self-Determination

The master's thesis that you will write during the fourth semester should also be about the two focus topics of this selection.

Each module requires you to pass at least one module exam; the research and practice modules as well as the final module require two module exams each. In the final module these are the master's thesis and the final exam. If you passed only one module exam in a given module, then the grade for that exam is automatically your **module grade**. If you have passed more than one module exam, then the module grade will be the better one. The exceptions to this rule are the practice module and the research module: In the practice module you will have to write an internship report consisting of an interim report (40% of the module grade) and a final report (60% of the module grade); in the research module you must pass at least two graded exams and the module grade will be the average of two grades. The following table illustrates with what percentage the module grades contribute to the final grade for the program:

Module	**Number of Exams**	**Percentage for Final Grade**
Interdisciplinary Research and Methodology (20 CP)	1	15 %
Practical Philosophy (10 CP)	1	5 %
Applied Ethics (10 CP)	1	5 %
Two of three compulsory elective modules • Political Science (10 CP) • Law (10 CP) • Economics (10 CP)	 1 1 1	 5 % each
Research Module (30 CP) or Practice Module (30 CP)	2 or 2	15 %
Final Module (30 CP)	2	50 %

There are four kinds of module exams:

- A written paper approximately 15 pages in length to be prepared outside of class
- A written in-class exam of 1 - 2 hours
- An oral exam 15 - 30 minutes in length
- An internship report approximately 20 pages in length

Please note that you are expected to write **at least three term papers** in the course of the program in preparation of and as an exercise for your master's thesis. That is, three of the seven module exams you are required to take must be in form of term papers. It is also advisable to take at least one oral exam in the course of the program in preparation of the final oral exam.
To reach the required total of credit points for the respective module you will need to do additional assignments that are not graded and thus not relevant for the final grade either. Such assignments include:

- Talk
- Presentation in class
- Preparing a seminar meeting
- Graphic presentation (such as a poster) for illustrative purposes
- Text summary
- Homework
- Minutes

There are six types of courses in all:

- Seminar (compact seminar, seminar with international workshop)
- Lecture course
- Colloquium
- Summer school
- Tandem program
- Internship

Seminars are advanced studies of representative topics and sub-areas of the program. They require independent research and presentation of philosophical texts and arguments as well as of texts and arguments from the social sciences. Requirements for passing the seminars in the master's program include active participation, reading at home, and a module exam or assignment.
Lecture courses are either of an introductory, survey nature or focus on a specific topic. Requirements for passing a lecture course include active participation, reading at home, and a module exam or assignment.
Colloquiums enable participants to conduct intensive advanced discussions of specialized problems with a strong research component. In the early stage of the master's program, colloquiums serve to introduce students to research-oriented professional discussion of the topics. Toward the end of the program, students should use the colloquiums to present their master's thesis and prepare their exams. Colloquiums do not require additional reading time and can be taken for credit based on an assignment.
The so-called **summer school** takes place on four consecutive days during the semester break. It serves to enable students to pursue a focus topic of the program more intensively in collaboration with professors and guests from outside the program. Furthermore, it

also serves to help establish more contact among students as well as between students and professors. The summer school requires reading time at home to prepare for classes as well as an in-class presentation that must be worked into a written term paper at home as an assignment for credit.
In the **tandem program**, two students in different fields work together on a presentation about one of the focus topics. Each tandem team is supervised by a professor. One tandem team collaborates during the first semester and then presents its findings at the summer school. Another tandem team with similar subjects for their master's thesis collaborates during the fourth semester and presents its projects jointly at the colloquium. No module exams or attendance periods are required for the tandem program.
If you selected the practice module in your third semester, you must attend the additional course type **Internship**. To do so you will have to look on your own (under the supervision of the student advisors) for an internship position related to the contents of this program. The internship must be for at least four months as a full-time position. An internship report of approximately 20 pages, consisting of an interim report and a final report, must be written.
Compact Seminar is the same as seminar but blocked on 3 or more days; appointments will be announced in the course catalogue.
Seminar with International Workshop is the same as seminar but in combination with one and half day workshop with guests; the seminar with international workshop is organized by the EELP guest professor, he or she will invite other international researchers.

Though you need a **master's thesis** and a **master colloquium** to complete this program, you can register for both early, i.e., when you have accumulated 80 CP and passed three modules. In this way you can accelerate completion of the program. You can register for the master's thesis and the master colloquium at the **Registrar's Office** EELP (**Prüfungsamt**).
The master's thesis should have a volume of approximately 80 pages. Ideally, students will already have investigated the topic that they wish to engage with more thoroughly in their master's thesis in their research or practice module. Accordingly, the supervisors of the research or practice module—one from the Institute of Philosophy I and the other one from one of the three other faculties—should also supervise your master's thesis. This implies that the subject of your master's thesis should be closely linked to the two focus topics that you selected for your project in the third semester. Independently of this, your master's thesis will be more theoretically oriented if you have previously completed the research module, but more practically oriented if you chose the practice module.
The **master colloquium** consists of a half-hour interdisciplinary discussion on your master thesis.

2. MA Double Degree EELP | PELP and SemesterAbroad

During the third semester you have the possiblility to study your research module at the *Karl-Franzens-Universität* (University of Graz/ Austria). At the University of Graz our MA partner programme Political, Economic and Legal Philosophy (PELP) offers modules like Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law, Ethics and Theories of Justice, Social Science and Economics, Law Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies (e.g. practical philosophy and law/ political science, practical philosophy and economics/ social science), Social Science's

Methods and Normative Theories. Your studies and research during the semester in Graz are based on your selected focus (see page 3); the course selection and your research interest will influence the topic of your Master's Thesis. You will write your MA Thesis back in Bochum during the fourth semester; the first supervisor will be from RUB, the second from University of Graz). After you successfully pass your final exam, you will receive your double degree (MA certificate from RUB and MA certificate from University of Graz).

3. SemesterAbroad (ERASMUS +)

Another possibility to study abroad is doing an ERASMUS semester. We have cooperations with the University of Bari/ Italy, the University of Catania/ Italy, and the University of Zagreb/ Croatia. At all universities, you can study your third semester (research module) with focus on one or more of our disciplines: philosophy, economics, law, political science.