

**Master Info Days – Swiss Political Science Association**

# **MASTER IN EUROPEAN STUDIES**



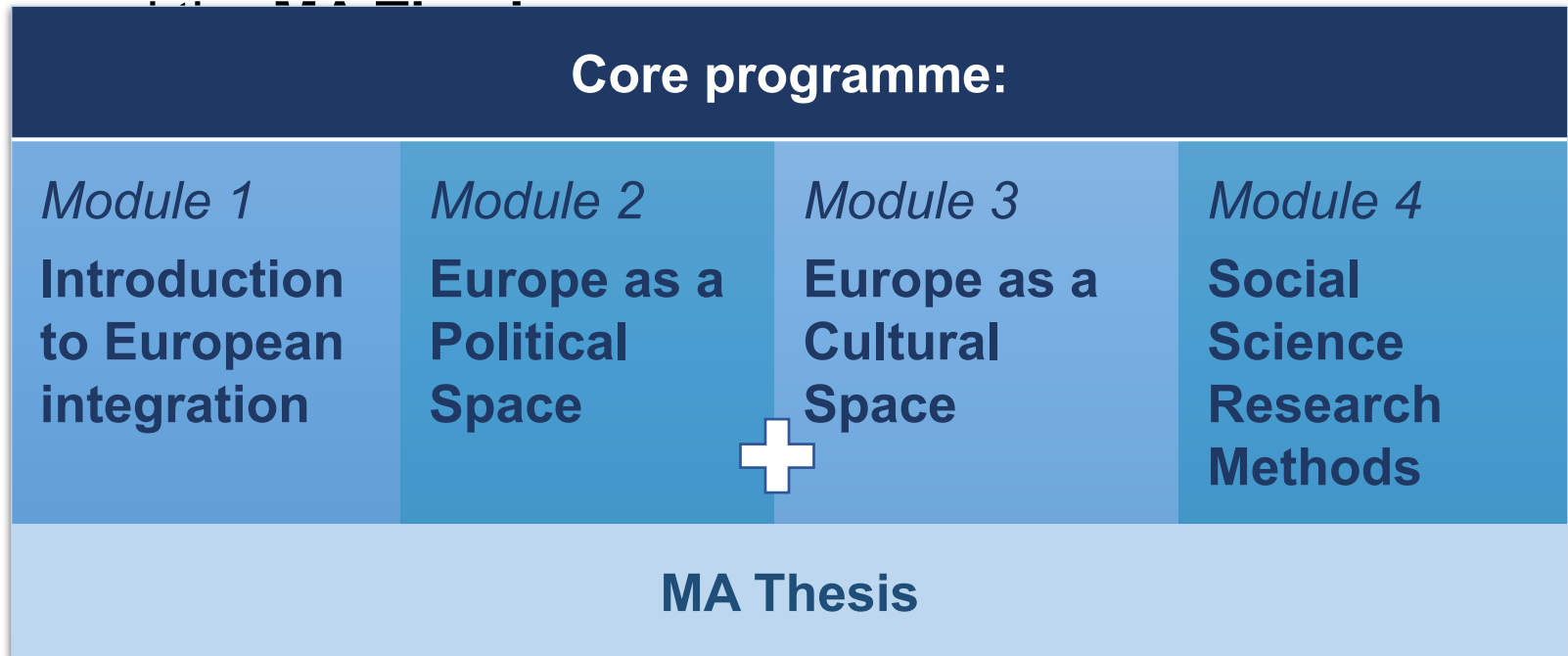


# In brief:

- ✓ **Interdisciplinary and inter-faculty** course programme on contemporary Europe combining Political Science, Sociology, Law, Economics and Contemporary History
- ✓ **Trilingual study programme** in French, German and English at **the only French-German University** in Switzerland
- ✓ Possibility of obtaining a diploma distinction «*Bilingual curriculum, FR/DE*»
- ✓ **Friendly, multilingual and multicultural** atmosphere

# Programme structure

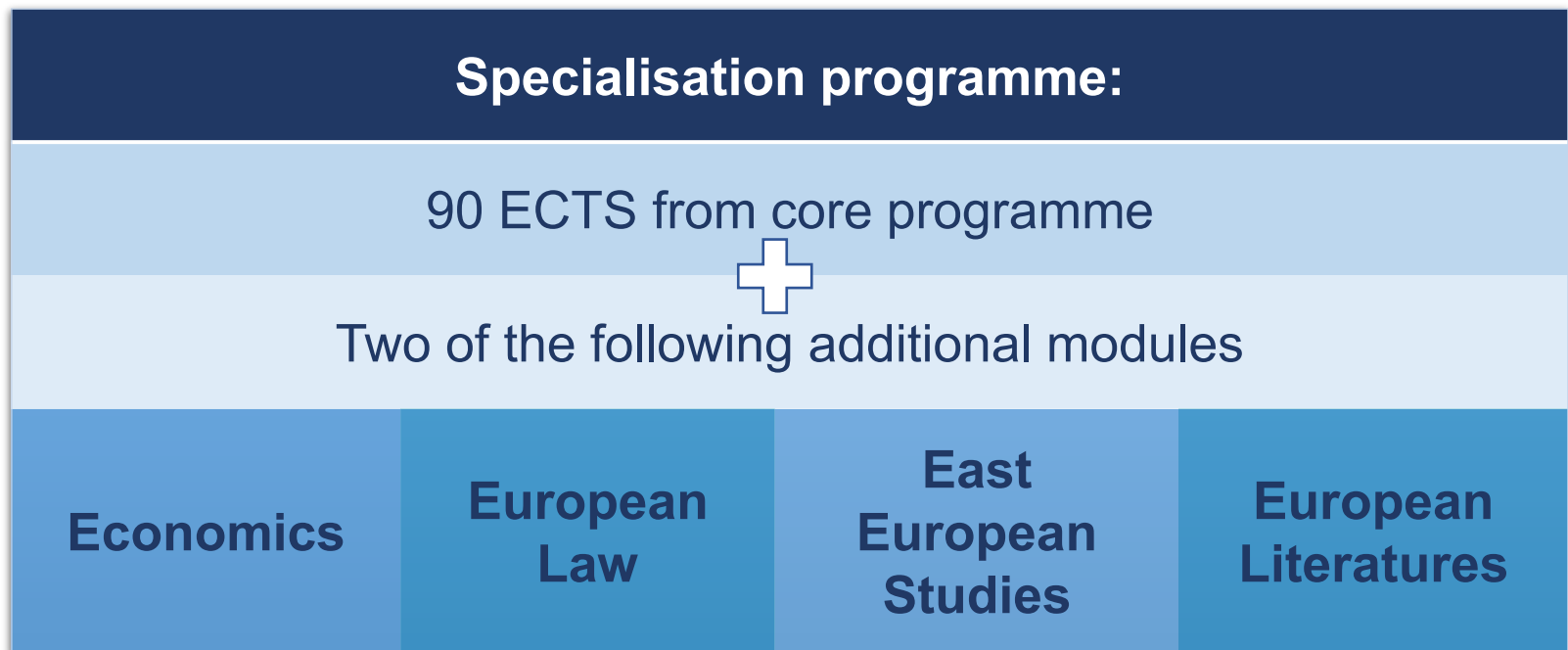
- The 90 ECTS programme consists of **four thematic modules**



- Possibility of choosing European Studies as a **minor programme (30 ECTS)** → only Modules 1 & 2

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- The **Specialisation programme (120 ECTS)** consists of the 90 ECTS programme + A choice of two out of four **additional modules**



# Module 1: Introduction to European Integration



- Origins, institutions and political processes of **regional integration in Europe** after 1945
- Fundamentals of **European law** and European **economic policy**
- Institutions, fields of action and actors of the **European Union (EU)**
- Relations between the EU and Switzerland

Module 1: Introduction to European Integration	15 ECTS
Introduction to European Studies	3 ECTS
Introduction to European Law	3 ECTS
An Introduction to the <b>European economic system</b>	6 ECTS
1 seminar with a presentation in <b>European Studies</b> OR 1 written assignment OR 1 study trip	3 ECTS

# Module 2 : Europe as a Political Space

- Political and social issues
- In-depth knowledge of **political science**, **political sociology** and **communication sciences** in particular



Module 2 : Europe as a Political Space	15 ECTS
1 course to choose from in <b>European Studies</b>	3 ECTS
1 seminar to choose from in <b>European Studies</b>	3 ECTS
2 courses OR seminars to choose from your choice in <b>Eastern European Studies OR Social Sciences OR University of Bern</b>	6/9 ECTS
Master's colloquium (over two semesters)	3 ECTS



# Module 3: Europe as a Cultural Space



- Social and cultural challenges and **social movements** in Europe
- **Humanities courses** (contemporary history, religious studies, comparative literature, social anthropology)
- Voluntary **internship**

Module 3: Europe as a Cultural Space	15 ECTS
1-3 courses OR seminars of your choice from in <b>European Studies</b> OR <b>Sociology</b> OR <b>Comparative Literature</b> OR <b>Social Anthropology</b> OR <b>Religious Studies</b>	3/6/9 ECTS
1 course OR 1 seminar in <b>Contemporary History</b>	6/9 ECTS
1 optional <b>Internship</b> of at least one month at 100% or equivalent	3 ECTS

# Module 4 :

## Social Science Research Methods

- Acquire **methodological** and **analytical** skills
- **Prepare** for the design and implementation of the **master's thesis**



Module 4 : Social Science Research Methods	15 ECTS
<b>Research Design in Political Science</b> (course + seminar)	6 ECTS
1 seminar: <b>Qualitative Social Research: Theory and Practice I &amp; II</b> OR 1 seminar in <b>European Studies</b> OR Exchange <b>University of Bern</b>	6 ECTS
1 methods course in <b>Social Sciences</b> OR <b>Eastern European Studies</b>	3 ECTS



# European Studies course program – 2025 Spring

- **Populism and Illiberalism in Europe**
  - Lecture on Tuesdays 10:15-12:00 – 3 ECTS
  - Seminar on Tuesdays 13:15-15:00 – 3 ECTS
- **Europa als Imagined Community**
  - Seminar on Tuesdays 15:15-17:00 – ECTS
- **Intro to Data in Political Science**
  - Seminar on Wednesdays 10:15-12:00 – 3 ECTS
- **Master's Colloquium**
  - Every other Wednesday 13:15-15:00 – 3 ECTS

# Mobility and Exchange Programs

It is possible to complete one or more exchange semesters as part of your studies

## A) Mobility Switzerland

### Application deadlines:

- **March 31 (SS)**
- **October 15 (FS)**

## B) Swiss-European Mobility (SEMP)

Application deadline:  
**15 january**

[www.unifr.ch/international](http://www.unifr.ch/international)

# Cooperation KU Eichstätt

Cooperation with the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in Germany:



- Possibility to achieve a specialization in **International Relations**
- Two modules that are automatically included in our curriculum (as a replacement for basic modules 2 and 3)
- Taught in **German and English**
- Limited to 3 students per year



# More information

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