

Module Guide

30-M-Soz-MA Conclusion module

Fakultät für Soziologie

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The current and valid provisions in the module guide are binding and further specify the subject-related regulations (German "FsB") published in the Official Announcements of Bielefeld University.

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Faculty

Fakultät für Soziologie

Person responsible for module

Frau Prof. Dr. Veronika Tacke

Regular cycle (beginning)

Every semester

Credit points

30 Credit points

Competencies

Non-official translation of the module descriptions. Only the German version is legally binding.

The final thesis (28 CP) forms an important part of the degree programme. It documents and sponsors the final qualification for independent scientific work. Networking and exchange with other students is sponsored by colloquia and supervision by teaching staff, instructors, lecturers.

Content of teaching

The Master's thesis represents the degree of the Master's programme. The (research) colloquium is intended to support students in designing a thesis that is appropriate to their interests and, if necessary, to realise it within the framework of empirical studies.

Students should be critically supported in the selection and utilisation of the relevant specialist literature, in the choice of methods and in the writing and presentation process.

The final module consists of the Master's thesis and a colloquium. The colloquium can be used to analyse general problems in working on the thesis, to discuss interim results of the thesis, to discuss and solve problems of data procurement and similar. The event does not serve as a substitute for consultations with the supervisor of the thesis.

Recommended previous knowledge

Successful degree of the six compulsory elective modules.

Necessary requirements

Completion of the introductory module and modules worth 56 LP

Explanation regarding the elements of the module

Module structure: 1 bPr¹

Courses

Title	Type	Regular cycle	Workload ⁵	LP ²
Abschlusskolloquium	colloquium	WiSe&SoSe	60 h (30 + 30)	2

Examinations

Allocated examiner	Type	Weighting	Workload	LP ²
<p>Person responsible for module is examiner</p> <p><i>The Master's thesis is a written dissertation. However, it can only be issued once the introductory module and modules totaling 56 LP have been completed. The date of issue must be recorded. The processing time is six months. The scope of the thesis is approx. 160,000 characters including spaces (corresponds to approx. 70 pages). The thesis must be submitted to the examination office of the Faculty of Sociology by the deadline. The theses are allocated a processing time (see above). Only this period is available for the entire thesis, including preparatory work. The purpose of the final theses is to independently work on a question/task of the respective degree programme within a clearly defined period of time. Students contact a supervisor for this purpose and discuss a possible task. Students should be given the opportunity to submit a proposal for the assignment. It is the examiners' responsibility to ensure that students work on an assignment that is suitable for realization within the allotted time. In the case of a hypothetically comprehensive and excellent assignment, a grade of "very good" must be justified in comparison to a typically average thesis in the respective subject. The supervisor is responsible for issuing the final assignment.</i></p> <p><i>Legally, the examination procedure (as well as the course of the processing time) starts with the issue or final agreement of the assignment by the first assessor. The thesis must be registered immediately with the Faculty of Sociology's examination office, stating the supervising authorized examiner and the assignment.</i></p> <p><i>Further regulations can be found in the Master's examination regulations.</i></p>	Masterarbeit	1	840h	28

Legend

- 1 The module structure displays the required number of study requirements and examinations.
 - 2 LP is the short form for credit points.
 - 3 The figures in this column are the specialist semesters in which it is recommended to start the module. Depending on the individual study schedule, entirely different courses of study are possible and advisable.
 - 4 Explanations on mandatory option: "Obligation" means: This module is mandatory for the course of the studies; "Optional obligation" means: This module belongs to a number of modules available for selection under certain circumstances. This is more precisely regulated by the "Subject-related regulations" (see navigation).
 - 5 Workload (contact time + self-study)
- SoSe** Summer semester
- WiSe** Winter semester
- SL** study requirement
- Pr** Examination
- bPr** Number of examinations with grades
- uPr** Number of examinations without grades