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**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTEMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCES**



COURSE OFFERING

**DUAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE
FALL SEMESTER 2025**

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Semester Dates

Fall Semester 2025

Courses take place from Monday, September 15th to Friday, December 19th 2025.

There are no courses taking place on the following dates:

Thursday, October 2 nd	St. Leodegar, no lectures
Saturday, November 1 st	All Saints' Day, no lectures
Thursday, November 6 th	Dies academicus, no lectures in the morning
Monday, December 8 th	Maria Empfängnis, no lectures

Welcome!

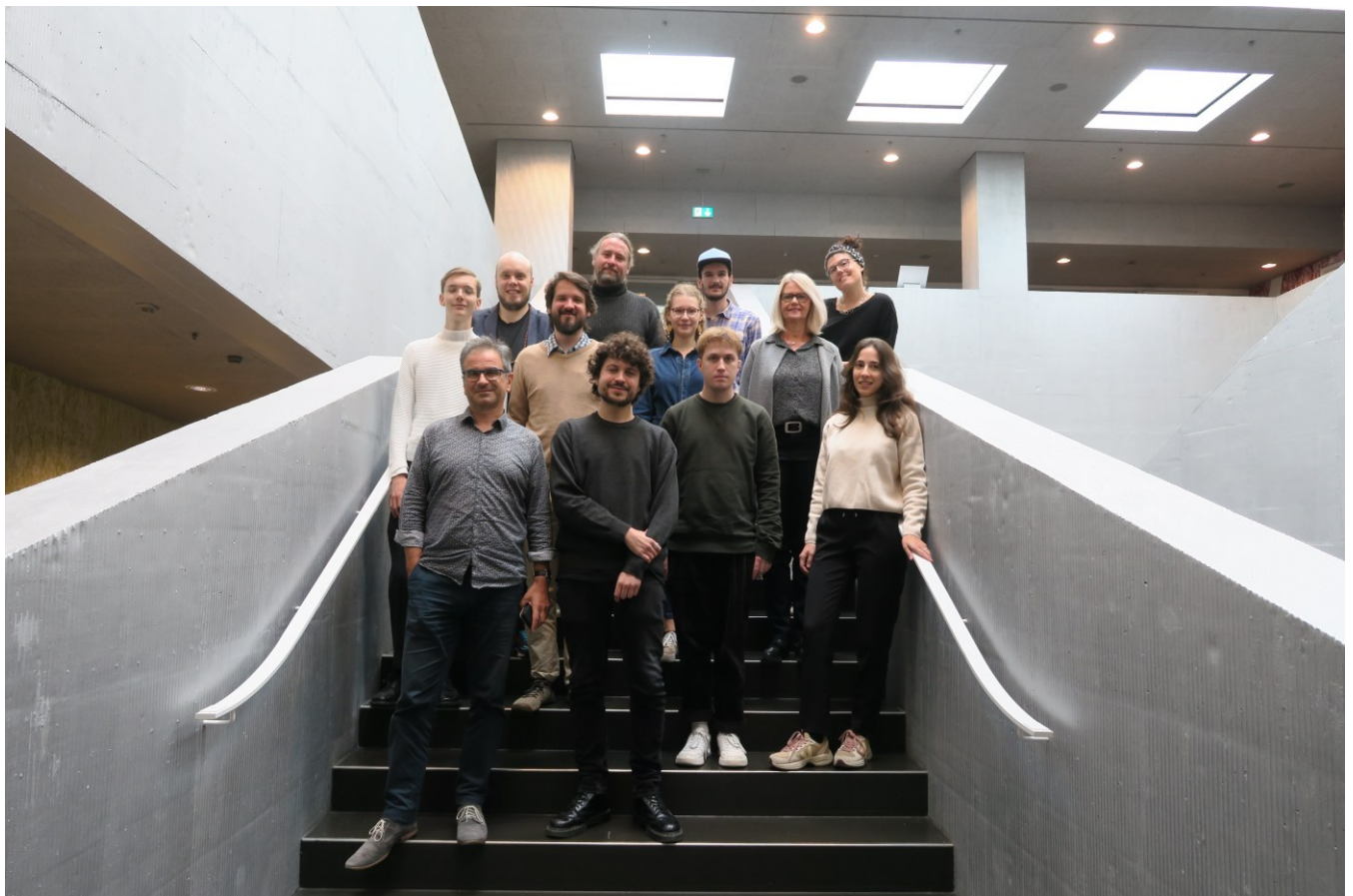
The Department of Political Science gladly welcomes you to the Fall Semester 2025.

This course catalogue provides you with an overview of the **course offering** of our department. In teaching and research, we focus on fields like party politics and European integration, citizenship and democracy, domestic support of international cooperation, policy diffusion and policy evaluation. Normative and positive theories are introduced and applied. A broad spectrum of methods are taught and applied, not only quantitative methods (advanced statistics) and qualitative methods (diverse case study designs), but also configurational methods (see the [Lucerne cluster for configurational methods](#)). Please find our course offering, which we hope you will find interesting, on the pages that follow.

This course catalogue also serves to further inform you about your **study programme** as Dual Degree Political Science students in Lucerne and at Carleton University. Please find the relevant information on the structure of this study programme on the next few pages.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you in our courses!

The Department of Political Science (October 2023)



Study programme Semesters

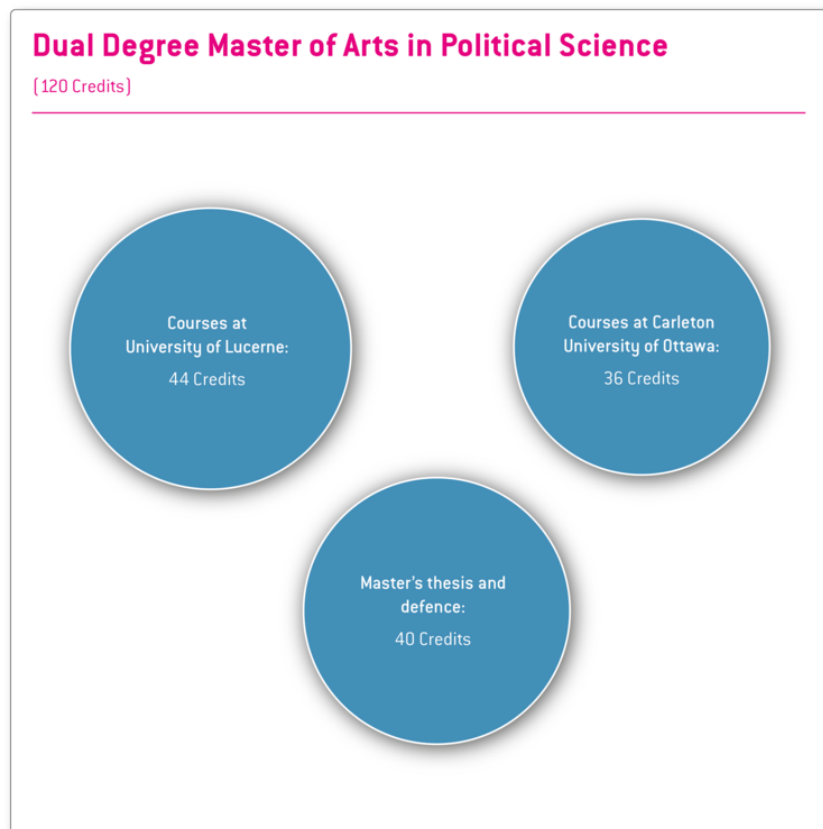
Period	University	Dates	Curricular items	ECTS credits
Fall	Lucerne	Mid-September – end of December	2 MAS incl. MAS paper Free choice of courses	30
Spring & summer	Carleton	Beginning of January – Mid-August	3 courses (incl. research paper)	36
Fall	Lucerne	Mid-September – end of January	1 MAS incl. MAS paper Colloquium Free choice of courses	19
Spring & summer	Lucerne & Carleton	Mid-February – end of August	Master thesis incl. defence	35
Total				120

MAS: Master seminar

Share of ECTS

The Dual Master's Degree programme consists of **three parts**:

1. Courses attended at the **home university** (first and third Swiss semester, 49 ECTS),
2. Courses attended at the **host university** (second Swiss semester, 36 ECTS),
3. **Master's thesis and defence** (35 ECTS).



Musterstudienplan MA Dual Degree Politikwissenschaft

Der Musterstudienplan ist keine chronologische Abfolge der Studienleistungen; beachten Sie auch die Empfehlungen der Fachbereiche zu Stundenplangestaltung und Studienorganisation.

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Studienbeginn ab HS 2024

	Studienanforderung	Beschreibung	Credits 120	☑
Luzern	Masterseminar	aus dem englischsprachigen Masterlehrangebot des politikwissenschaftlichen Seminars	4	
	Masterseminar		4	
	Masterseminar		4	
	Masterseminararbeit	in englischer Sprache zu verfassen	6	
	Masterseminararbeit		6	
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	Weitere Studienleistungen, davon maximal 4 Credits im freiwilligen Bereich universitäres Engagement	aus dem gesamten Masterlehrangebot des politikwissenschaftlichen Seminars	17	
	Kolloquium	politikwissenschaftliches Kolloquium für Abschlussarbeiten; Präsentation: Vorhaben der MA-Arbeit	2	
Carleton	Course incl. reserach paper		12	
	Course incl. reserach paper		12	
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Masterverfahren				
Luzern & Carleton	MA-Arbeit	in englischer Sprache zu verfassen	30	
Luzern & Carleton	MA-Prüfung	mündliche Verteidigung der Masterarbeit in englischer Sprache	5	

Der Musterstudienplan entspricht der Wegleitung zum Dual-Degree-Masterstudiengang «Master of Arts in Politikwissenschaft» (Studienbeginn ab HS24) und ist gültig für Studierende mit Heimuniversität Luzern.

Download unter: www.unilu.ch/ksf-reglemente

Our Course Offering in Fall 2025 / Unser Kursangebot im HS 2025

For a more detailed and up to date **electronic version** of our course offering visit:

https://portal.unilu.ch/stg/ma_ddpolitics/sem=HS25

Format	Lecturers and Titles	Dates
MSE	Hänze: Climate Change and (spatial) Inequality	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Surber: Ethics of War	Mo, 14:15-16:00
MSE	Ferent: Automation and Inequalities: Impacts of Technological Change on Work	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Ruchet: Freedom and Power	Mo, 10:15-12:00
MSE	Porciuleanu: Political Behaviour and Parties in Central and Eastern Europe	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Abril Poncela: Applied Causal Inference	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Canalejo-Molero: Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Research	Bi-weekly Thu, 14:15-18:00
MSE	Schramm: Introduction to the Political System of the European Union	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Heumann: Wissenskonflikte zwischen Stadt und Land. Eine Einführung in die qualitative Interviewforschung (Research Design and Methods in Qualitative Research)	Mo, 10:15-12:00
MSE	Mundt: Introduction to R for Data Science & Computational Social Science	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Bochsler: Wahlen und Demokratisierung	See electronic catalogue
KVL	Schaffer: Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen	We, 10:15-12:00
KVL	Blatter: Einführung in die Demokratietheorien	Tue, 14.15-16:00
KVL	Trechsel: Political Behaviour and Communication	Tue, 12:15-14:00
KVL	Schlegel: Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences	Mo, 12:15-14:00
KVL	Diaz-Bone: Einführung in die Statistik	Tue, 14:15-16:00
KVL	Rieder: Politikevaluation mit Anwendungen in Politikfeldern der Schweiz	Mo, 14:15-16:00
HS	Bien: Global Governance und Internationale Organisationen	See electronic catalogue
HS	Valsangiacomo: Democratic theory: Essential contemporary readings	See electronic catalogue
HS	Fischer/Fritzsche: Von der Theorie in die Praxis – Angewandte Politikevaluation	Tue, 10:15-12:00
HS	Stojanovic/Veri: Partizipative Demokratie und demokratische Innovationen	See electronic catalogue

HS	Roth: The Political is Personal: Feelings, Agency, and the Political Self	Wed, 12:15-14:00
HS	Poguntke: Populism and Party System Change in Europe	See electronic catalogue
HS	Volpi: Inequality and Politics	Tue, 14:15-16:00
BVL	Luminati/Rieder: Integrationsseminar Recht und Politikwissenschaft	See electronic catalogue
UEB	Schlegel: Tutorat zur Vorlesung "Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences"	Wed, 14:15-16:00
RGV	Diverse: Ringvorlesung Master «Global Studies»	See electronic catalogue
KOL	Schaffer: Kolloquium BA- und MA-Abschlussarbeiten (quantitative Arbeit)	Tue, 18:15-20:00
KOL	Blatter: Kolloquium BA- und MA-Abschlussarbeiten (qualitative, theoretische Arbeit)	Tue, 18.15-20.00

Legend

MSE: Masterseminar; HS: Hauptseminar; KVL: Kolloquialvorlesung; KOL: Kolloquium; RGV: Ringvorlesung; BLV: Blockveranstaltung, UEB: Übung