

Master Program
Modern East Asian Studies
(MEAS)

Module Handbook

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Module Handbook

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1. Languages

1.1 Chinese for Advanced Students

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Chinese for Advanced Students				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (60 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
Very good knowledge of the Chinese language	MA MEAS PhD East Asian Studies	Written exam / 120 min.	Language class	Dr. Lun Du
Qualifikationsziele				
This module is designed to improve students' reading comprehension of texts dealing with politics, society and the economy economy of East Asia.				
Lehrinhalte				
The course participants read Chinese newspapers and essays by Chinese scholars in fields such as the Chinese culture, society, politics and economics. They have also opportunities to discuss and to learn to write essays in Chinese. Course language is Chinese.				
Lehrveranstaltungen				
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung			SWS
Fengshi Yang M.A.	Newspapers			2
Dr. Lun Du	Essays			2

1.2 Advanced Japanese Reading and Technical Composition

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Advanced Japanese Reading and Technical Composition				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (60 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
Language level above JLPT N3	MA MEAS PhD East Asian Studies	Written exam / 120 min.	Language class (reading and discussion, critique of the weekly written homework)	Rafael Beermann M.A.
Qualifikationsziele				
<p>The tangible aim of the two-parted module Advanced Japanese is to pass the 2nd grade (N2) of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) with 100 or more points.</p> <p>Advanced Reading: This module serves for the substantial improvement of the reading and speaking ability.</p> <p>Advanced Technical Composition: By corporate as well as individual discussion and detailed correction of the homework delivered weekly a targeted improvement of the verbal reasoning should be reached.</p>				
Lehrinhalte				
<p>Advanced Reading: Reading, analysis, and discussion of academic texts.</p> <p>Advanced Technical Composition Weekly writing of academic comments on a topical subject, specific improvement of the written capability of expression of the students.</p>				

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Rafael Beermann M.A.	Advanced Japanese Reading	2
Rafael Beermann M.A.	Advanced Japanese Technical Composition	2

2. Advanced East Asian Studies

2.1 Work and Employment in Japan (AEAS 2)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Work and Employment in Japan (AEAS 2)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (60 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation followed by written seminar paper)	Lecture, exercise, seminar	Prof. Karen Shire PhD
Qualifikationsziele				
After having finished this module students are able to analyze the developments of the employment system and the labor market in Japan. They understand and can apply the main theories. They can independently access and interpret the main information sources in this field. They have demonstrated these skills in a seminar paper and presentation.				
Lehrinhalte				
After a short introduction to the field by lectures and joined reading, students are introduced in an exercise to empirical information sources on work, employment and labor markets in Japan. In the following seminar they combine their theoretical and methodological knowledge and their ability to find and analyze empirical information in a seminar presentation and a seminar paper on a specific topic. Field covered: Forms of employment and its characteristics, employment deregulation and change, economic and institutional labor market theories, school to work transition, skill formation system (HRD); search and access to empirical research materials (incl. relevant institutions such as research institutes, government agencies, employer associations, labor unions).				

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Dipl. Vw. Helmut Demes	Labor Markets and Employment Institutions in Japan	2
Dipl. Vw. Helmut Demes	Seminar on labor market, work and employment in Japan	2

2.2 Japanese Society and Social Structure (AEAS 3)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Japanese Society and Social Structure (AEAS 3)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6 (3/3)	180 h (45 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation followed by written seminar paper)	Seminar and exercise	Prof. Karen Shire PhD
Qualifikationsziele				
Students will develop advanced knowledge of national identity formulation, social inequalities, family and gender relations and the effects of educational and community-based institutions in contemporary Japanese society. Through the completion of a content analysis of government and/or media sources, focused on an issue of contemporary social change, students will become acquainted with and learn to critically evaluate and interpret official and public sources useful for analyzing contemporary changes in Japanese society and social structure.				
Lehrinhalte				
Conservative Modernization, National Identity Formation and Social Structure with a focus on the post-WW II period; Social Inequality and Social Stratification in Japan, Introduction to Major Literature, Debates and Sources for Studying the Japanese Social Structure, Ethnicity and Migration, Educational Institutions, Introduction to Major Official Sources, Practice of Evaluating and Analyzing various sources and the Japanese media, Content Analysis practice.				

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Prof. Kristin Surak PhD	Social Structure, Identity and Social Action in Contemporary Japan	2
Steffen Heinrich M.A.	Social Content Analysis Using Official and Media Sources	1

2.3 Japanese Politics (AEAS 4)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Japanese Politics (AEAS 4)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (45 h class attendance)

Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation followed by written seminar paper)	Seminar	Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer

Qualifikationsziele
The aim of this module is to introduce students to the political system, political culture and international relations of Japan. Students shall gain insights into the structure and processes of Japan's political system and its underlying political culture. They will get acquainted with the formulation and foci of Japan's foreign policy as well as with Japan's integration in the international system. After completing this module, students shall be able to understand and evaluate political developments on the domestic and international level within a Japanese context.

Lehrinhalte
<p>Political System</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Theoretical approaches to the study of the political system and political processes in Japan II. Institutional setting III. Decision making IV. Japanese political culture in relation to the political process <p>International Relations and Foreign Policy Making</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Theoretical approaches to the analysis of Japan's foreign policy II. Actors, aims, instruments and foci III. Bilateral relations, regional integration and Japan's role in world politics

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Dr. Kerstin Lukner	Japan's Political System	2
Dr. Kerstin Lukner	International Relations and Foreign Policy Making of Japan	1

2.4 Business and Economy in China (AEAS 6)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Business and Economy in China (AEAS 6)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (30 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation and written case study)	Case study seminar; self study project (team)	Prof. Dr. Markus Taube
Qualifikationsziele				
Students will have learned to approach and solve complex management issues in the Chinese market by applying standard analytical tools and management techniques. They have learned to transfer and adapt Western management techniques to Chinese idiosyncrasies and specific market phenomena. They have developed awareness for issues like intellectual property rights protection, state-business collusion, price dumping, etc.				
Lehrinhalte				
Case studies on contemporary success stories and failures in operating in the Chinese market covering domestic Chinese as well as foreign invested enterprises of various sizes and industries; project specific team work culminating in a joint presentation				

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Prof. Dr. Markus Taube	Seminar Case Studies on Doing Business in China	2
Prof. Dr. Markus Taube	Project study in teams: Doing Business in China	

2.5 Japan's Political Economy (AEAS 8)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Japan's Political Economy (AEAS 8)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (30 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Presentation of case study, scholarly essay, journalistic article)	Seminar; self-study project	Prof. Dr. Werner Pascha
Qualifikationsziele				
Upon completion, students will understand the role of the Japanese state for major segments of the Japanese economy and of business. They are able to analyze a specific area of economic policy on the background of relevant economic theories; and they are able to develop and present their insights based on the needs of various formats.				
Lehrinhalte				
Students will learn about different theoretical approaches to study economic policy. This will be applied to various major policy fields like monetary and fiscal policy, industrial policy, social policy, etc. Students will integrate their findings in a scholarly presentation and essay as well as through a journalistic format, usually an article.				

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Prof. Dr. Werner Pascha	Japan's Economy between Market, State and Society	2
Prof. Dr. Werner Pascha	Project study: Topical issues of Japan's political economy	

2.6 Recent Developments in the Chinese Society (AEAS 10)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Recent Developments in the Chinese Society (AEAS 10)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (45 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation followed by written seminar paper)	Seminar Exercise	NN (W3 NF Prof. Dr. Winfried Flüchter)
Qualifikationsziele				
Students demonstrate an advanced understanding of the society of China and have developed the ability to analyze recent developments of the society by applying advanced sociological theories and methods. They developed the ability to find and use Chinese language documents and resources.				
Lehrinhalte				
The focus of this module will be determined in accordance with the specialization of the professorship. One part of the class will be devoted to resources (search and usage) about the Chinese society.				
Lehrveranstaltungen				
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung			SWS
NN (W3 NF Prof. Dr. Winfried Flüchter)	Recent Developments in the Chinese Society			3

2.7 China's International Relations (AEAS 11)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung China's International Relations (AEAS 11)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (60 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation followed by written seminar paper)	Seminar	Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer
Qualifikationsziele				
Students will gain an understanding of China's social structure, the urban-rural gap and government attempts to bridge the developmental gap between urban and rural areas. Finally, students will be made familiar with the interdependence between economic, social and political development and current state policies and their implementation. Complementary to the changes in domestic politics students will be introduced to China's foreign and security policies. They will understand where and how China's foreign and security policy is formulated and will be able to discern and explain various diplomatic approaches. Furthermore, participants will be able to assess the impact of China's foreign and security policy on world politics, East Asian political integration and bilateral relations.				
Lehrinhalte				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of Chinese society • Social security in urban and rural China • The political economy of Chinese development • China's foreign and security policy in historical perspective • Explaining China's foreign and security policy: aims, actors and environment • China's changing role in world politics • China's role in the East Asian political framework 				

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
Dr. Chun-Yi Lee	China's Foreign and Security Policies in the Context of East Asia	2
Magnus Dau M.A.	Development Policies in China	2

2.8 The Economy of East Asia (AEAS 14)

University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung The Economy of East Asia (AEAS 14)				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
	1 semester	Core elective (WPF)	6	180 h (45 h class attendance)
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	BA MOAS MA MEAS MA CEAS	Semester accompanying examination (Oral presentation followed by written seminar paper)	Seminar	NN (W3 NF Prof. Dr. Florian Coulmas)
Qualifikationsziele				
Students demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of economic phenomena of the region and its countries and have developed the ability to analyse economic phenomena by applying advanced economic theories and methods.				
Lehrinhalte				
The focus of this module will be determined in accordance with the specialization of the professorship. One part of the class will devoted to resources (search and usage) about the economy of East Asia.				
Lehrveranstaltungen				
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung			SWS
NN (W3 NF Prof. Dr. Florian Coulmas)	The Economy of East Asia			3

3. Elective Modules

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University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung Elective modules				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
1. semester		Elective	6	180 h
Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)
	See below	Variable	Variable	
Qualifikationsziele				
Lehrinhalte				
<p>Students are required to choose one elective module of six ECTS. They can either choose a further module of the AEAS, as it has not been chosen yet, or an elective designated by the examination committee. If students select a module not contained in the list of elective modules designated by the examination committee, students are requested to consult with their advisor and get the approval of the examination committee.</p>				
Lehrveranstaltungen				
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung			SWS

4. MA Thesis (incl. attached Seminar)

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University of Duisburg-Essen MA Modern East Asian Studies (MA MEAS)				
Modulbezeichnung				
Semester	Dauer	Art	ECTS-Punkte	Studentische Arbeitsbelastung
2. semester	1 semester			90 h (30 h course attendance)

Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme	Verwendbarkeit	Prüfungsform / Prüfungsdauer (Voraussetzung für die Vergabe von Leistungspunkten)	Lehr- und Lernmethoden	Modulverantwortliche(r)

Qualifikationsziele
<p>The Master thesis is accompanied by a seminar held in the field of studies the thesis is related to. The seminars are integrated into recent research objects at the institute. The objectives of these research oriented seminars :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to deepen the understanding of theories and methods applied in their fields of study, • to make them acquainted with the most recent research results, • to introduce them to the ongoing interdisciplinary dialogue at the institute of East Asian Studies, and • to give students guidance and permanent feedback of their thesis research and support. <p>Each student has to select one of the six seminars offered.</p>

Lehrveranstaltungen		
Dozent(in)	Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	SWS
NN (NF Prof. Dr. Winfried Flüchter)	Seminar on China's Society	2
Prof. Karen Shire PhD	Seminar on Japan's Society	2

Prof. Dr. Thomas Heberer	Seminar on Politics in China	2
Prof. Dr. Werner Pascha	Seminar on Japan's Economy	2
Prof. Dr. Markus Taube	Seminar on China's Economy	2
NN. (NF Prof. Dr. Florian Coulmas)	Seminar on East Asian Economy	2