

Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences

Infosheet: Master of Arts in Development Studies



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About the programme and how to apply

Basic facts about the programme

Degree awarded: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Programme start: October (winter semester)

Language of instruction: the entire programme is taught in English

Programme description

This programme addresses the worldwide need for experts in the expanding field of development research as well as for project managers in international development cooperation.

Students enrolled in the programme gain insights into the economic, social, ethical, and cultural contexts and constraints of development. The programme provides outstanding opportunities to put theory into practice through international field research, with a strong focus on integrating quantitative and qualitative methods.

The M.A. Development Studies enables students to develop the advanced knowledge, analytical skills, and conceptual frameworks required to understand and navigate the complexities of economic and social development.

Career prospects

Graduates have a wide range of potential career paths within the development field, such as: programme managers for local and international development organisations, including government agencies, non-governmental organisations, community groups and multinational firms. Possible career prospects are also as policy makers for bilateral and multilateral agencies, such as GIZ, the World Bank and the United Nations, as well as working for civil society advocacy groups or as researchers and doctoral students, leading to an academic career.

How to apply

Different application procedures apply, depending on your background and qualifications. Visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply/ for a detailed description of the application process and the documents you need to enclose.

The **application deadline** for the programme, which commences in the winter semester (October) every year, is **31 May**. We regret that we are unable to process any applications reaching us after this date. When submitting your application, please include:

- Your chronological **curriculum vitae**
- The **degree certificate** and **final transcript** for your first degree, obtained at the end of a degree programme with a minimum standard duration of three years' full-time study (e.g. a bachelor's degree or a German 'Magister', 'Diplom' or state examination or equivalent) in **social sciences**, i.e. economics, anthropology, demography, empirical social or human geography, sociology, political science, administrative science or any other equivalent degree with a minimum of **60 ECTS credits in one or several of these disciplines**. Any past achievements and qualifications gained in 'Wirtschaftswissenschaften' (combined business and economics programmes) must be derived specifically from economics ('Volkswirtschaftslehre') modules. Out of the 60 ECTS credits referenced above, **10 ECTS credits must come from empirical research methods**, such as data collection, data analysis, mathematics and/or statistics. Please note that a general course in research methods is not enough and does not count in this case. The final grade for your undergraduate degree should be equivalent to 2.5 or better according to the German grading scale or ranked among the best 50% of your cohort.
- Unless English is your first language or the language of instruction for your undergraduate studies or secondary school education, you will need to prove that you have adequate **English language skills at level UNlcert® II or B2** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or higher by means of a recognised language certificate.

Applicants should also have basic knowledge of German (level A1) to make sure that they can organise their everyday life. Applicants who do not yet have a basic knowledge of German are offered

the possibility to take a language class either before the start of the programme or within the first two semesters.

If you are unable to provide your degree certificate and final transcript for your first degree at the time of application, e.g. because it has not been issued yet, you may send us a preliminary academic record/transcript (of records) instead. This should show the modules and assessments completed as well as the marks/grades/results achieved and comply with the above requirement regarding the minimum average mark. If you apply using your transcript instead of the final certificates, you will be offered a place on condition that you submit your final certificates to the Student Registration Office by **no later than the 10th week of lectures in the first semester** of your degree programme at the University of Passau.

For more information, please contact Dr Christian Dölle (Christian.Doelle@uni-passau.de).

Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (Master's Scholarships for Public Policy and Good Governance)

For highly qualified graduates from threshold or developing countries, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Bonn, Germany, yearly grants up to ten **full scholarships** to cover the expenses for the whole two-year curriculum at the University of Passau. The study programme includes:

- Preceding German language course, usually lasting 6 months (April to September)
- 2 years Master's programme in Development Studies at the University of Passau
- Additional support by the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme team and extracurricular activities

[Further information on the scholarship programme](#)

At the start of the degree programme

Orientation Week ('O-Woche')

At the beginning of each semester, the '*Fachschaften*' (student committees) hold an [Orientation Week](#) (often abbreviated '*O-Woche*') for all new students. During the O-Woche you will be given **guided tours of the campus and of various key units of the University, including the University Library**. You can also attend courses explaining **how to use Stud.IP** and there will be fellow students around to help you when it comes to **preparing your timetable**; naturally there will also be plenty of fun **social activities** on- and off-campus during this week.

International Students' Orientation Weeks

About two weeks before the semester starts, the International Office holds the [International Students' Orientation Weeks](#). These are open to all international students starting out at the university and, like the 'Orientation Week' for all students (see below), are designed to help you settle in quickly. Being specially designed for international students, they include **guided tours of the town, campus and university facilities in English** as well as short-term **German language and area studies courses** – and usually one or two multi-day outings to interesting places in Germany. As the International Students' Orientation Weeks precede the regular Orientation Week, new students coming to Passau will be able to take part in both.

Placement test for foreign languages

As part of the programme you will study one foreign language at the Language Centre; however, if you wish you can study additional languages. German as a Foreign Language is offered exclusively to international students. Language courses are **free of charge for enrolled students**.

If you have **previous knowledge** of a foreign language that you would like to study, e.g. as part of module area D, you must take a [language placement test](#). **The results will determine at which level you will join the relevant language course**. With the exception of English, all languages are available from beginner's level. If you intend to take English for Business/Economics, you must take the *English for Business/Economics* placement test.

Many placement tests are conducted online. Online placement tests can be completed even before the Orientation Week. If you have existing language skills for a language for which no placement tests are carried out, please arrange a face-to-face consultation with the relevant language lecturer well in advance of the start of the language course.

[Placement test dates](#)

Course catalogue, Stud.IP, CampusCard and Campus portal

[Course catalogue](#)

Stud.IP is one of the virtual learning environments of the University. It allows you to search and register for courses, create your timetable and retrieve teaching materials and news about your courses, among other things. Your ZIM username and password, which you need to sign in to the IT systems, will be sent to you once you have completed enrolment. Once you are logged in to Stud.IP, you can change the display setting to English. To do so, click on your profile picture (upper right-hand corner of the screen), select "Einstellungen" and under "Sprache" – which is set to "Deutsch" by default, choose "English", then click on the "Speichern" button.

Click on the search icon (the looking-glass symbol) on Stud.IP to **find your courses**. Then click on "Course directory", then "Degree programmes/Courses of study", "Master", and scroll down to "[Master Development Studies \(Version SS 2019\) \(Master\)](#)". There, you will find the relevant modules, sorted by module groups, and the courses in the current semester.

Finally, Stud.IP is used for managing **CampusCard** (i.e. student ID card) functions. The username and password used for Stud.IP are the same as your University computer network credentials (aka 'ZIM credentials', 'ZIM account' or in German: 'ZIM-Kennung').

The [Campus portal](#), another virtual learning environment (VLE) system, is the platform students use to register for **module and language examinations**. It is important to remember that even after you sign up for a lecture, seminar, tutorial etc., you have to sign up separately for the exams in the exam registration period announced during the semester. Use your ZIM credentials to log on to the campus portal.

During the Orientation Week and on the [ZIM website](#) you will be given an introduction to the IT systems of the University of Passau by the Centre for Information Technology and Media Services (ZIM).

Academic calendar

Check the [academic calendar](#) for teaching dates and other important dates during the semester. Please note that the **semester break** is the part of each semester during which there is no teaching; however, for administrative purposes the **semester break** still counts as being within the respective semester. Most **module examinations** take place during the first weeks of the semester break. In many degree programmes, students also have to complete written assignments and internships during the semester break.

Programme structure and course credits

Modular structure and European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

The programme is divided into modules. A module is a complete unit of study and consists of one or more courses (i.e. lectures, seminars or tutorials) on the same or a closely related topic. Every module has a specific ECTS credit value (aka ECTS load) which reflects the time students are expected to spend on coursework (including both teaching contact hours in class and self-study at home or in the library) if they are to successfully complete the module. A rule of thumb is that one ECTS credit amounts to a student workload of roughly 30 hours, including class attendance and self-study.

You should try to attend all classes for the respective course. Assessments will take the form of written examinations, written assignments, colloquiums, oral presentations, written reports or other assessment formats. Most modules conclude with a written or oral examination, for which you will receive a mark. When you pass the examination, you are awarded the full ECTS credit value of the module.

In order to complete your programme within the standard period of study, you should aim to obtain **approximately 30 ECTS credits every semester**.

Coursework and distribution of ECTS credits

This degree programme comprises a minimum of 120 ECTS credits, allotted as follows: 95 ECTS credits are awarded for the taught modules (module areas A to D), while the master's thesis and field research account for the remaining 25 ECTS credits. Please see the appendix for a comprehensive overview of modules.

Master's thesis

Your thesis should demonstrate your ability to independently carry out academic research by applying scientific methods to a clearly defined subject matter.

You will write your **thesis in English**.

Prior to commencing the thesis, you will have to accumulate **a minimum of 80 ECTS credits** in this degree programme, of which 5 ECTS credits must stem from the Research Seminar module (module area B: Research).

You will be given **four months** to write the thesis, which should have a **maximum length of 15,000 words** and will be **awarded 25 ECTS credits** for receiving a pass mark on your thesis.

Internship or research project

As part of this degree programme you will complete either an *internship* or your own *research project*. This will be done in the module 'Applied Development Studies', (Transfer Modules, module area D). If you opt for the internship, this must be carried out in accordance with the [internship guidelines](#). Please note that the internship will not be arranged for you; it is up to you to look for an internship opportunity and agree on the internship contents and structure with your internship employer.

Kuwi netzwerk e.V. and the Centre for Careers and Competencies (ZKK) can support you in your search for a suitable internship. You may also be eligible for a scholarship, if you decide to complete an internship abroad. On the [ZKK website](#), you will find confirmation letter templates for internships.

Attaining a pass mark

In order to complete the programme successfully, you have to attain a pass mark in all examination modules, receive a minimum mark of 4.0 on your thesis, and accumulate at least **120 ECTS credits**.

At the end of the degree programme, you should send a written request for your degree documents (i.e. the final transcript, degree certificate etc.) to the [Examinations Office](#).

Study abroad

Even if [studying abroad](#) is not an obligatory part of the degree programme, you can still spend a semester or more abroad as part of the programme. If you need help planning your stay abroad, get in touch with:

[The International Office](#)

Innstrasse 41, 94032 Passau, Germany

Phone: +49 0851 509 ext. 1162, 1163, 1165 or 1167

Key competencies and career planning

[Future: Careers and Competencies \(ZKK\)](#) provides students with a comprehensive offering of **transversal skills seminars** and a vast range of resources and services to facilitate students' **job orientation, internship search and career entry**. Through the ZKK, students can find out about internships, student jobs and employment vacancies, as well as apply for scholarships for internships abroad. In the seminars and computer courses you can acquire important interdisciplinary qualifications in addition to your studies. In addition, the ZKK supports you with special seminars on applying for a job and information on career entry in Germany and abroad.

Additional career and job market services

The University's [iStudi Coach](#) offers specific advice to **international degree-seeking students** enrolled at the University of Passau. This service is specifically targeted at international students – which is what the 'iStudi' stands for – and helps you with all your **questions regarding your studies, career orientation and everyday life** in Passau.

In addition to this, the Federal Employment Agency offers all students [consultations at the University for study and careers guidance](#).

Doctoral study

This master's programme enables you to work according to scientific principles and thus gives you the prerequisites for [doctoral study](#). When undertaking a doctoral project, you should ideally have already done research in the field of your future doctoral topic in your master's thesis. The University of Passau offers excellent conditions for pursuing a scientific research project within the framework of a doctorate.

Important exam-related rules and regulations

Regulations and module catalogue

Please visit the [programme webpage](#) for the study and examination regulations and the module catalogue.

- The **general study and examination regulations** for the faculty's master's programmes and the **subject-specific study and examination regulations** for the degree programme together govern the required assessments and examination modalities for successful completion of the programme.
- The **module catalogue** contains detailed module descriptors, including required assessments.

Programme duration and credit points

Standard duration: four semesters' full-time study, not counting semesters on leave. The overall ECTS load for the programme is 120 ECTS credits.

Maximum duration: six semesters. If you have not completed all required modules (i.e. passed all required module examinations) by the end of the sixth semester, the master's examination is deemed to have been failed for the first time; you will be given a further year to complete the missing modules.

If you have not passed all required modules by the end of the eighth semester, you will fail the programme without the possibility of re-sitting the examinations. It is important to understand that this *'endgültig nicht bestanden'* status, which means 'final fail', also bars you from enrolling in the same degree programme at other German universities.

Resits

You can resit the examinations for any module for which you have incurred a fail (*'nicht ausreichend'* or *'nicht bestanden'*) up to **two times**.

If you wish to re-attempt examinations for modules that you have passed but for which you would like to **improve the mark**, you may do so once for **up to four examination modules**. Before you can resit the relevant examinations, you have to submit a request for grade improvement to the Examinations Office.

The provisions of the **General Study and Examination Regulations (AStuPO)** regarding repeat attempts at the master's thesis apply.

Examinations and credit transfers

The [Examinations Office](#) (*'Prüfungssekretariat'* in German) will help you with questions on credit transfers and all examination-related matters. The Examinations Office also issues – upon request – your degree certificate, your final transcript, the diploma supplement and your transcript of records.

Coursework, examinations and other academic achievements completed elsewhere as part of a related programme of study may be counted towards your master's degree. Credit transfer requests should be addressed to the Examinations Officer for your programme.

Please note that we cannot formally recognise any previous coursework/achievements until you are fully matriculated as an ordinary student of the University of Passau. Please discuss any questions relating to the curriculum with the relevant programme adviser.

Cheating in examinations; plagiarism

If you attempt to influence the result of an assessment by **cheating** (e.g. plagiarism or use of unauthorised examination aids), the assessment in question is assigned a mark of 5.0 ('insufficient', *'nicht ausreichend'*) or 'fail' ('nicht bestanden').¹

Plagiarism occurs when someone violates the intellectual property of others by making unauthorised use of their copyrighted **work**, either intentionally or by acting with gross negligence. Specifically, you commit plagiarism if you present someone else's work (e.g. scientific findings, hypotheses, theories or research approaches) as your own.

It is important that you familiarise yourself with the **citation style** used in your academic discipline. If you are unsure about something or have specific questions, please contact the lecturer of the respective course or your master's thesis supervisor.

When submitting your written work, you also have to enclose the following:

- A declaration that the written work was written independently and without undue assistance and that all aids and sources used, as well as passages reproduced from other works either verbatim or in paraphrased form, have been identified as such.
- A written declaration that you agree to the use of anti-plagiarism software by examiners when marking the thesis.

You must comply with the University's [Rules for the Ascertainment of Good Academic Practice \(by-laws\)](#) for all written papers, such as seminar papers, presentations, master's theses, etc. Such written work should usually be submitted in electronic form.

The University Library offers courses on [reference management software](#).

Illness and inability to attend examinations

If you fall ill before an exam, you must decide whether to withdraw from the exam due to illness **before the start of the exam**. A **medical certificate** is required. If you become ill during an examination and have to abort the examination, you must provide a medical certificate issued by an **official medical officer** (*'Amtsarzt'*).

In either case you must submit the completed **Inability to Attend Examinations due to Illness Form** at the earliest opportunity. You should submit the form and medical certificate to the [Examinations Office](#) as described in the **information sheet on inability to attend examinations**. Please make sure you follow the information given in the leaflet!

If you **fall ill for a longer period of time** during the semester, it may be expedient for you to take leave of absence for the whole semester. [Leave of absence](#) must be requested from the Student Registration Office (using the Leave of Absence Request Form), and you will need a certificate from a registered doctor stating that you are unable to study and sit exams in the current semester. You cannot request leave of absence retroactively after the end of the semester.

¹In written examinations, an attempt to cheat shall be deemed to have occurred if an invigilator finds prohibited aids on or near the candidate's desk. The Board of Examiners will permanently revoke a student's right to sit the master's examination of the specific degree programme if the student was found to have cheated or attempted to cheat repeatedly during his/her studies and it considers the severity of the transgression to be of a level that warrants this step.

If you receive a **BAföG** loan/grant, please note that **interrupting your studies for more than three months** due to illness will result in your BAföG loan/grant being **terminated**. If you find yourself in this situation, contact the [Welfare Office of the Student Services Association](#) (Studentenwerk).

Access arrangements for people with disabilities or chronic illness

If you have a physical or mental disability or suffer from chronic illness, you may be able to apply for an [access arrangement](#) (e.g. additional time for written examinations or similar). Requests for access arrangements should be addressed to the chairperson of the Board of Examiners and submitted to the Examinations Office.

Accommodation, student finance and support

Accommodation in Passau

The Student Services Association (Studentenwerk) runs four student halls of residence in Passau. In addition to these state-run student residences, there are other residential complexes operated by the Church or private organisations. Finally, the private housing market offers many flats (apartments), which can be rented by students, often as shared flats. Visit our homepage for a detailed description of the [accommodation available in Passau](#).

Once it has been validated, the CampusCard serves as a [semester bus pass](#), allowing you to use the buses in Passau around the clock. Buses are a convenient way to travel to and from the University, particularly if your flat is located in a district that is further away from the city centre.

If you are an international student and wish to **arrange accommodation for the first semester** through the University, please contact Ms Alexandra Winterkorn of the International Office:

International Office
Room 106, Administration building
Innstrasse 41, 94032 Passau
E-mail: alexandra.winterkorn@uni-passau.de
Phone: +49 851 509 1161
Fax: +49 851 509 1164
www.uni-passau.de/en/accommodation

If you need temporary accommodation for the first days or weeks after your arrival, the tourist information office provides details about **hotels, B&Bs and guest houses**:

Tourist Information Passau
Rathausplatz 3, 94032 Passau
Phone: +49 851 955980
E-mail: tourist-info@passau.de
www.passau.de

Student loans and grants (BAföG)

If you would like to receive financial support in accordance with the federal training assistance act (*Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz*; [BAföG](#)), you should submit your application in good time before the start of the semester.

Scholarships

There are a large number of [scholarships](#) available to students, such as the *Deutschlandstipendium* scholarship (which is equally available to foreign nationals, despite the potentially misleading name). Make sure you find out early on about the various funding opportunities available to you. A good way to start is by attending one of the information events or visiting.

Key contacts at the University of Passau

Programme co-ordinator

If you have specific questions about the degree programme, please contact the [Programme co-ordinator](#):

Dr Christian Dölle
Room NK 219, Innstrasse 40
D-94032 Passau
Phone: +49 851 509 2623
E-mail: christian.doelle@uni-passau.de

Academic Advice Service

The Academic Advice Service provides information on the master's programme and can help you if you have questions about changing your programme of study or are thinking of de-registering from the programme altogether.

Academic Advice Service, Innstrasse 41, D-94032 Passau
Phone: +49 851 509 1154
(calls are accepted Mon to Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon)
Please make an appointment for a consultation session.
Drop-in hours: Wed 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de
www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

iStudi Coach: job-market coaching for international students

The University's [iStudi Coach](#) offers specific advice to international degree-seeking students enrolled at the University of Passau. This service is specifically targeted at international students – which is what the 'iStudi' stands for – and helps you with all your **questions regarding your studies, career orientation and everyday life** in Passau. The '**iStudi Pass**' programme helps you to prepare for entering the job market in and around Passau. To be able to answer your questions as fully as possible, the iStudi Coach co-operates with the Academic Advice Service, the Centre for Careers and Competencies and the International Office as well as a network of partners within and outside the University.

Student Services Association (Studentenwerk Niederbayern/Oberpfalz)

The [Student Services Association](#) runs the refectory, cafeterias and student halls of residence, provides student welfare advice and facilitates involvement in cultural projects, e.g. theatre, film, photography, art, dance and music. Student Services Association staff also offer advice on social and financial matters.

[Overview of all advice services](#)

Related student clubs, societies and associations

Student committee ('Fachschaft')

The [student committee \('Fachschaft'\)](#) of the Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences, can help you from a student perspective on matters related to student life. Their office is located in room 235 of the NK building, Innstrasse 40; phone +49 851 509 2613; e-mail: fachschaft-phil@uni-passau.de.

kuwi netzwerk international e.V.

With a membership figure of around 3,000 – comprised entirely of students and alumni of the cultural studies-related degree programmes of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities – [*kuwi netzwerk international*](#) provides assistance finding internships as well as other forms of employment; *kuwi netzwerk international* also provides advice to students on writing up timetables and all other study-related questions.

Kuwi netzwerk international e.V. will be there for its members during the Orientation Week, answering study-related questions and helping with members' internship and job search. In addition, the network organises various events as well as the kuwi.mentoring programme, and maintains an online kuwi.community.

APPENDIX: OVERVIEW OF MODULES

Key of abbreviations:

C	=	Colloquium
ECTS	=	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
L	=	Lecture
SE	=	Seminar
T	=	Tutorial
VLE	=	Virtual Learning Environment
WCH	=	Teaching contact hours per week

Module Area A: 'Foundation'

The module group 'Foundation Modules' consists of two examination modules that have to be completed by all students.

Module Group 'Foundation Modules'

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L	Methods and Theories of Development Research	2	5
S	Interdisciplinary Development Seminar	2	10
Total for 2 modules:		4	15

Module Area B: 'Research'

The module group 'Research Methods' consists of modules about research methods as well as a research seminar and two research colloquia. Students must earn a minimum of **25 ECTS credits** in this module group to proceed. Completion of the *Research Seminar* and the *colloquia* is compulsory for all students on the programme. Apart from the colloquia, all modules in this group are examination modules.

Module Group 'Research Modules':

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L+T	Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods	4	5
SE+T	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	4	5
L+T	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Evaluation of Development Policies)	4	5
SE+T	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods	4	5
SE	Research Seminar	2	5
C	Development Studies Colloquium I	1	3
C	Development Studies Colloquium II	1	2
Total for 6 modules:		16	25

Module Area C: ‘Specialisation’

A minimum of **40 ECTS credits** must be gained in this module area. You are required to complete **at least one module each from three of the five module groups** forming the core subject areas. You will specialise in a field or further consolidate your knowledge by completing additional modules.

All modules in this module area are examination modules.

The module groups forming the core subject areas are:

- *Economics*
- *Southeast Asian Studies*
- *Sociology and Politics*
- *Sustainability and Resources*
- *Geographies of Development*

You have the option of placing a **study focus** on **one** of the following areas, which will then be **indicated in your final transcript**:

- **Southeast Asian Studies**
The subject area ‘Southeast Asian Studies’ will be shown in the final transcript if you gain at least 20 ECTS credits in the core subject area ‘Southeast Asian Studies’ (module area C: ‘Specialisation’) and at least another 10 ECTS credits in an Asian foreign language (module area D: ‘Transfer’).
- **Economics**
The subject area ‘Economics’ will be shown if you earn at least 20 ECTS credits in the core subject area ‘Economics’ (module area C: ‘Specialisation’) and another 5 ECTS credits in *Advanced Quantitative Research Methods* (module area B: ‘Research’).
- **Sustainability**
The subject area ‘Sustainability’ will be shown if you gain at least 20 ECTS credits in the core subject area ‘Sustainability and Resources’ (module area C: ‘Specialisation’) and another 10 ECTS credits in either *Natural Resource Management in Asia* (module area C: ‘Specialisation’ – Module Group ‘Southeast Asian Studies’) or in *Sociology of Sustainability – Reflexive Perspectives* (module area C: ‘Specialisation’ – Module Group ‘Sociology and Politics’).

Module Group ‘Economics’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L+T	Health, Development and Public Policy	4	5
L+T	Micro Development Economics	4	5
L+T	Growth, Inequality and Poverty	4	5
SE	Development Economics	2	7
L+T	Economics of Education	4	5
L+T	Behavioural Public Economics	4	5
L+T	Economics of Corruption	2	7
L+T	Anticorruption and the Design of Institutions	4	5
SE	Experimental Ethics and Corruption	2	7
SE	Lab and Field Experiments: Corruption, Conflict and Cooperation	4	10
L	Behavioural Game Theory	3	5
L+T	Fundamentals of International Trade	4	5
L+T	Empirics of International Trade	4	5
SE	Strategy and Innovation Consulting	2	7
L+T	Strategy for High-Tech Start-ups	4	5

Module Group ‘Southeast Asian Studies’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
SE	Natural Resource Management in Asia	2	10
SE	Between Success and Failure: Development Policies and Projects in Southeast Asia	2	10
SE	Democratisation, Elite formation and Social Development	2	10
SE	Multiple Modernities of Southeast Asia	2	10

Module Group ‘Sociology and Politics’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
SE	Sociology of Sustainability – Reflexive Perspectives	2	10
SE	Urbanism	2	10
SE	Conflicts, Disasters, Processes of State-Building	2	10
SE	Organisations, Institutions and Development	2	10
SE	International Media, Development Cooperation and Development Journalism	2	5
SE	Cooperation and Conflict in International Relations	2	5

Module Group ‘Sustainability and Resources’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
SE	Agricultural and Rural Development	2	10
SE	Sustainability	2	10
SE	Gender and Development	2	10
SE	Sustainability and Resources: Materiality and Infrastructure in Society	2	10

Module Group ‘Geographies of Development’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L	Regional Development	2	5
SE	Regional Development	2	10
L	Mobilities and Development	2	5
SE	Mobilities and Development	2	10
L	Human and Environmental Relations	2	5
SE	Human and Environmental Relations	2	10

Module Area D: ‘Transfer’

In the module group ‘Transfer Modules’, a **total of 15 ECTS credits** must be earned, while the module *Applied Development Studies* is compulsory for all students. This project module should be closely related to your master’s thesis.

You can complete this module **either** with an **individual research project** under the supervision of an examiner from module area C: ‘Specialisation’ **or** with an **internship** supervised by the chairperson of the Board of Examiners.

Students opting for the **Foreign Language module** should choose one of the languages listed in the General Study and Examination Regulations (AStuPO) and gain 10 ECTS credits in the relevant language. English is available from FFA Advanced 1.1 (level 4, 'Hauptstufe 1.1') upwards. German as a Foreign Language can be studied from Foundation 2 ('Grundstufe 2') level upwards. For French and Spanish language courses, students have to choose between the Cultural Studies and Business/Economics specialisation starting from the Intermediate ('Aufbaustufe') level. For all other language courses, students have to choose the Cultural Studies specialisation.

For ‘**Development Studies in Perspective**’, the chairperson of the Board of Examiners may also approve modules from other master’s programmes at the University of Passau upon request.

Apart from *Applied Development Studies*, all modules in this group are examination modules.

Module Group 'Transfer Modules':

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
Project/ Intern- ship	Applied Development Studies (at least four weeks)	N/A	5
T	Foreign Language	8	10
L/SE	Development Studies in Perspective	2-4	10
L/SE	Development Studies in Perspective I	2-4	5
L/SE	Development Studies in Perspective II	2-4	5
Total for 2-3 modules:		2-8	15

Master's thesis

All students have to complete a master's thesis in the English language in one of the module groups chosen in module area C: 'Specialisation'. You will be given **four months** to write the thesis, which should have a maximum length of **15,000 words**. You will be awarded **25 ECTS credits** for receiving a pass mark on your thesis.