

**UNIVERSITY OF
LUCERNE**

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTEMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCES**



COURSE OFFERING

**DUAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE
SPRING SEMESTER 2026**



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Semester Dates

Spring Semester 2026

Courses take place from Tuesday, February 17th to Friday, May 29th 2026.

There are no courses taking place on the following dates:

Monday, February 16 th	Güdismontag (Carnival/Fasnacht), no lectures
03.-12.04.2026	Easter Break (lectures until Thu. 02.04.)
Thursday, May 14 th	Ascension Day, no lectures
Monday, May 25 th	Whit Monday, no lectures
Thursday, June 4 th	Corpus Christi, no lectures

Welcome!

The Department of Political Science gladly welcomes you to the Spring Semester 2026.

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 2025)



Study programme Semesters

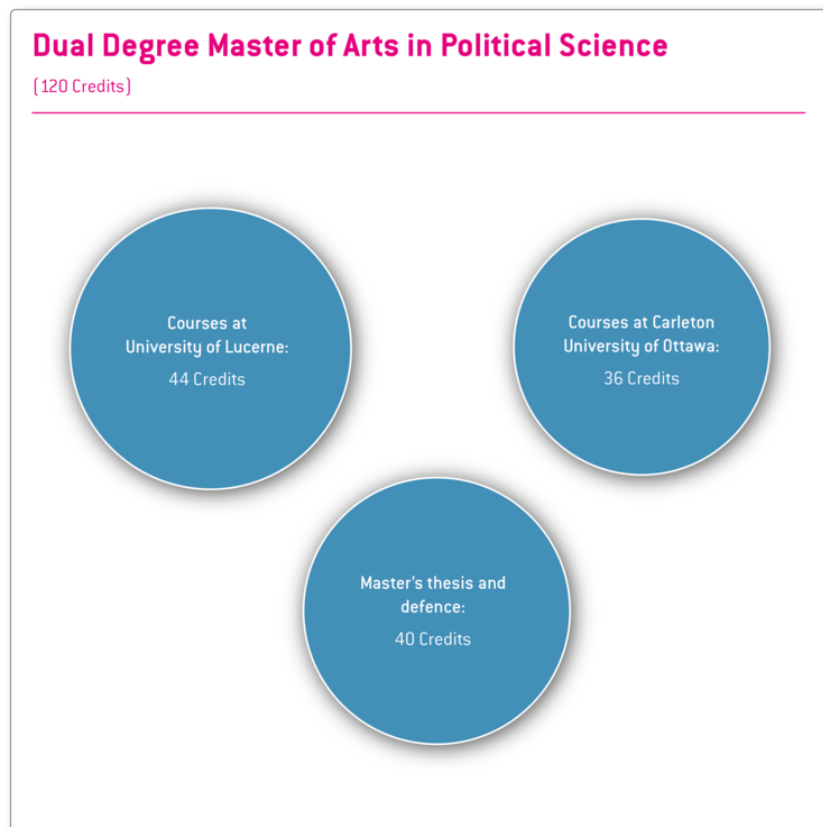
Period	University	Dates	Curricular items	ECTS credits
Fall	Lucerne	Mid-September – end of December	2 MAS incl. MAS paper Free choice of courses	30
Spring & summer	Carleton	Beginning of January – Mid-August	3 courses (incl. research paper)	36
Fall	Lucerne	Mid-September – end of January	1 MAS incl. MAS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

gültig für Studierende mit Heimuniversität Luzern
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	
	Masterseminararbeit		6	
	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	
	Course incl. reserach paper		12	
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 Spring 2026 / Unser Kursangebot im FS 2026

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

https://portal.unilu.ch/stg/ma_ddpolitics/sem=HS26

Format	Lecturers and Titles	Dates
MSE	Haerter: Introduction to Political Psychology	We, 10:15-12:00
MSE	Da Silva: Negativity in Democratic Politics	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Fraile-Maldonado: Public Opinion and the Media	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Roth: The Politics of Apocalypse: Power, Imagination, and Transformation	Tue, 12:15-14:00
MSE	Kjaer: Political Persuasion in a Digital Reality	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Bright: Introduction to Python	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Andrysiak: Experimental Methods in Political Science Research	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Bayer: International Climate and Energy Politics	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Blatter / Schulz: Research Designs and Methods in Qualitative Studies	Wed, 16:15-18:00
MSE	Hönig: Climate Change and Conflict: Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Studies	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Topcuoglu: The European State Building Experience from Swords to Spreadsheets	See electronic catalogue
MSE	De Angelis: Data Mining for Political and Social Sciences using R	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Jaeger: Genealogies of Empire and Global Governance	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Konstantinakos: Politics in Times of Crisis	See electronic catalogue
KVL	Schaffer: Die Schweiz im Kontext der europäischen Integration	Wed, 10:15-12:00
KVL	Schaffer: Klimapolitik	Tue, 10:15-12:00
KVL	Arnold: Einführung in die Schweizer Politik	Tue, 08:15-10:00
KVL	Trechsel: Einführung in die Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft	Tue, 12:15-14:00
KVL	Rieder: Politikevaluation mit Anwendungen in der Energiepolitik	Thu, 14:15-16:00
HS	Ghincea: European Security Architecture and Great Power Competition	Mo, 16:15-18:00
HS	Schlenker: Zusammenhalt angesichts von Flucht und Migration: National und europäisch	See electronic catalogue

HS	Poguntke: Präsidenten und Premierminister – Politische Führung und Macht	See electronic catalogue
HS	Canalejo-Molero: Is Democracy in Danger? The Politics of Democratic Backsliding	See electronic catalogue
HS	Schulz: Demokratie und Erziehung	Wed, 16:15-18:00
HS	Wegenast: Governing Land and Natural Resources for Sustainable Development in the Global South	Thu, 10:15-14:00
KOL	Blatter: Kolloquium BA- und MA-Abschlussarbeiten (qualitative, theoretische Arbeit)	Tue, 18:15-20:00
KOL	Schaffer: Kolloquium BA- und MA-Abschlussarbeiten (quantitative Arbeiten)	Tue, 18:15-20:00

MSE: Masterseminar; HS: Hauptseminar; KVL:Kolloquialvorlesung; KOL: Kolloquium