

**UNIVERSITY OF
LUCERNE**

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTEMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCES**



COURSE OFFERING

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



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Semester Dates

Fall Semester 2026

Courses take place from Monday, September 14th to Friday, December 18th 2026.

There are no courses taking place on the following dates:

Friday, October 2nd

St. Leodegar, no lectures

Sunday, November 1st

All Saints' Day, no lectures

Tuesday, December 8th

Maria Empfängnis, no lectures

Welcome!

The Department of Political Science gladly welcomes you to the Fall 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

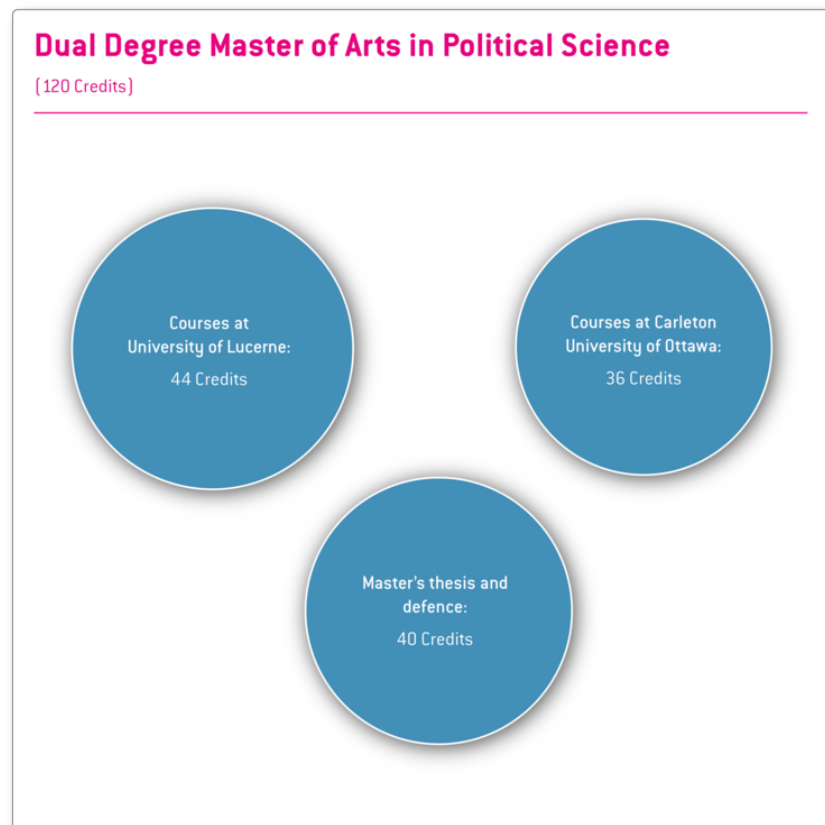
Period	University	Dates	Curricular items	ECTS credits
Fall	Lucerne	Mid-September – end of December	2 MAS incl. MAS paper Free choice of courses	30
Spring & summer	Carleton	Beginning of January – Mid-August	3 courses (incl. research paper)	36
Fall	Lucerne	Mid-September – end of January	1 MAS incl. MAS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

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Luzern	Masterseminar	aus dem englischsprachigen Masterlehreangebot des politikwissenschaftlichen Seminars	4	
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	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 Masterlehreangebot des politikwissenschaftlichen Seminars	17	
Kolloquium	politikwissenschaftliches Kolloquium für Abschlussarbeiten; Präsentation: Vorhaben der MA-Arbeit	2		
Carleton	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/kfsf-reglemente

Our Course Offering in Fall 2026 / Unser Kursangebot im HS 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	Amighetti: Political Theories of Decolonisation	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Hänze: The Historical Political Economy of State Building	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Bacal: Transformations of Politics: From Historical Foundations to Contemporary Disruptions	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Samson: Introduction to Security Studies: Theories, Practices, and Methods	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Klüser: Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Research	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Ruchet: The State: Critical Perspectives	Mo, 10:15-12:00
MSE	Petriashvili: Introduction to Social Media, AI and Politics	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Mundt: Introduction to R for Data Science & Computational Social Science	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Bochsler: Nationalismus, Demokratie und Friedensförderung	See electronic catalogue
MSE	Bien: Das Ende der liberalen Weltordnung? Internationale Organisationen im Krisenmodus	Mo, 12:15-16:00 (bi-weekly)
MSE	Heumann: Wissenskonflikte zwischen Stadt und Land. Eine Einführung in die qualitative Interviewforschung (Research Design and Methods in Qualitative Research)	We, 10:15-12:00
MSE	Bien: Public Opinion and Voting Behavior in Western Democracies	Mo, 12:15-16:00 (bi-weekly)
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 multivariate Statistik	Tue, 14:15-16:00
KVL	Rieder: Politikevaluation mit Anwendungen in Politikfeldern der Schweiz	Mo, 14:15-16:00
HS	Dias Ferreira da Silva: Public Opinion and Voting Behavior in Western Democracies	See electronic catalogue
HS	Schaffer: The Politics of Green Transformation: Globalization, Inequality, and Participation	Tue, 10:15-12:00
HS	Geisler: Comparative Analysis of Democratic Innovations	See electronic catalogue

HS	Stojanovic / Veri: Demokratie und Citoyenneté in multikulturellen Gesellschaften	See electronic catalogue
HS	Poguntke: Ausgrenzen oder Inkludieren? Wie Mainstreamparteien mit Populisten umgehen (sollen)	See electronic catalogue
HS	Ewert: Die Politik der Stadt	Thu, 14:15-16:00
HS	Fischer / Fritzsche: Von der Theorie in die Praxis – Angewandte Politikevaluation	Tue, 10:15-12:00
SEM	Weisstanner: Health Inequality and Public Policy	Thu, 12:30-14:00
BVL	Luminati / Rieder: Integrationsseminar Recht und Politikwissenschaft: Zwischen Gletscherschmelze und Atomkraft: Energiewende und erneuerbare Energien im Spannungsfeld von Recht und Politik	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)	Mo, 16:15-19:00

Legend

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