Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Infosheet: Master of Arts in Development Studies

Valid for the programme starting in winter semester 2019/20
(study and examination regulations version 2019)

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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/](http://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 **30 June**. 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 UNicert® 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 Ms Regina Treipl:

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Important information as you start out on the 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. In the case of this degree programme, the student committee that organises the Orientation Week for you is the ‘Fachschaft Philo’ (aka ‘FS Philo’). 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.

For more information on the O-Woche, visit:
www.phil.uni-passau.de/fakultaetsorganisation/fachschaft/o-woche
(this webpage is only available in German).

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.
www.uni-passau.de/en/intl-orientation-weeks

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 ([www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests/](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests/)). 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:** [www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests/test-dates/](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests/test-dates/)

**Course catalogue, Stud.IP and HISQIS**

Press the Search button (looking-glass symbol) on the Stud.IP home page to find your courses. [https://studip.uni-passau.de](https://studip.uni-passau.de) Then click 'Search course directory', then 'Philosophische Fakultät', 'Master', 'Development Studies', and finally the version of the study and examination regulations under which you are studying your degree programme. This takes you to the module areas, modules and individual module courses for your degree programme.

Moreover, Stud.IP gives you access to module-related content, timetable functions, updates on the module sessions and allows you to engage with lecturers and fellow students via the notice boards. Finally, Stud.IP is used for CampusCard (i.e. the student ID card) management functions. **The username and password used for Stud.IP are identical to your campus computer network credentials.**

**HISQIS**, another VLE system, is the platform students use to register for module and language examinations. The username and password used for HISQIS are identical to your campus computer network credentials. The Examinations Office has further details on HISQIS and how to use it: [www.uni-passau.de/examinations-office/](http://www.uni-passau.de/examinations-office/)

**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 written module examinations take place during the first weeks of the semester breaks. In many degree programmes, students also have to complete written assignments and internships during the semester breaks. [www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/academic-calendar/](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/academic-calendar/)

### During your studies

**Module structure, 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/in the library) to successfully complete the module.

You should try to attend all classes for the respective course. Assessments will take the form of written examinations, colloquiaums, oral presentations, written reports, essays or other coursework. Most modules conclude with a written or oral examination, for which you will receive a mark. If you pass the examination, you will be awarded the full ECTS credit value of the course.

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, which can be found at www.phil.uni-passau.de/studium/praktika/. 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.

Kuwil 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. www.uni-passau.de/studium/service-und-beratung/zkk/praktikum/

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: www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office/general-information/

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. For details, visit www.uni-passau.de/internationales/ins-ausland-gehen/

If you need help planning your stay abroad, get in touch with:

The International Office
Innstrasse 41, 94032 Passau, Germany
Telephone: +49 0851 509 ext. 1160, 1162, 1163, 1165 or 1167
www.uni-passau.de/en/international
Centre for Careers and Competencies (ZKK)

The Centre for Careers and Competencies provides students with a comprehensive offering of transversal skills seminars and a vast range of resources and services to facilitate 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. Furthermore, the competencies seminars and IT courses help students to develop crucial transversal skills and competencies. This is rounded off by the ZKK's seminars on job applications and information on career entry in Germany and abroad, which are tailored to students' needs. For details, visit www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk/

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. www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies/

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. Find the Examinations Officer for your degree programme at: www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/examinations-office/contact/
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! You can find the application form and the information sheet on the pages of the Examinations Office:

www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office/general-information

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. For the Leave of Absence Request Form and further information, visit the Student Registration Office’s webpages:

www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/re-registration-and-enrolment-status/leave-of-absence

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. Please contact the social welfare office of the Student Services Association (Studentenwerk).

www.stwno.de/de/beratung/sozialberatung

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. Further details: www.uni-passau.de/en/disabilities

Accommodation, student finance and support

Housing and accommodation

The Student Services Association (see below for further details) runs student halls of residence in Passau. In addition to these state-run student residences, there are other residential complexes, which are operated by the Church or private-sector organisations. Finally, the private housing market offers many flats (apartments), which can be rented by students, often as shared flats (these are called ‘Wohngemeinschaft’ or ‘WG’ for short). Further details: www.uni-passau.de/en/study/campuslife/housing

The semester bus pass, which is an automatic function of your CampusCard (aka your student ID card) once it has been validated, allows you to use the buses in Passau at any time of day (or night). Buses are a convenient way to travel to and from the University, especially if your flat is located in a district that is further away from the city centre.

www.uni-passau.de/en/international/coming-to-passau/getting-settled/semester-bus-pass

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

More information: www.uni-passau.de/en/accommodation/
If you need temporary accommodation for the first days or weeks after your arrival, the tourist information 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

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 scholarship information events or visiting our websites: www.uni-passau.de/en/scholarships and www.uni-passau.de/en/costs-and-funding

Important contacts

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
www.phil.uni-passau.de/en/study/programme-co-ordinators/

iStudi Coach

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 well 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.
www.uni-passau.de/en/international/coming-to-passau/istudi-coach

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 39, D-94032 Passau
Phone: +49 851 509 1154
(calls are accepted Mon to Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon and Mon to Thurs 1–3 p.m.)
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
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. For information on our range of services, visit [www.stwno.de/en](http://www.stwno.de/en)

Overview of all advice centres

All advice services of the University: [www.uni-passau.de/en/study/services-and-advice](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/study/services-and-advice)

### Related student clubs, societies and associations

**Student committee (‘Fachschaft Philo’)**

The student committee (‘Fachschaft’) of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Fachschaft Philo, 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-philo@uni-passau.de](mailto:fachschaft-philo@uni-passau.de), website: [www.phil.uni-passau.de/fachschaft/](http://www.phil.uni-passau.de/fachschaft/)

**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 (and having them recognised for the programme) 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. [www.kuwi.de](http://www.kuwi.de)

Kuwi netzwerk members have access to:

- weekly e-mail newsletters with a list of vacancies and upcoming events
- the virtual kuwi.community
- the kuwi.mentoring programme

Furthermore, kuwi netzwerk international is a co-organiser of the Orientation Week and holds various events throughout the year for students and alumni, such as the kuwi.karrieretag (careers day) and the kuwi.symposium.

kuwi netzwerk international e.V.
Room ZB160 and 161
Central Library building
Innstrasse 29
94032 Passau
Germany

Phone: +49 851 509 2894
Web: [www.kuwi.de](http://www.kuwi.de) (please note that the website is only available in German)
Appendix: Overview of modules

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’

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<td>Methods and Theories of Development Research</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary Development Seminar</td>
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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’:

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<td>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods</td>
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<td>SE+T</td>
<td>Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods</td>
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<td>L+T</td>
<td>Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Evaluation of Development Policies)</td>
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<td>SE</td>
<td>Research Seminar</td>
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<td>Development Studies Colloquium I</td>
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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 ‘South-east Asian Studies’) or in *Sociology of Sustainability – Reflexive Perspectives* (module area C: ‘Specialisation’ – Module Group ‘Sociology and Politics’).

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<td>Anticorruption and the Design of Institutions</td>
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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 (ASStuPO) 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.

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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.

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