

Thematic areas for the final state exam
valid since the summer semester of 2016/2017

The final state exam consists of the following parts:

1) Master's thesis defense

2) Oral examination:

Mandatory parts: a) International relations (1 question)
 b) European studies (1 question)

An elective part, which a student chooses in his/her registration form for the final state exam:

c) International economic relations, International law, or International organization (1 question)

The topics listed below are thematic areas, to which concrete questions, which a student answers during the final state exam, are related. Only the thematic areas, and not the concrete questions, are publicly available.

To prepare for the final state exam, take the use of the literature assigned in the mandatory courses of the Master in International Relations programme.

International relations

1) Discipline of IR, great debates

2) Philosophies/ontologies of International Relations

3) Realist tradition in International Relations

4) Liberal tradition in International Relations

5) Marxist tradition in International Relations

6) Behaviouralist methodology in IR studies

7) Reflectivist / constructivist approaches to International Relations

8) Concept of security; security systems in historical perspective

9) International conflicts; conflict cycle; conflict management; conflict resolution; prevention of conflict

10) Use of force in inter-state relations; war

European studies

1) Theoretical reflection of European integration

- 2) History of the European integration project
- 3) Institutions of the European Union in historical perspective
- 4) Political process in the EU (actors, representation, decision-making, policy implementation)
- 5) Regulatory dimension of the EU policy-making (i.e. internal market, EMU, energy policy, common commercial policy)
- 6) Redistributive dimension of the EU policy-making (i.e. budget, common agricultural policy, economic and social cohesion)
- 7) External policies of the EU (Common Foreign and Security Policy, Common Defence and Security Policy, European Neighbourhood etc.)
- 8) Internal policies of the EU (justice and home affairs)
- 9) Current challenges facing the EU

International economic relations

- 1) Key concepts and issues in international economic relations; economic thinking and measurements
- 2) The basics of economic modeling and market analysis, and the efficient market hypothesis
- 3) Markets and political institutions, markets and states in international economic relations
- 4) Trade and economic interdependence, non-trade concerns in international trade
- 5) Trade, trade liberalization, and its domestic distributive consequences
- 6) Rising powers in the global economy and state capitalism
- 7) Key concepts in international finance and in the history of the global financial regime
- 8) Euro and Eurozone
- 9) Poverty: different notions of poverty and various policy tools international organizations adopt to address global poverty
- 10) Development and the state

International law

- 1) Public International Law
- 2) International Personality / Subjects of IL
- 3) Sources of IL
- 4) Territorial Issues

- 5) State Responsibility
- 6) International Criminal Law
- 7) International Peace and Security
- 8) The Law of War and Humanitarian Law
- 9) Human Rights

International organization

- 1) Historical evolution of IOs
- 2) The organizational structure and activities of IOs
- 3) Theoretical approaches to the study of international institutions
- 4) The UN and security I. – goals, organs, tools
- 5) The UN and security II. – peace operations
- 6) The UN and security III. – enforcement actions (sanctions, military actions, humanitarian intervention, Responsibility to Protect)
- 7) World Trade Organization
- 8) International Monetary Fund, World Bank
- 9) International institutions and the environment (United Nations, environmental regimes, the climate change regime)