

Master Border Studies - Study Plan

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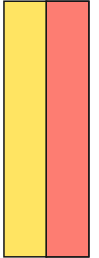
Introductory Module (6 ECTS) Module 1

Introductory Seminar (weekend seminar)
Field Trip (2 days)



Basic Module S: Spatial Sciences (12 ECTS) Module 2

Introduction to Borders Studies in Geography
Introduction to Sustainable Development of Border Regions
Introduction in Cross-Border Governance (or an equivalent course)



Basic Module C: Cultural Studies and Languages (12 ECTS) Module 3

Introduction to Border Studies from a cultural studies approach
Introduction to language contact research
Introduction to Border Identity

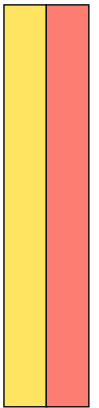
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Advanced Module S1: Migration Research (6 ECTS) Module 4

Introduction to the concepts and theories of migration research
Methods of migration research
Space-relevant aspects of migration and flight (2 out of 3 courses)

Advanced Moduel C1: Language/s and Society/ies (6 ECTS) Module 6

Dealing with knowledge in multilingual contexts
Socio-spatial cross-border analysis



Advanced Module S2: Diagnostic Methods and Tools (6 ECTS) Module 5

Diagnostic Methods and Tools

Advanced Module C2: Border Cultures (6 ECTS) Module 7

Border Cultures

Internship (12 ECTS) Module 8

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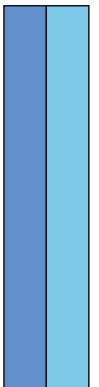
Field Trip and Methods (5 ECTS) Module 9

Field Trip (7 days)
Working Methods in the Field



Politics and Law in Multi-Level Governance (5 ECTS) Module 10

Introduction to European Law
Seminar on European politics (alternative: Lecture in political science)



Specialization Module S1: Geographical Border Studies (6/8 ECTS) Module 11

Cross-border regions as spatial institutionalization processes
Cross-border regions - cross-border cooperations

Specialization Module C1: Interculturality and Diversity (6/8 ECTS) Module 13

Cultural Studies
Intercultural Communication and Cultural Studies

Specialization Module S2: European Spaces and Planning (6/8 CP) Module 12

International urban development / international planning systems
European regional structural policies

Specialization Module C2: Crossing Language Borders (6/8 ECTS) Module 14

Crossing Language Borders

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Colloquium (6 ECTS) Module 15



Master Thesis (24 ECTS) Module 16



Master Border Studies – Annotations to the Study plan

Structure of the programme

The joint study programme implies the study at all four partner universities, with the following mobility scheme:

Semester 1	Study at the Université de Lorraine and Université du Luxembourg
Semester 2	Study at the Université de Lorraine and Université du Luxembourg
Semester 3	Study at the Saarland University and University of Kaiserslautern
Semester 4	Accomplishment of the Master Thesis at one of the four universities and the Master Colloquium

Specialization tracks

After semester 1 the students have to select one of the following specialization tracks:

S = Spatial studies

C = Cultural studies and Languages

In semester 2 each specialization track consists of module elements for a total of 12 credit points and an elective module (from the other track) of 6 credit points. In the semester 3 the students continue with the same specialization tracks. Each specialization track consists of module elements for a total of 14 credit points and an elective module of 6 credit points.

Be careful: At least 11 credit points are to be acquired in courses provided by the University of Kaiserslautern.

For the third semester the so-called *Bestenlösung* will apply: Only the best two grades out of three for the specialization modules will be taken into account for calculating the final grade of the Master's degree.