

STUDENGANGE

MA International Political Economy of East Asia

1. The degree course / Der Studiengang

With a theory-based, contemporary, and practice-oriented range of courses, the Master of Arts programme in the subject International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA) is a new programme offered by the he Ruhr-Universität Bochum. In total, three of the university's faculties – the Faculties VII (Economics), VIII (Social Science), IX (East Asian Studies) – and the Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST) of the University of Duisburg-Essen have joined forces to guarantee professional education at the highest level within the range of areas covered by this unique programme.

The M.A. IPEEA aims to prepare students for East Asian-related activities in research institutions, public administration, international organizations, private sector, and non-profit organisations. Particularly, the compulsory part of the programme, which is focused on the five areas of comparative political economy of East Asia, international political economy of East Asia, language exercises, professional practice or semester abroad in East Asia, and practice-oriented events.

Start of studies: Preferably in the winter semester

Application: free of admission; via Ruhr-University online application

Language of instruction: English and German

Detailed Information: see Module Handbook

The increasing importance of East Asia in the world economy and politics in the 21st century increases the demand for East Asian skills at all levels in research institutions, public administration, international organizations, private sector, and non-profit organisations. The Master of Arts programme in the subject International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA) helps to meet this demand by qualifying students with a modern Master degree for demanding tasks in or in relation to East Asia. The M.A. IPEEA strives to provide skills to perform within a multidisciplinary and multinational environment.

Focus

The Master of Arts programme in the subject International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA) endeavours to inspire disciplinary excellence in combination with the capacity to plan and conduct original research, as well as act and think in an interdisciplinary manner. The students will gain expert knowledge on the political economy of East Asia, learn to apply theories and methods from the political, social, and economic sciences to contemporary phenomena in the region. They will also receive language training and acquire strong language skills in selected East Asian languages at medium and advance levels.

The individual courses of the Master of Arts programme are combined into teaching and learning units called Modules which are completed in terms of content and time. These modules serve to structure and make the programme transparent and usually extend over one or two semesters. The contents and methods of the individual modules are determined by the learning objectives. The individual courses offered are described in detail in the university's course catalogue and can be booked and managed via the eCampus grading system. Information on course content will be announced before the modules commence.

The Master of Arts programme in the subject International Political Economy of East Asia consists of a compulsory and an optional part. The compulsory part comprises courses offered by the East Asian Politics and International Political Economy of East Asia sections. In addition, individual language courses for Chinese, Japanese and Korean are integrated. They are offered by the respective sections. The compulsory section includes a module for internships or semesters abroad as well as a research module for advanced students of the 2nd academic year. The elective part consists of courses from Faculties VII (Economics) and VIII (Social Science) of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum as well as modules from the Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST) of the University of Duisburg-Essen. These give students the opportunity to focus on political science or economics.

The compulsory part of the programme is focused on the following five areas:

- I. CPEEA Comparative Political Economy of East Asia
- II. IPEEA International Political Economy of East Asia
- III. MARM Research Module
- IV. AMEAL Advanced Module East Asian Languages
- V. MAPS Professional Practice or Semester Abroad in East Asia

The elective modules part of the programme offers the possibility to select among the following modules:

- I. IIP Internationale Institutionen und Prozesse [offered by Faculty VIII] (in German)
- II. IT Internationalisierung und Transnationalisierung [offered by Faculty VIII] (in German)
- III. EDG Europäisierung, Transnationalisierung und Governance [offered by Faculty VIII] (in German)
- IV. GDE Growth and Development Economics [offered by Faculty VII]
- V. INTRA International Trade [offered by Faculty VII]
- VI. HECON Current Topics in Health Economics [offered by Faculty VII]
- VII. EELP IVa Compulsory Elective Module "Economics"
- VIII. EELP IVc Compulsory Elective Module "Political Sciences"
- IX. AEAS6 Business and Economy in China [offered by the IN-EAST at UDE]
- X. AEAS7 International Economic and Business Issues of Japan [offered by the IN-EAST at UDE]

2. Candidature / Bewerbung

Programme admission requirements

- At least a bachelor's degree.
- For external applicants: Adequate political and social science knowledge, particular focus on East Asia, each comparable to the RUB B.A. Economics and Politics of East Asia. If this knowledge is partially missing, it can be re-studied up to a maximum of 30 CP.
- Strong English skills: Applicants from a university in which English is not the primary language of instruction must provide results of an English language proficiency examination as part of their application. Tests must have been taken within the last 24 months at the time of submission of your application.
 - Acceptable level: B2 or above: e.g. IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component of the test); e.g. TOEFL 90 (with minimum component scores in each component of the test).

- Acceptable level: e.g. TestDaF, DSH, Goethe, etc. B2 or above.
- Strong East Asian language skills (Chinese, Japanese or Korean)
 - Chinese acceptable level: B2 or above, equivalent to HKS3 or above.
 - Japanese acceptable level: B2 or above, equivalent to JLPT N3 or above.
 - Korean acceptable level: B2 or above, equivalent to TOPIK 3
- German skills: Applicants from a university in which German is not the primary language of instruction must provide results of a German language proficiency examination as part of their application. Preparatory German Classes are offered by RUB (subscription during M.A. IPEEA application process)
- Proof of a consultation with the academic advisory service. You must conduct a mandatory consultation interview with academic advisors and obtain a proof of your eligibility to enrol in the M.A. IPEEA.

The value of strong language skills

English and German are the two primary languages of instruction at the M.A. IPEEA. Strong language skills mean new students can settle quickly into their academic environment, and get to know their fellow students and faculty members who will be their colleagues during their time at RUB. Students with good English and German skills are far more likely to succeed; they experience far less stress and get greater enjoyment and fulfilment from their studies.

Admission Documents for Students with Foreign Degrees: see Ruhr-University online application system

Admission Documents for Students with a German Degree

- A short cover letter
- A tabular curriculum vitae
- A list of your academic achievements
- Language/s proficiency results

Please send all documents compiled in one single PDF file to: ma-ipeea-counselling@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

Enrolment processes

Prospective students with an eligible German degree

General information on the enrolment process: <https://studium.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/studiengaenge-mit-master-abschluss>

Prospective students with an eligible international degree

Application through the RUB central system: <https://studium.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/bewerbung-zum-master-fuer-internationale>

Information from the International Office: <http://www.international.rub.de/bewerbung/index.html.de>

3. Student Counselling / Fachberatung: ma-ipeea-counselling@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

Academic advisors:

- Dr. David O'Brien, <https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ipea/de/team/paulo.shtml>
- Mireia Paulo Noguera, M.A., www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/poa/de/team/obrien.shtml
- Dr. Florian Pölking, www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/poa/de/team/poelking.shtml

Our student advisors provide assistance with all general questions concerning the course of studies. They are also responsible for problems with the display of grades in eCampus and for the recognition of certificates of achievement obtained at other (German or foreign) universities.

Students in special situations and students with disabilities are asked to arrange a meeting at an early stage in order to discuss and organise possibilities of compensating for disadvantages. Regulations are also in place for students with children or relatives in need of care, depending on the respective situation.

FÜR STUDIERENDE

Student counselling / Studienberatung

M.A.: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EAST ASIA

Prüfungsanmeldung / Examination

PRINCIPLES

- Be familiar with the examination regulations (<https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/oaw/de/pruefungsamt.shtml#ordnungen>) for your subject! You can find all necessary documents on the homepage of the Prüfungsamt/examinations office.
- Arrange your performance records (<https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/poa/de/studierende/vspl.shtml>) in eCampus (https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ecampus/ecampus-webclient/login_studierende.html) and check whether you meet the registration requirements (see below).
- Allow sufficient time for the registration process, as you will need several signatures and possibly several consultation hours!

MODULES EXAMINATION FORMS

- Written examinations. Written exams are intended to demonstrate that tasks can be properly dealt with in a limited time and with limited resources and that suitable solutions can be found. The duration of an exam is based on technical aspects, taking into account the CP intended for the module, and is specified in the module description.
- Oral exams. In an oral examination, candidates should demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge in the field of the examination, that they recognise connections and are able to place special questions in these connections. Oral examinations should not exceed 45 minutes in duration and are conducted by an examiner in the presence of a competent assessor. The essential contents are recorded. The candidate will be informed immediately after the examination about the grade of the examination and the reasons for the grade.
- Hausarbeiten. Within the framework of a term paper, a task from the area of the module's courses is properly processed and suitable solutions are found, using the relevant literature and possibly other

suitable aids. Term papers can also be written as an elaboration of a topic presented in the course before. The scope of a term paper is defined in the module description taking into account the CP intended for the module. Theses will be evaluated by the lecturers and returned to the students.

- Other equivalent forms of examination for module examinations can be provided by the organisers and module supervisors, e.g. poster production with presentation, project reports, in-class presentations and internet based examination.

Final Examination: MA Thesis

Registration for final examination

- You must have achieved 60 CP from the curriculum of the M.A. International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA), including the two modules Comparative Political Economy of East Asia and International Political Economy of East Asia
- Fill out the respective forms for the final MA examination and compile the required evidence (see homepage of Prüfungsamt/Examinations Office)

THESIS

The grades of the graded module final exams, weighted according to CP, are included in the subject grade for the Master's programme International Political Economy of East Asia. The Master's thesis receives a special weighting of 50 %.

If students want to write their Master thesis in the subject International Political Economy of East Asia, it must be written in English. It cannot be written as group work.

*) All statements without guarantee!