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## **Courses in English at the Institute of Social Sciences**

Bachelor & Master

Winter Term 2025/2026

Winter Term  
2025/2026 **Bachelor**

### Media and Communication Studies

#### Political Marketing American Style

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Unterberg, Thomas
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

With a focus on the upcoming mid-term elections 2022 in the USA this course will show how political marketing is used in the competition among political actors seeking to gain influence on the public sphere. Increasingly, voters choose parties and candidates like consumers choose products. The competing political parties and candidates therefore try to use political marketing to influence the public and the content of the media in a way that is favourable to their communication goals. Political marketing can therefore be understood as a tool designed to influence the public about political candidates and issues.

#### Living in virtual worlds: The ethics of digitality and artificial intelligence

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Zöllner, Oliver
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

**Bachelor Courses**  
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# Bachelor Courses

## Winter Term 2025/2026

### Political Science

#### Comparative Corruption Research: Causes, Consequences and Cases

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Neudorfer, Natascha
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

#### European Environmental Policy

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Waldmann, Jörg
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

#### Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Olga Jerjomina
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

# Bachelor Courses

## Winter Term 2025/2026

### Between Insecurity and Collective Action: The Politics of Precarious Employment

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Plenter, Johanna
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

### Political Economy of Corruption Around the World

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Neudorfer, Natascha
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

The seminar will provide students with a general introduction to the academic debates on theories and empirical findings of corruption research. The seminar is guided by the following questions: What is corruption and how do we measure it? What causes corruption? What are the consequences from corruption? How do we fight corruption? The seminar combines a general textbook with high-quality research articles and book chapters. Various inter-active teaching methods are used to help students engage with the material and learn about corruption.

# Bachelor Courses

## Winter Term 2025/2026

### Sociology

#### Researching Discrimination through the Lens of Symbolic Interactionism?

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Herrberg, Niklas
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

#### Behavior Genetics: Social and Biological Transmission of Positions and Attitudes

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Spörlein
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

#### Religious Change and Religious Diversity

Term	Winter term 2025/26
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Beckers, Tilo
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesdays, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

**Bachelor Courses**  
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Winter Term 2025/2026  
**Master Courses**

## Political Science

### Leadership in Parties

Term	Winter Term 2023/2026
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Zons
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX
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### EU Foreign Policy In A Changing World

Term	Winter Term 2025/2026
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Waldmann, Jörg
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

The European Union, representing more than 500 million citizens and the world's largest internal market, is acknowledged as an economic superpower. European Institutions conduct a tremendous number of external policies and assemble a large range of competencies to do so. However, the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), incorporated into the integration process by the Maastricht Treaty in 1992, has to be perceived as a latecomer. Since most CFSP provisions are related to intergovernmental decision-making, many scholars doubt that a coherent foreign policy will ever be possible. This class, though, will put particular emphasis on CFSP and the accompanying Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). The historic developments and achievements have to be addressed as well as current problems and shortcomings in this policy area. After analysing and assessing CFSP policy, policy and politics we will explore how Europeanization affected and affects Member States. Selected national foreign policies and their contribution to CFSP have to be compared in this second block.

# Master Courses Winter

## Term 2025/2026

### The EU as An Actor in Global Governance

Term	Winter Term 2025/2026
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Mucha, Witold
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	XX

Beyond its policies covered by the CFSP umbrella the European Union is a major actor in different fora of global governance. How can we sketch EU's actorness in global politics? What is formative on Europe's democratic agenda? Beside these introducing questions the class intends to investigate and assess more civilian external policies of the EU. Special emphasis will be put on the Union's contribution to global environmental governance and climate change regimes or EU's development policy.



We are looking forward to welcoming you  
at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf!

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All courses listed are taught in English. They are open to regular as well as to ERASMUS and other international students.

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