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Department of East Asian Studies

East Asian Economy and Society (EcoS)

Master of Arts (MA)





Course Programme

Key Data

Academic degree

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Duration of the programme

4 semesters, 120 ECTS credits

Language of instruction

All courses are taught in English.

Programme code

066 864

Admission Requirements

The EcoS programme is designed for students who already have an undergraduate or graduate degree. We are open to students with very diverse disciplinary backgrounds. We particularly welcome applicants with a background in engineering, natural sciences and social sciences. Graduates of empirically focused East Asian Studies programmes and other fields of study are also eligible. Our working language is English; prior knowledge of an East Asian language is not required.

Applications for the next academic year are accepted between 1 March and 30 April each year. For more details on current admission requirements and the application procedure please see www.ecos.univie.ac.at.

Structure

- M1 (30 ECTS) East Asian Language (Chinese, Japanese or Korean)
- M2 (15 ECTS) East Asian Economy (Economic Systems and Economic Development)
- M3 (15 ECTS) East Asian Politics (Political Systems and International Relations)
- M4 (20 ECTS) East Asian Society (e.g. History, Religion, Culture, Governance, Regionalism)
- M5 (40 ECTS) Research Seminar, master's thesis, and Final Examination

For all details on the programme structure, please see the full curriculum, available at www.ecos.univie.ac.at.



Mission Statement

The basic philosophy of our programme rests on three pillars:

- 1) We believe that it is difficult to achieve a proper understanding of regional and country-specific issues without a solid foundation in established theories and methods of social science. Acquiring and utilizing such a methodology is therefore a core characteristic of this programme.
- 2) However, even the best methodological skills are unlikely to produce optimal results if they are applied out of context. Historical and cultural traditions, customs, and values limit the number of available options and influence choices in East Asian societies as anywhere else. Knowing and understanding these specific factors is crucial and actively advocated in close cooperation with the other disciplines at the Department of East Asian Studies.
- 3) East Asia is more than just the sum of the countries in that region. Rather than offering “light-versions” of Chinese, Japanese or Korean studies, we focus on transnational and regional issues as well as on comparative approaches.

Content

The M.A. programme consist of four core seminars which focus on economic and political systems, international relations and the economic development in East Asia, as well as a changing variety of elective courses on history, culture, religion, governance and regionalism in East Asia. In addition, students receive basic language training in Chinese, Japanese or Korean. Students are strongly encouraged to improve their language skills by spending a semester abroad in the region.

Occupational Field

The M.A. programme is designed for individuals aiming for a professional career in fields like economics, politics, business administration, law, engineering, etc. who want to gain regional expertise on East Asia. The undergraduate degree usually provides the basis for our students' future occupational field. The distinctive regional expertise demonstrated by holding an M.A. in East Asian Economy and Society (EcoS) enables our graduates to distinguish themselves from their peers who have pursued the same undergraduate studies.



Basic Information

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