



SCHOOL OF CULTURAL STUDIES

AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC EXAMINATION

REGULATIONS FOR THE

MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN

“CONFLICT STUDIES AND PEACEBUILDING”

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Section 1 Applicability

¹The provisions of the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's programmes at Osnabrück University in their up-to-date version apply to the Master's programme in "Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding" at Osnabrück University. ²These regulations stipulate the further provisions for completing the Master's programme in "Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding".

Section 2 Purpose of the Examination

¹Consisting of four semesters of full-time study culminating in the Master's examination, this degree programme results in a postgraduate university degree which qualifies the holder for professional employment. ²The requirements of this examination guarantee the standard of the programme with respect to the current state of academic learning and the stringent demands of professional practice. ³The purpose of the Master's examination is to establish whether the examination candidate has acquired the necessary knowledge and skills to meet the particular requirements of professional practice, has acquired a solid overview of the subject and is able to engage in independent academic work, to apply academic findings and to understand their relevance for society and professional practice.

Section 3 University Degree

Upon passing the Master's examination, the examination candidate is awarded the degree "Master of Arts" (M.A.) in "Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding".

Section 4 Examination Board

Responsibility for all examination-related issues is held by the Social Sciences examination board in the School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences.

Section 5 Programme Structure and Organisation

- (1) ¹This Master's programme including the Master's thesis consists of 120 credit points (CP) and includes a mandatory component consisting of 50 CP, a component "Professional and Research Practice" consisting of 24 CP, and a free elective component consisting of 22 CP. ²The Master's thesis constitutes 24 CP of the total 120 CP.
- (2) The Master's programme ensures that, prior to registration for the Master's thesis, examination candidates have taken at least one piece of continuously assessed coursework in all three of the examination types named in the examination regulations (written assignments, presentation and written paper, and oral examination).

Table of Credit Points "Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding" (M.A.)

Identifier	Module	Recommended Semester	Hours p/week ¹	CP ²	Graded Credit ³	Ungraded credit ⁴	RFG ⁵
	Mandatory Subjects		20	50	5	5	Yes (5)
SOZ-MCP-MCS	Methods in Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding	from 1st Sem.	4	10	1	1	Yes
SOZ-MCP-CCS	Concepts in Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding	from 1st Sem.	4	10	1	1	Yes
SOZ-MCP-PTH	Political Theory / History of Ideas in Conflict Studies	from 1st Sem.	4	10	1	1	Yes
SOZ-MCP-CSS	Conflict, State & Society	from 1st Sem.	4	10	1	1	Yes
SOZ-MCP-CPG	Conflict, Politics & the Global Economy	from 1st Sem.	4	10	1	1	Yes
	Professional and Research Practice		7	24	1	4	Yes (1)
SOZ-MBF-FS	Research Seminar	from 3rd Sem.	2	8	1	-	Yes
SOZ-MBF-KO	Master's Thesis Colloquium	from 3rd Sem.	2	2	-	1	No
SOZ-MBF-SQ	Key Qualifications for Research and Practice (compulsory option)	from 1st Sem.	4-8*	8	-	2-4*	No
SOZ-MBF-BPR	Specialist Internship	from 3rd Sem.	-	6	-	1	No
	Free Electives		12	22	2	3	No
SOZ-M-FWB	5-6 Courses from the other Master's programmes offered by the Institute for Social Sciences (ER, IMIB, SOZ) and/or other courses from Master's programmes at the UOS	from 2nd Sem.					

1 No. of hours per week

2 Credit Point(s)

3 Graded Credit(s)

4 Ungraded Credit(s)

5 Relevant to Final Grade

	Master's Thesis		-	24	-	-	Yes
SOZ-MAR	Master's Thesis	from 4th Sem.					
Total			40	120	9	12	6+MAR

*In the section Key Qualifications for Professional and Research Practice, students can take 4, 3 or 2 ungraded credits depending on the type of course (2 or 4 CP), to achieve a total of 8 CP. This is equivalent to between 4 and 8 hours/week depending on the student's individual study plan.

Section 6 Admission to the Master's Thesis

- (1) Upon application, candidates are admitted to the Master's thesis if they
 - have completed a regular course of study encompassing 70 credit points in accordance with the examination regulations and within the parameters of the actual courses on offer,
 - have passed the courses examined by continuous assessment in accordance with **Section 5** (2), and
 - are enrolled in the Master's programme "Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding" at Osnabrück University for the semester in which they apply for admission to the Master's thesis.
- (2) Candidates must apply for admission to the Master's thesis in writing to the examination board.
- (3) ¹Candidates must include the following with their application for admission to the Master's thesis:
 - a statement indicating whether they have already failed a Master's thesis or a final examination in a similar or a related programme of study at a university or equivalent higher education institution,
 - proposals for their examiners,
 - a topic proposal for the Master's thesis,
 - an enrolment certificate for the semester in which they submit their application,
 - a CV in tabular form and
 - a recent photograph of themselves.

² If it is not possible for the candidate to submit their documentation in the required manner, the examination board can permit the candidate to provide alternative documentation.
- (4) A candidate is refused admission if
 - they do not fulfil the admission requirements or
 - their documentation is incomplete or
 - they have already definitively failed a Master's thesis or a final examination in a similar or a related programme of study at a university or equivalent higher education institution.
- (5) The examination board decides whether to grant or refuse admission.
- (6) The candidate is informed of their admission together with the period of time in which they are required to complete their Master's thesis or their refusal of admission in writing in accordance with Section 41 of the Administrative Procedure Act (VwVfG).

Section 7 The Master's Thesis

- (1) ¹The Master's thesis should demonstrate the candidate's ability to work independently on a problem in the field of Social Sciences using appropriate scholarly methods within a prescribed time period. ²The topic of the Master's thesis and the nature of the assignment must comply with the purpose of the examination (Section 2 subsection 1 sentence 3). ³The topic must be designed in such a way that it can be completed within the envisaged time (subsection 2).

- (2) ¹The time from the notification of the topic to the submission of the Master's thesis is six months. ²The topic can only be handed back once and only during the first third of the time period allocated for completion in accordance with sentence 1. ³In individual cases and upon submission of a substantiated request, the examination board can in exceptional cases extend the time period allocated for completion to a maximum of nine months.
- (3) When submitting their Master's thesis, the candidate must confirm in writing that the thesis – or in the case of group work that section of the project that is marked accordingly – was written by himself or herself alone and that the candidate used no other sources and resources other than those cited.
- (4) The Master's thesis must be submitted to the head of the relevant examination board by the set deadline; the time of submission must be officially recorded.

Section 8 Final Grade of the Master's Examination

- (1) The Master's examination is graded as passed if the candidate has accumulated 120 credit points and all graded coursework as per Section 5 has been awarded at least the grade 4.0 ("pass").
- (2) The average grade of the graded coursework relevant for the final grade is calculated from the average of the respective unrounded grades awarded for these components.
- (3) ¹The final grade of the Master's examination is calculated based on the unrounded average grade of the graded coursework and the unrounded average of both grades awarded to the Master's thesis. ²For the calculation of the final grade, the average grade of the graded coursework is given a weighting of 0.6 and the average grade of the Master's thesis a weighting of 0.4.
- (4) The Master's certificate contains the final grade in addition to the single grades for the Master's thesis and the average grade of all graded coursework.

Section 9 Entry into Force

- (1) ¹These examination regulations enter into force following their approval by the President's Cabinet at Osnabrück University on the day after their publication in an official publication of Osnabrück University on 01.10.2021.