

Bachelor programme “Public Governance across Borders” Joint Degree Diploma 2015-2016

The new Joint Degree programme ‘*Public Governance across Borders*’ of the University of Twente and the University of Münster (WWU Münster) replaces the old double diploma programme Public Administration/ European Studies (BSK/ES). Students who started the new programme in the academic year 2013-2014 and later will receive a Joint Degree Diploma.¹

Public Governance across Borders is a three year joint degree programme of 180 EC. Students must register for the programme at University of Münster. Students pay the regular administrative fees to University of Münster for all three years of the programme. For the second and third year students must also register and pay regular tuition fees to University of Twente.

A) First year of the Joint Degree Specialization

The *first year* takes part in *Münster* (the first cohort started academic year 2013-2014). Input from lecturers of University of Twente is provided in some of the courses. The courses are:

Semester 1 and 2:

- Module 1.1: Integration module (**12 EC**) that consists of the course *Programme Introduction ‘Public Governance’* (5 EC) in the first semester and the course *‘Institutions of Public Governance’* (7 EC), in the second semester. The latter course has an excursion.
- Module 1.4: Methods (**10 EC**) that consists of the course *Methods I* (4 EC) in the first semester and the course *Statistics I + tutorial* (6 EC) in the second semester.
- Module 1.5: Elective tracks (**10 EC**):
 - o Module 1.5a: *Dutch-German Studies*, the course *History of German-Dutch Relations* (5 EC) in the first semester and one course from the areas ‘Communication and Media’ or ‘Politics and Economics’ (5 EC) in the second semester **OR**
 - o Module 1.5b: *European Public Law*, with the courses *Constitutional Law* (5 EC) in the first semester and *Administrative Law* (5 EC) in the second semester.

Semester 1:

- Module 1.2: Core electives (**6 EC**):
 - o Module 1.2a: basic course *Political theory + tutorial* (6 EC) **OR** Module 1.2b: basic course: *Political System of Germany + tutorial* (6 EC).
- Module 1.3: Core electives (**10 EC**): two courses of the standard and reading courses of 5 EC each, e.g. the courses *Political Parties and Election* (5 EC) and *European Integration* (5 EC).

Semester 2:

- Module 1.6: Core module (**6 EC**): basic course *Comparative Politics + tutorial*.
- Module 1.7: Core module (**6 EC**): basic course *International Relations + tutorial*.

B) Second year of the Joint Degree Specialization

The *second year* will take part in *Twente* (the first cohort in the academic year 2014-2015), with input from lecturers of Münster in some of the courses. The courses (three modules) are:

Semester 3:

- Module 2.1: Core module (**15 EC**): *Public Management* (15 EC, first quarter).
- Module 2.2: Core module (**15 EC**): *Public Governance in Europe* (15 EC, second quarter).

¹ After the formal accreditation by AQAS in Germany and by NVAO in The Netherlands. The programme is a Joint Degree Specialization of the bachelor programme European Public Administration (EPA).

Semester 4:

- Elective specialization tracks **(30 EC)**:
 - o Track: European Studies
 - Module 2.3a: 'The EU after the Financial-Economic Crisis' (15 EC, third quarter)
 - Module 2.4a: 'The European Union and the World' (15 EC, fourth quarter)
 - o Track: Public Administration
 - Module 2.3b: 'Policy Making and Planning' (15 EC, third quarter)
 - Module 2.4b: 'Street level Governance' (15 EC, fourth quarter).
 - o Combinations between the tracks are possible:
 - Module 2.3a + Module 2.4b
 - Module 2.3b + Module 2.4a

C) Third year of the Joint Degree Specialization

The first cohort will start their third year in the academic year 2015-2016. The *third year* will take place:

- Semester 5: In Twente, Münster, abroad, or at an internship organization.
- Semester 6: at University of Twente

Semester 5:

- Modules 3.1a-3.1e These are the core electives **(30 EC)**. You can choose between:
 - o Module 3.1a *Free Elective Module* in Twente (15 EC) in the first quarter, followed by an *Internship Module* (15 EC) in the second quarter **OR** an *Internship Module* (15 EC) in the first quarter, followed by *Free Elective Module* in Twente (15 EC) in the second quarter.
 - o Module 3.1b *Free Elective Modules* in Twente (30 EC).
 - o Module 3.1c *Internship* (30 EC).
 - o Module 3.1d (*Erasmus*) *Exchange Programme* (30 EC)
 - o Module 3.1e *Elective Thematic Modules* in Münster (30 EC).

Further explanations:

Module 3.1a AND/OR Module 3.1b: Free Elective Module in Twente (15 EC or 30 EC)

Students can choose between free electives that are offered by University of Twente:

- A university-wide offer of High Tech Human Touch electives. For example: Philosophy and the Governance of Science and Technology. These electives are 15 EC or 30 EC.
- An faculty-wide offer of elective modules (15 EC) from other educational programmes. For example: Crossing borders, International Business Administration, Psychology, or Communication Science.
- The lists of electives at the University of Twente will be published on a special website as soon as possible: <http://www.utwente.nl/profileringsruimte/en/>
- In addition, other universities in the Netherlands or abroad may offer suitable modules ("minors"). These must be combinations that cumulate to 15 EC. Students are themselves responsible for enrolling at such institutions, conditional upon approval from University of Twente (contact dr. Rik Reussing). University of Twente will not cover additional tuition fee or other expenses.

Module 3.1a: Internship (15 EC) OR Module 3.1c: Internship (30 EC)

Students who wish to do an internship can choose between:

- A 15 EC version—either in the first quarter or second quarter of the fifth semester (module 3.1a). The 15 EC version of the internship covers the answer to a relatively small, uncomplicated research question. The internship report includes a reflection of the student on the internship.
- A 30 EC version in the fifth semester (module 3.1c). The 30 EC version of the internship includes answering a large, more complex research question. The internship report includes a reflection of the student on the internship.

Procedures for the internship:

1. Size of the internship:
 - a. A 15 EC internship is equivalent to 420 hours, including an internship report of 3,500 words. At least 320 hours must be spent at the hosting organization.
 - b. A 30 EC internship is equivalent to 840 hours, including an internship report of 7,000 words. At least 640 hours must be spent at the hosting organization.
2. Each internship addresses a research question, relating to a question/ problem in the hosting organization.
3. Organization of the internship:
 - a. The coordinator of the Internship Module is dr. Rik Reussing.
 - b. Students themselves are responsible for finding a suitable hosting organization for their internship.
 - c. Students must find an “external supervisor” based at the hosting organization.
 - d. Students will be assigned an “internal supervisor” from the teaching staff of University of Twente.
 - e. For each internship, a contract must be signed by the hosting organization and the University of Twente coordinator of the internship module. The research question must be approved by the “internal supervisor” and the internship coordinator.
4. Students are responsible for regular contact with the supervisor and coordinator about progress.
5. The assessment of the module will be done by the internal supervisor and the internship coordinator, in consultation with the external supervisor.

Module 3.1d: Erasmus Exchange Programme (30 EC)

Students can choose an Erasmus-exchange programme of 30 EC in an area that is relevant for the Joint Degree Programme from a list with partner universities from the University of Twente and the University of Münster. See for the partner universities of University of Twente, the Blackboard-site ‘Studying Abroad’. For arranging the learning agreement at the University of Twente, please consult the coordinator Internationalization of the Faculty Mrs. Inge van Haare. For the partner universities of University of Muenster and arranging the learning agreement there, please consult the coordinator for the Joint Degree Mrs. Christine Dietz. The Joint Degree students can only apply for an exchange programme at one of the universities, not at both universities.

The content of the exchange programme of all students must be approved by the bachelor exam committee of the University Twente. This approval is mandated to the coordinator of the programme at the University of Twente dr. Rik Reussing. So please contact him on the choice of the courses of the exchange programme.

Module 3.1e: Elective Thematic Modules in Münster (30 EC)

Students can choose elective thematic modules that are offered in Münster, e.g. Peace- and Conflict Studies, Local and Regional Governance, Global Governance and Niederlande-Deutschland Studien.

Semester 6:

- The *Bachelor thesis semester* (30 EC) consists of a professionalization module of 15 EC (module 3.3) and a bachelor thesis circle of 15 EC (module 3.4).

Module 3.3: Professionalization Module (15 EC)

The professionalization module is offered at University of Twente and consist of five elements:

1. First stage bachelor circle (5 EC)
2. Workshop advanced research methods, elective 1 out of 2 (2 EC)
3. Philosophy and reflection (2 EC)
4. Moral leadership (3 EC)
5. Orientation on the labour market and master programmes (3 EC)

Module 3.4: Bachelor Thesis (15 EC)

Bachelor circles are small groups of students who write their bachelor thesis around a common research theme. Themes are close to current research projects of the faculty. There are various themes that match student interests and preferences. The bachelor circles will include input from Münster. The thesis is the final product of the programme and is defended in a final conference with parallel sessions.

The bachelor thesis consist of two elements:

1. Second stage bachelor circle (10 EC)
2. Reflection on the bachelor thesis (5 EC)

B1: 1st year (Münster)			
Module	Parts		EC
1.1 Integration Module	Programme Introduction Public Governance (5 EC) Institutions of Public Governance (7 EC)		12
1.2 Core electives	<i>Choose one from:</i> Political theory + tutorial (6 EC) Political System of Germany + tutorial (6 EC)		6
1.3 Core electives	<i>Choose two from the course offerings, for example:</i> Political Parties and Election (5 EC) European Integration (5 EC) (...)		10
1.4 Methods	Methods I (4 EC) Statistics I + tutorial (6 EC)		10
1.5 Elective tracks <i>Choose your track:</i>	Track: Dutch-German Studies: History of German-Dutch Relations (5 EC) Communication and Media (5 EC) OR Politics and Economics (5 EC) Track: European Public Law: Constitutional Law (5 EC) Administrative Law (5 EC)		10
1.6 Core module	Comparative Politics + tutorial		6
1.7 Core module	International Relations + tutorial		6
B2: 2nd year			
Year, Quartile	Module Code	Module name	EC
2.1	201500146	Public Management	15
2.2	201500176	Public Governance in Europe	15
Choose your track, or mix and match:			
Track: European Studies			30
2.3	201400097	The EU after the Financial-Economic Crisis	15
2.4	201400095	The European Union and the World	15
Track: Public administration			30
2.3	201400099	Policy-making and planning	15
2.4	201400101	Street level Governance	15
B3: 3rd year			
3.1	Internship or (Erasmus) Exchange or Free Electives in Twente or Elective Thematic Modules in Münster		15
3.2	Internship or (Erasmus) Exchange or Free Electives in Twente or Elective Thematic Modules in Münster		15
3.3	Professionalization module - First stage bachelor circle (5 EC) - Workshop advanced research methods, elective 1 out of 2 (2 EC) . - Philosophy and reflection (2 EC) - Moral leadership (3 EC) - Orientation on the labour market and master programmes (3 EC)		15
3.4	Bachelor thesis - Second stage bachelor circle (10 EC) - Reflection on the bachelor thesis (5 EC)		15
Total			180