

## Bachelor programme “Public Governance across Borders” Joint Degree Diploma 2022-2023

The Joint Degree programme ‘Public Governance across Borders’ of the University of Twente and the University of Münster (WWU Münster) has replaced the old double diploma programme Public Administration/ European Studies (BSK/ES) since 2013.

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*. 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 Public Governance across Borders (**10 EC**) that consists of the course *Introduction Public Governance* (5 EC) in the first semester and the course *Current and Future Challenges of Public Governance across Borders* (5 EC) in the second semester. The latter course has an excursion.
- Module 1.2: Module European and Global Governance (**10 EC**) that consists of the course *Introduction to European Integration* (5 EC) in the first semester and the course *Introduction to International Relations* (5 EC) in the second semester.
- Module 1.3: Module Political Systems in Comparative Perspective (**10 EC**) that consists of the course *Introduction to Political Systems* (5 EC) in the first semester and the course *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (5 EC) in the second semester.
- Module 1.4: Module Public Law (**10 EC**) that consists of the course *Constitutional Law* (5 EC) in the first semester and the course *European Public Law* (5 EC) in the second semester.
- Module 1.5: Module Methods (**10 EC**) that consists of the course *Methods* (5 EC) in the first semester and the course *Statistics* (5 EC) in the second semester.
- Module 1.6: Free electives (**10 EC**) that consists of two elective courses in the first and second semester.

### B) Second year of the Joint Degree Specialization

The *second year* will take part in *Twente* 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**): *Governance and sustainability* (15 EC, first quarter).
- Module 2.2: Core module (**15 EC**): *Public Governance across Countries* (15 EC, second quarter).

#### Semester 4:

- Elective specialization tracks (**30 EC**):
  - o Track: European Studies
    - Module 2.3a: ‘EU governance and policy: shaping Europe?’ (15 EC, third quarter)
    - Module 2.4a: ‘Global governance’ (15 EC, fourth quarter)
  - o Track: Public Administration
    - Module 2.3b: ‘Policy Making and Planning’ (15 EC, third quarter)
    - Module 2.4b: ‘Behavioural Public Administration’ (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 *third year* will take place:

- Semester 5: In Twente, Münster, abroad, or at an internship organization.
- Semester 6: at the 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 are published on a special website: <https://www.utwente.nl/en/education/electives/minor/>
- 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 2.000 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 at least 4.000 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, an internship form 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 exchange officer of the Faculty BMS mr. Jaap Stout. For the partner universities of University of Muenster and arranging the learning agreement there, please consult the coordinator for the Joint Degree in Muenster. 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 programme director. 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 called the Craft of Public Administration Research of 15 EC (module 3.3) and a bachelor thesis circle of 15 EC (module 3.4).

#### **Module 3.3: The Craft of Public Administration Research (15 EC)**

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

1. Knowledge and Power (3 EC)
2. Research and Ethics (3 EC)
3. Methodology Workshop (2 EC)
4. Project: writing a Research proposal (5 EC, not graded, pass)
5. Research Traditions in PA (2 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, graded)
2. Moral Leadership (5 EC, pass)

<i>B1: 1<sup>st</sup> year (Münster)</i>			
Module	Parts		EC
1.1 Integration Module	Introduction to Public Governance (5 EC) Current and Future Challenges of Public Governance across Borders (5 EC)		10
1.2 European and Global Governance	Introduction to European and Global Governance (5 EC) Introduction to international Relations (5 EC)		10
1.3 Political Systems in Comparative Perspective	Introduction to Political Systems (5 EC) Introduction to Comparative Politics (5 EC)		10
1.4 Public Law	Constitutional Law (5 EC) European Public Law (5 EC)		10
1.5 Methods	Methods (5 EC) Statistics (5 EC)		10
1.6 Free Electives	Free Elective I (5 EC) Free Elective II (5 EC)		10
<i>B2: 2<sup>nd</sup> year</i>			
Year, Quartile	Module Code	Module name	EC
2.1	202200158	Governance and sustainability	15
2.2	202000513	Public Governance across Countries	15
<b>Choose your track, or mix and match:</b>			
<b>Track: European Studies</b>			30
2.3	202000517	EU governance and policy: shaping Europe	15
2.4	202100318	Global Governance	15
<b>Track: Public administration</b>			30
2.3	202000515	Policy-making and Planning	15
2.4	202000519	Behavioural Public Administration	15
<i>B3: 3<sup>rd</sup> year</i>			
3.1		Internship <b>or</b> (Erasmus) Exchange <b>or</b> Free Electives in Twente <b>or</b> Elective Thematic Modules in Münster	15
3.2		Internship <b>or</b> (Erasmus) Exchange <b>or</b> Free Electives in Twente <b>or</b> Elective Thematic Modules in Münster	15
3.3		The Craft of Public Administration Research - Knowledge and power (3 EC) - Research and Ethics (3 EC) - Project: writing a Research proposal (5 EC) - Methodology workshop (2 EC) - Public Administration Research Traditions (2 EC)	15
3.4		Bachelor thesis - Second stage bachelor circle (10 EC) - Reflection on the bachelor thesis (5 EC)	15
<b>Total</b>			180