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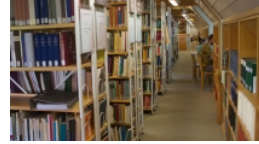
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Master's degree



Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts (MA)
In cooperation with	The American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	<p>The CMEPS programme is entirely taught in English.</p> <p>Of the total of 120 ECTS (credits), 33 are allocated to compulsory Arabic courses. These language courses are partly taught in Arabic in accordance with the students' language proficiencies.</p>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<p>The Tübingen cohort begins their first semester in early October with a blocked course. The AUC cohort begins their first semester in early September in Cairo. The mode of study is in presence.</p>
Application deadline	<p>At the University of Tübingen: 15 May</p> <p>At the American University in Cairo: 1 February (first round) and 1 April (second round) 1 April (application deadline)</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	<p>Students from EU countries do not pay tuition fees.</p> <p>Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries and 650 EUR for students who already have a Master's degree from EU countries</p> <p>More information concerning tuition fees: https://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/31479</p>

Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>The CMEPS programme features a unique structure to hone students' skills in their original area of knowledge and to add another complementary academic discipline to their portfolios.</p> <p>Tübingen's CMEPS programme kicks off with an intensive introductory political science course before the start of the semester. A study trip to international organisations, development agencies, and important political and cultural institutions takes place in the winter of the first semester at Tübingen University.</p> <p>Students with an area studies background at Tübingen and students at AUC pursue the "Political Science" profile. They focus on courses in research methods and theories of political science and non-native speakers take some courses in advanced Arabic. Students with a Political Science background at Tübingen pursue the "Arabic" profile and take intensive Arabic language courses for beginners during the first two semesters.</p> <p>Throughout the first three semesters, all students take the core CMEPS political science courses such as Comparative Politics of the Middle East, Regime Change and Democratisation, Comparative Theories of Political Science, and International Cooperation and Development. Additionally, students can choose a few elective courses during their first three semesters. This could, for example, be a course on international relations or the political economy of the Middle East, international migration governance, social movements, development cooperation, conflict analysis, the political impact of new media, or political regime analysis.</p> <p>During their third semester, CMEPS students do a semester at the respective partner university Abroad, Tübingen students take Arabic courses, a political science course, and an elective course at AUC. Students from the AUC usually complete one core CMEPS course as well as electives during their stay at Tübingen. The students also take German classes at the University of Tübingen. Furthermore, students start working on their Master's thesis during the third semester and prepare a thesis proposal for the International CMEPS Colloquium in January. Tübingen Students then return to Tübingen and present, together with their fellow students from AUC, their MA thesis proposals at a joint colloquium with professors from both universities.</p> <p>During their fourth semester, students write their MA theses and complete their oral defence vis-a-vis the examiners of both universities. During one of the semester breaks or during the fourth semester, students complete an internship.</p>

Course Details

Course organisation	<p>CMEPS students start either at the University of Tübingen or at AUC (=Tübingen cohort and AUC cohort). During their studies, CMEPS students complete an exchange semester. All students thus study both at University of Tübingen and at the American University in Cairo.</p> <p>For the Tübingen cohort, CMEPS studies are organised as follows:</p> <p>39 ECTS in the core modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 1: Foundations of Political Science • Module 2: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society 1 – The Modern Middle East • Module 3: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society 2 – Political Changes and Challenges • Module 4: Issues in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society 3 – International Cooperation and Development <p>Students take 24 ECTS in either the Arabic Profile or in the Political Science Profile (depending on</p>
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the students' first degrees).

- Module 5: Comparative Theory: Concepts, Theories and Methods of Comparative Politics
- Module 6: Language Acquisition Advanced Learners
- Module 7: Language Acquisition 1
- Module 8: Language Acquisition 2

30 ECTS are taken in the Specialisation Area (Modules 9 through 12):

- Module 9: Language Acquisition III
- Module 10: Professional Specialisation
- Module 11: Practical Experience (Short Internship or Transdisciplinary Qualifications)
- Module 12: Specialisations in Politics and Societies

27 ECTS in the Master's Thesis Module

- Module 13: Joint Master's Thesis Colloquium, Thesis, Oral Examination

CMEPS students in the AUC cohort have equivalent core courses. Studies are organised as follows:

Compulsory courses:

- POLS 501/5201 – Advanced Political Science Methods (three credits, first semester)
- POLS 504/5204 – Comparative Theory
- POLS 558/5258 – Comparative Politics and the Middle East
- POLS 530/5230 – Regime Change and Democratisation (three credits, first semester or Tübingen equivalent during third semester)
- Elementary German classes

Elective courses:

Four mandatory elective courses in consultation with the graduate adviser/coordinator of the joint programme

Thesis:

- Joint Master's Thesis Colloquium
- Master's Thesis
- Oral Defence

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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language training provided• International guest lecturers• Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Description of other international elements	Joint thesis supervision from professors at Tübingen and AUC
Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)	All students of the joint degree programme have an integrated study abroad semester during their third semester.
Diverse intercultural background of students	A key asset of the study programme are its diverse cohorts. Students admitted to the CMEPS Joint Master's Degree have very diverse backgrounds. While Egyptian, German, and European students regularly join the programme, our graduates come from all continents - from Thailand to Colombia, Australia to Turkey.

Integrated internships	CMEPS students in Tübingen complete a mandatory short internship during the course of their studies.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	<p>Students from EU countries do not pay tuition fees.</p> <p>Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries and 650 EUR for students who already have a Master's degree from EU countries</p> <p>More information concerning tuition fees: https://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/31479</p>
Semester contribution	Enrolment fees at the University of Tübingen are currently about 167 EUR (from 2024 onwards) per semester. This includes use of local public transport free of charge from Monday to Friday in the evenings, at weekends, and on public holidays. In addition, students may purchase a semester ticket for unlimited use of public transport in the city of Tübingen and the surrounding area (currently about 142 EUR).
Costs of living	According to the Tübingen Student Services Organisation ("Studierendenwerk"), estimated basic student expenses are about 850 EUR per month, including rent for student accommodation.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	As of 2024, some ERASMUS stipends are available for the exchange semester.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>The selection of students is based on academic capabilities, personal qualification and motivation. You are eligible to study in the CMEPS programme if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hold a BA degree or equivalent <p>a) in political science or a related social science or</p> <p>b) in Middle Eastern studies, Islamic studies or a related discipline (only at the University of Tübingen)</p>
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- provide evidence of your proficiency in English (see below)

At the University of Tübingen, applicants' Bachelor's grades must be 2.5 or better (on the German grading scale); at AUC, a GPA of at least 3.2 is required.

At the University of Tübingen, required documents for application comprise the following: high school diploma, BA certificate / transcripts of records, CV, a letter of motivation (up to two pages), proof of English language requirements

Optional documents are: evidence of other achievements (internships, work experience, etc.), contact details of an academic referee (if desired – to be noted in CV)

At the American University in Cairo:

Make sure to select "Graduate Admissions" and the correct entry date as well as the concentration for the MA in Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS) on the application form.

Language requirements	<p>Applicants must provide evidence of proficiency in English, e.g. through TOEFL (score: at least 90), IELTS (at least 6.5, writing section at least 7.0). Students are exempt from certifying their English language skills under certain conditions (mother tongue, previous study experience in English-language programmes); please consult our homepage for details.</p> <p>German language skills are not a prerequisite at either of the partner institutions.</p>
Application deadline	<p>At the University of Tübingen: 15 May</p> <p>At the American University in Cairo: 1 February (first round) and 1 April (second round) 1 April (application deadline)</p>
Submit application to	<p>Online application: https://alma.uni-tuebingen.de/alma/pages/cs/sys/portal/subMenu.faces?navigationPosition=hisinoneapp_studi_no_login</p> <p>For questions regarding the application process, please contact the office of "Advising and Admission of International Students". E-mail: study.master@uni-tuebingen.de</p>

Services

Accommodation	<p>Accommodation is available through the student services organisation ("Studierendenwerk": https://www.my-stuwe.de/wohnen/wohnheime-tuebingen/#toggle-id-1) or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.</p> <p>We recommend you to apply for student accommodation through the "Studierendenwerk" at the same time that you apply for admission to the programme (See: https://en.my-stuwe.de/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/ and https://en.my-stuwe.de/housing/faqs/) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you have received it. (Your application won't be processed until the "Studierendenwerk" has received proof of your admission.) For further information, check out the "Studierendenwerk" website on housing in Tübingen (https://en.my-stuwe.de/housing/).</p>
Career advisory service	<p>Information concerning career advisory services: https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/einrichtungen/verwaltung/iii-studium-und-lehre/ueberfachliche-bildung-und-berufliche-orientierung/career-service/</p>

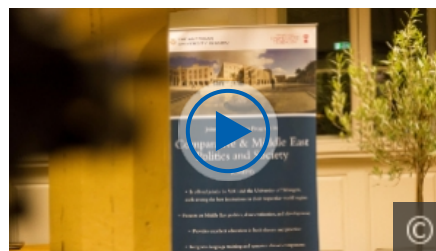


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CMEPS is an extraordinary programme. The students are outstanding. It provides access to top-notch faculty both in Tübingen and Cairo. It equips students very effectively for further academic training and for a wide range of careers in government, the non-profit sector, and the private sector. Relative to programmes offered by peer institutions, it is a tremendous bargain. I encourage any student considering advanced training in the politics of the Middle East to give CMEPS his or her attention.

Our Partners



CMEPS – Studying Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society in Tübingen & Cairo

The joint graduate programme Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS) is the first MA degree in political science acknowledged in Germany, Egypt and the United States. By the end of the two-year programme, CMEPS students will have a unique profile that combines an advanced analytical knowledge of comparative politics with a strong specialisation in the politics of the MENA.

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University of Tübingen



Institute of Political Science in Tübingen

Political Science at Tübingen University

The University of Tübingen, founded in 1477 and one of the oldest universities in Germany, stands for quality and innovation in research and teaching. The university is one of Germany's most respected educational institutions, and it provides an excellent environment for academic studies. With its problem-oriented and theory-driven approach to studying democracy, state-society relations and development, the Master's programme builds on the University of Tübingen's long-standing research expertise in the MENA region. Most modules will be taught by the Institute of Political Science, one of Germany's top-ranked political science institutions, which excels in comparative political science research on non-OECD countries, especially MENA countries. Language teaching and modules on the culture and civil society of the Middle East will be offered by the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies.

Political Science at AUC

The American University in Cairo (AUC), founded in 1919, is the region's premier English-language university today; it is an essential contributor to the social, political and cultural life of the Arab world. In an increasingly globalised society, the AUC offers a vital bridge between the cultures of East and West through scholarly research, study abroad programmes and partnerships with other academic and research institutions. The AUC builds leadership, lifelong learning, continuing education and service among its graduates and is dedicated to making significant contributions to Egypt and to the international community in diverse fields.



📍 University location

Tübingen, Germany:

Narrow steps and alleys as well as pointed gables shape the silhouette of old Tübingen on the way up to its castle. The Swabian university town is home to 90,000 inhabitants and some 28,000 students. It combines the flair of a lovingly restored medieval town centre with the colourful bustle and typical atmosphere of a young and cosmopolitan students' town. The town offers numerous outdoor cafés, wine taverns and student pubs, special shops, restaurants and taverns. Taking a boat trip in a famous Stocherkahn – a boat navigated by means of a long wooden pole that is exclusive to Tübingen – offers a scenic view of the picturesque Neckar waterfront with the famous Hölderlin Tower.

Cairo, Egypt:

Cairo is the largest city in the Arab world and Africa. It has long served as the cultural, political and social capital of the Middle East. Home to one of the oldest and richest civilisations in the world, Cairo is unique with its ancient monuments and historical landmarks that date back thousands of years, from the Great Pyramids to Al Azhar University and the Hanging Church.

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