

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Core Courses

Middle East Politics and Societies
Regime Change and Democratization
Comparative Politics of the Middle East
Development Politics and International Cooperation

Alternate Courses (depending on first degree)

Foundations of Political Science
Foundations of Comparative Politics
Research Methods of Political Science
Language Courses

Elective Courses

Authoritarianism, Revolution & State Fragility
International Relations & Regional Order of the MENA
Contemporary Issues in Political Islam
International Political Economy
Identity, Culture and Norms in World Politics
The Political System of the EU
The EU in International Relations
Integration Theory & Democratic Deficit of the EU
Global Environmental Change
Discourses of Security

Other Key Contents of the Program

Practicum or Trans-disciplinary Qualifications
Master's Thesis (jointly supervised by international faculty)

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CMEPS @ TÜBINGEN & CAIRO

Political Science at the University of Tübingen

Tübingen, as one of the oldest universities in Germany, founded in 1477, stands for excellence and innovation in research and teaching. The university is one of Germany's most respected and provides an outstanding environment for academic studies. With its problem-oriented and theory-based approach to studying political systems, state-society relations, democratization and development, the master's program 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 and international political science research on non-OECD, especially MENA countries. Language training and, if currently available, electives on the culture and civil society of the Middle East will be offered by the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies.

Political Science at The American University in Cairo

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit:

www.cmeeps.net

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COMPARATIVE & MIDDLE EAST POLITICS AND SOCIETY (CMEPS)

A Joint Master of Arts Program

 THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

PROFILE

The M. A. in “Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society” (CMEPS) is a two-year master’s program jointly offered by the University of Tübingen and the American University in Cairo (AUC). It provides in-depth knowledge of the political and societal developments in the Middle East as well as analytical tools for understanding this region’s complex dynamics and challenges.

The focal point of the degree program is the relationship between societies and states in the MENA region as well as the dynamics of social and political transformation. Key topics are Comparative Politics of the Middle East, development politics and international cooperation, as well as issues of regime change and democratization. Students can choose from a range of elective modules, concentrating, for example, on International Political Economy, Peace and Conflict Resolution, or on issues in Middle Eastern culture and civil societies. Depending on their first degree, students of the CMEPS program will also take courses in either Political Science methods or basic Arabic (or German, respectively) during their first year. Irrespective of their first degree, by the end of their studies CMEPS students will have a unique profile which combines an advanced analytical knowledge of Comparative Politics with a strong specialization in the politics, society, cultures, and language of the Arab Middle East.

To promote the link between theory and practice, study trips to international organizations and development agencies as well as to important political and cultural institutions of the respective host country are included in the program.

Keywords

Comparative Politics, Middle East Politics, MENA region, Cultures and Civil Societies of the Middle East, International Political Economy, Development Politics and International Cooperation, Regime Change and Democratization, Security, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Global Governance

OPPORTUNITIES



CMEPS students benefit from the unique set-up of the joint program. The integrated semester abroad at the partner university is a valuable opportunity for students to improve their language skills and immerse themselves in a foreign culture; joint classes facilitate personal interaction between Egyptian, German, and other international students. The program also includes a practicum module for which students complete an internship with a public or private organization, usually in their host country, to gain both practical and intercultural experiences and thus boost their employability and personal development.

CMEPS is the first master’s degree in political science which is acknowledged in Germany, Egypt, and the United States. Graduates will have excellent job opportunities for international academic and non-academic careers alike. They will be qualified to work for national and international governmental organizations, the media, at leading universities, or in governmental or private research institutions. The focus on Middle East politics and societies provides an excellent foundation for a career in German and international institutions concerned with development cooperation or diplomacy, NGOs, Political Foundations and Think Tanks.

Beginning of the Program: each fall term

Available places: 20 places, 10 each at the University of Tübingen and at AUC

Duration: 4 semesters

Language of instruction: English (plus training in another foreign language)

REQUIREMENTS

Are you interested in Comparative Politics of the Middle East?

You are eligible to study in the CMEPS program if you

- hold a B. A. degree or equivalent in
 - Political Science or a related social science, or
 - Middle East Studies, Islamic Studies, or a related discipline
- provide evidence of your proficiency in English (e. g. TOEFL, IELTS, or a similar certificate).

The CMEPS program offers 20 places each year, 10 of which are open for applicants at the University of Tübingen and 10 for applicants at the AUC. Selection of students will be based on academic capabilities, personal qualification and motivation. Up to ten stipends for students at each location will be awarded in a second step involving representatives of both universities, of professional practice as well as DAAD.

APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

The closing date for applications is May 15; studies begin in fall. Please refer to the program’s website for further information before applying :

www.cmeeps.net

To apply for the program please visit:

https://movein-uni-tuebingen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php?_language=en

for citizens of Germany and other non-Arab League countries

www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/Pages/ApplyNow.aspx

for citizens of Egypt and other Arab League countries

IN COOPERATION WITH

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<http://www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/Pages/ApplyNow.aspx> (Cairo)