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## **Subject-Specific Schedule 5.12b International Law of Security, Peace and Sustainable Development M.A. to the General Assessment Regulations for Master's Programs at the Graduate School of Leuphana University Lüneburg**

The Faculty council of the School of Public Affairs has, pursuant to Section 44 (1) sentence 2 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) in the version dated 26 February 2007 (Nds. GVBl. p. 69), last amended by Article 7 of the Act of 23 March 2022 (Nds. GVBl. p. 218), adopted the following Subject-Specific Schedule No. 5.12b International Law of Security, Peace and Sustainable Development M.A. to the General Assessment Regulations for the Master's programs at the Graduate School of Leuphana University Lüneburg dated 17 September 2008 (Leuphana Gazette No. 15/08 of 6 October 2008), last amended on 19 April 2023 (Leuphana Gazette No. 49/23 of 16 June 2023) was adopted. The Executive Board approved the Subject-Specific Schedule in accordance with Section 44 (1) sentence 3 and Section 37 (1) sentence 3 No. 5b) NHG on 26 November 2025.

### **SECTION I**

The provisions of the General Assessment Regulations for the Master's programs at the Graduate School of Leuphana University Lüneburg are supplemented and specified as follows:

#### **Regarding §1 RPO, scope of application, designations**

The study components to be completed in Lüneburg are governed by the General Assessment Regulations for the Master's programs at the Graduate School and by this Subject-Specific Schedule. The examinations to be taken at partner universities are subject to the examination regulations of the respective partner university.

#### **Regarding §2 RPO, Aim of the programme, purpose of the examination**

The aim of the programme is to train the next generation of political decision-makers who, on the basis of their knowledge of law and political science, will advocate for and contribute to a rules-based world order.

#### **Subject-specific skills**

Graduates of the Masters programme...

- have the necessary knowledge and interdisciplinary skills to address the political and legal dimensions of the interrelated issues of security, peace and sustainable development from a holistic perspective.
- have a multidimensional understanding of how to address the critical challenges of security, peace and sustainable development by integrating the study of international relations with the study of the fundamentals of international law.
- After the first semester in Lüneburg, are familiar with key concepts of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary sustainability sciences and have a basic understanding of international law and the legal framework for security, peace and sustainable development.
- After the second semester at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies, students will have the ability to analyse the complex dynamics between politics and international law.

- Depending on the chosen study path for the second year, have a deeper understanding of international law and international security (University of Glasgow), international law and human rights (University of Tartu), international security and conflict law (Université libre de Bruxelles) or globalisation, law and security (Universidade Nova de Lisboa).
- have a deep understanding of international relations and international law in relation to security, peace and sustainable development, which prepares them for positions in national governments, international organisations, civil society organisations and the private sector.
- are able to examine the challenges of security, peace and sustainable development from this dual perspective thanks to the interdisciplinary approach of the study programme and therefore have an in-depth, critical understanding of these interrelated issues and their political and social implications.

#### Personal skills:

Graduates of the Masters programme are able to...

- Find, summarise and analyse information from a range of primary and secondary sources in order to understand their relative value and gain knowledge and understanding of politics (including in interaction with law) in the areas of security, peace and sustainable development.
- apply a variety of research methods
- plan and successfully carry out extensive research work
- learn and apply independent thinking
- apply basic legal knowledge to practical problems
- Find solutions to developments and changes in the areas of security, peace and sustainable development
- recognise and respond to ethical considerations relevant to research on issues of security, peace and sustainable development
- communicate effectively in writing and orally with different target groups (peers, academic staff, experts)
- Use IT applications effectively
- Work effectively independently and in a team, and take on leadership roles

**Regarding § 3 RPO, standard period of study, study structure and scope****Module overview Masters in International Law of Security, Peace and Sustainable Development M.A.**

4.	Depending on the chosen study path from semester 3	Masters thesis (30 CP) at the university of the chosen study path from semester 3 onwards					
3  One of four possible study paths	University of Glasgow	<b>Either</b> modules at the University of Glasgow (30 CP)					
	University of Tartu	<b>or</b> modules at the University of Tartu (30 CP)					
	Université Libre de Bruxelles	<b>or</b> modules at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (30 CP)					
	Universidade Nova de Lisboa	<b>or</b> modules at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa (30 CP)					
2.	Barcelona Institute of International Studies	Modules at Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionales (30 CP)					
1.	Leuphana University Lüneburg	Global Security and Peaceful Dispute Settlement in International Law (5 CP) (MA-ILSPSD-01)	International Economic Law and Sustainability (5 CP) (MA-ILaS-1b)	International Sustainability Law (5 CP) (Ma-GL-6)	Sustainable Ocean Law & Governance (5 CP) (MA-ILaS-1c)	Elective 1* (5 CP)	Complementary Studies: Connecting Science, Responsibility and Society (5 CP) (Ma-K-3)

The standard period of study is four semesters. The scope of study is 120 credit points.

The first semester must be studied at Leuphana University Lüneburg and the second semester at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals.

The third semester is studied at one of the following partner universities, depending on the chosen study path:

1. International Law and Security: University of Glasgow or
2. International Law and Human Rights: University of Tartu or
3. Security and Conflict: Université libre de Bruxelles or
4. Law and Security: Universidade Nova de Lisboa

The respective examination regulations of the partner university apply.

The Masters programme is completed when the required credit points, totalling 120, have been earned. If the required credit points are not earned in Lüneburg, Barcelona and the university of the second year of study, the Master's examination is failed.

The curriculum is composed as follows:

In **the first semester** (30 ECTS), four compulsory modules, one elective module and the module from the complementary course "Connecting Science, Responsibility and Society" (Ma-K-3) (5 CP) must be taken at Leuphana University Lüneburg.

In **the second semester** (30 CP), the following compulsory modules must be taken at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies:

1. "Theories of International Security" (8 ECTS) and
2. "Research Methods in International Security" (6 ECTS) must be taken at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies.

Students also choose four elective modules, each worth 4 ECTS.

In **the third semester** (30 CP), depending on the chosen study path, modules must be completed at the respective partner universities in accordance with the examination procedures applicable there.

In **the fourth semester** (30 CP), the Master's thesis is written at the partner university where the third semester was also studied, in accordance with the examination procedures applicable there.

### Regarding § 5 RPO, Academic Degrees

Master of Arts (M.A.); awarding of multiple degrees depending on the chosen study path in the second year of study. The degree documents are issued with the logos of the participating universities from Leuphana and, depending on the chosen study path, from the following partner universities, provided that the required credit points have been obtained from all partner universities:

If the International Law and Security study path at the **University of Glasgow** is chosen:

- Award of a Masters of Arts (M.A.) in International Security, Peace and Sustainable Development issued by Leuphana University Lüneburg and
- an LL.M. in International Security, Peace and Sustainable Development issued by the University of Glasgow and
- A separate, national joint degree from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the University of Barcelona and Pompeu Fabra University (completed at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies, Spain), jointly awarded by the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the University of Barcelona and Pompeu Fabra University.

If you choose the International Law and Human Rights study path at the **University of Tartu**:

- Award of a Masters of Arts (M.A.) in International Security, Peace and Sustainable Development issued by Leuphana University Lüneburg and
- an M.A. in Law issued by the University of Tartu, and
- a separate, national joint degree from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (completed at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Spain)

jointly issued by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

If you choose the Security and Conflict study path at the **Université libre de Bruxelles**:

- Award of a Masters of Arts (M.A.) in International Security, Peace and Sustainable Development issued by Leuphana University Lüneburg and
- a Specialised Masters degree in International Law from the Université libre de Bruxelles, and
- a separate, national joint degree from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (completed at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Spain) jointly issued by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

If you choose the Law and Security study path at **Universidade Nova de Lisboa**:

- Award of a Masters of Arts (M.A.) in International Security, Peace and Sustainable Development issued by Leuphana University Lüneburg and
- a Masters degree in Law and Security issued by Universidade Nova de Lisboa, and
- a separate, national joint degree from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (completed at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Spain) jointly issued by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

### **Regarding § 6 (3) RPO**

The teaching and examination language is exclusively English.

### **Regarding § 8 (9) Master's thesis**

The Master's thesis is written at the university of the chosen study path in the 4th semester in accordance with the examination modalities applicable there.

**Module table for the Master's programme in International Law of Security, Peace and Sustainable Development M.A. in the first semester at Leuphana University Lüneburg**

<i>Modules</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Types of taught components (type and number of courses, CH)</i>	<i>Module requirements</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>Compulsory modules</b>					
<i>Global Security and Peaceful Dispute Settlement in International Law (Ma-ILSPSD-01)</i>	<i>This course focuses on the relationship between global security issues and the peaceful settlement of disputes in international law (PDS). First, it provides an overview and understanding of the methods of PDS, which range from negotiation to the use of international institutions to recourse to binding forms of settlement such as judicial or arbitral proceedings. Second, this course explores how PDS relates to diverse global security issues in the 21st century, while employing a broad understanding of 'global security' that emphasises interlinkages between security and global challenges such as environmental protection, human rights and migration.</i>	<i>1 seminar (2 CH) or 1 lecture (2 CH)</i>	<i>1 supervised written examination (120 min.) or 1 combined assessment</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>In English</i>
<i>International Economic Law and Sustainability (Ma-ILaS-1b)</i>	<i>In this module, students will be introduced to international economic law, particularly world trade law, and its intersections with sustainability issues will be addressed, in particular environmental protection and labour and social standards.</i>	<i>1 lecture (2 CH) or 1 seminar (2 CH)</i>	<i>1 supervised written examination (120 min.) or 1 combined assessment</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>In English</i>

**Continuation of the module table for the Master's programme in International Law of Security, Peace and Sustainable Development M.A. in the first semester at Leuphana University Lüneburg**

<i>Module</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Types of taught components (type and number of courses, CH)</i>	<i>Module requirements</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>Compulsory modules</b>					
<i>International Sustainability Law (MA-GL-6)</i>	<i>This course focuses on the international regulatory approaches and intersections among the three pillars of sustainable development: economic, environmental and social (human rights). Having developed in different contexts and by different institutions, human rights law, international environmental law and international economic law each have unique structures, narratives and enforcement mechanisms. In line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, which envisage an integrative framework for sustainable development, the course will also explore mechanisms and tools for the systemic integration of the three pillars and recent developments in treaty lawmaking as an essential basis for a sustainable world. Students will gain knowledge of the main international legal agreements relevant for achieving the SDGs, such as environmental and climate protection or gender equality, and learn to identify conflicts and synergies among the different legal frameworks.</i>	<i>1 lecture (2 CH) or 1 seminar (2 CH)</i>	<i>1 supervised written examination (90 min.) or 1 combined assessment</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>in English</i>

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<b>Elective modules</b>					
<i>Sustainable Ocean Law and Governance (MA-ILaS-1c)</i>	<i>This course addresses the role, achievements and shortcomings of international law and relevant global and regional actors and institutions in achieving sustainable ocean governance. Its main focus is on the international legal framework governing the sustainable use and protection of the oceans and the international institutions established for the purpose of, or involved in, implementing these legal frameworks (for example, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the International Seabed Authority (ISA) or regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs)).</i>	<i>1 lecture (2 CH)</i>	<i>1 supervised written examination (90 min.) or 1 combined assessment</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>In English</i>

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<i>Modules</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Types of taught components (type and number of courses, CH)</i>	<i>Module requirements</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>Elective modules</b>					
<i>Environmental Law (MA-GL-4)</i>	<i>This module offers a comprehensive overview of environmental law from international, European, and national perspectives. Students will explore the foundational principles and key instruments governing environmental protection across these interconnected levels of governance. Key thematic areas covered include climate change, biodiversity conservation, pollution control, and the role of the courts and other enforcement mechanisms. Upon completion, students will be able to analyse and evaluate complex environmental challenges through a multi-level legal lens.</i>	<i>1 Lecture (4 CH) or 1 seminar (4 CH)</i>	<i>1 supervised written examination (60 min.) or 1 combined assessment</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>in English</i>
<i>Public International Law (MA-ILaS-1a)</i>	<i>In this module, students will receive a basic introduction to public international law, a body of rules that govern the conduct of states and other international actors (such as international organisations). Two main aims will be pursued: First, to present to students the 'infrastructure' of public international law - its sources and actors, its impact on international relations, and its limits; Second, to illustrate how rules of international law shape international cooperation in important areas of international life (from environmental protection to world trade and peace-keeping).</i>	<i>1 lecture (2 CH) or 1 seminar (2 CH)</i>	<i>1 unsupervised written assignment or 1 combined assessment</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>In English</i>

## SECTION II

### Entry into force

This appendix shall enter into force after its publication in the Official newsletter of Leuphana University Lüneburg for the winter semester 2026/27.

