Module title: Social Sustainability Sciences 1A
Abbreviation: 06-SoWiNa-SN1A-212-m01

Module coordinator: holder of the Professorship of Social Sustainability Sciences
Module offered by: Institute for Political Science and Sociology

ECTS: 5
Method of grading: numerical grade
Only after succ. compl. of module(s): --

Duration: 1 semester
Module level: graduate
Other prerequisites: May not be combined with 06-SoWiNa-SN1B.

Contents
This module provides an introduction and overview of existing social science research approaches in the subject areas of political science and sociology. In addition, interdisciplinary climate and sustainability research has existed for a long time. This is often oriented towards the Sustainable Development Goals formulated by the UN. These describe numerous goals, such as the fight against poverty, gender equality, quality education, health and well-being, which can be profitably illuminated from a sociological perspective. Political science research deals with significantly different policy fields (such as environmental, transport and energy policy) in its orientation. A sociological view of the phenomena includes the description of social inequalities in access to valuable resources as well as social mechanisms for explaining, reproducing and levelling unequal life chances. Last but not least, a sociological perspective offers a critical view of the postulation and relevance of the goals within the framework of power and domination theory approaches.

Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to structure the fundamental questions and research fields and relate them to each other. The importance of subject-related and interdisciplinary work is reflected.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
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Module taught in: German and/or English and potentially other language

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)
a) written examination (approx. 90 minutes, numerical grade), b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes, numerical grade), c) term paper (approx. 25 pages, numerical grade), d) presentation (approx. 30 minutes, numerical grade) and term paper (approx. 25 pages, numerical grade), weighted 1:4, e) portfolio (approx. 50 hours total, numerical grade), f) research report (approx. 15 pages, numerical grade)
Language of assessment: German and/or English and potentially other language creditable for bonus

Allocation of places
5 places. There are no restrictions with regard to available places for students of Social Sustainability Sciences (Master’s, 120, 45 ECTS credits). The number specified is the total number of places that will be allocated to students of other degree subjects in the SFB (list of modules) of which this module is listed. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.

Additional information
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)
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Module appears in
Master’s degree (1 major) Social Science Sustainability Studies (2021)