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Resource allocation

Border Studies, M.A.

Reaccreditation

Last revised: 2022/23

Information from the Quality Office at Saarland University:

In the case of joint degree programme-related cooperation agreements, the partner universities follow a joint, coordinated quality assurance procedure, which is usually based on the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG). This also applies to the equipment and resources at the locations of the individual partner universities. If the programme loses its accreditation or the agreement is terminated prematurely, it must be ensured that students who have already started their studies can complete their studies according to the cooperation agreement (protection of confidence).

A. Staff resources**1. Professors in the participating departments**

Professor/ junior professor	Title of professorship	Name of professor	Teaching focus in programme (if teaching areas are only offered for certain programmes, these should be mentioned in brackets)	End of professorship <small>Applicable if the professor is due to leave the university during the accreditation period</small>
Saarland University: Department of European Social Research				
Prof.	Cultural Geography	H. Peter Dörren- bächer	Human geography	31 March 2023; to be replaced with a junior professorship (with tenure track) 'Human Geography with Special Emphasis on Europe'
Junior professor	European Studies: Western Europe and Border Regions	Florian D. Weber	Human geography	Junior professor with tenure track (1 April 2025)
Saarland University: Department of English				
Prof.	North American Literary and Cultural Studies	Astrid. M. Fellner	Cultural border studies	
Saarland University: Department of Romance Languages and Literature				
Prof.	Romance Language Studies	Claudia Polzin- Haumann	Linguistics, intercultural communication	
Professorships at the partner universities:				
University of Luxembourg: Department of Geography and Spatial Planning				
Assoc. Prof.	Political Geography	Birte Nienaber	Human geography and demography	
University of Luxembourg: Department of Humanities				
Assoc. Prof.	Ethnolinguistics	Sabine Ehrhart	Ethnolinguistics, language ecology, migrational sociolinguistics	
Université de Lorraine: LOTERR Centre de recherche en géographie				
Prof.	Geography	Grégory Hamez	Geography and planning	

Technical University Kaiserslautern-Landau: Department of Spatial and Environmental Planning				
Prof.	International Planning Systems	Karina Pallagst	International spatial planning and development	
Prof.	Public law, with special emphasis on administration and law in construction, spatial planning and environmental protection	Willy Spannowsky	Public law with emphasis on planning law including European and international law	
Technical University Kaiserslautern-Landau: Department of Political Science				
Prof.	German and Comparative Politics	Marcus Höreth	Governance and institutions of the EU, government systems in international comparison	

Note:

All participating professorships are involved in teaching and supervising final theses in semester 4.

Teaching takes place in semesters 1 and 2 at the University of Luxembourg and the Université de Lorraine. The courses in semester 3 are the responsibility of the Technical University Kaiserslautern-Landau and Saarland University. In semester 4, the partner universities jointly offer an advanced seminar for degree candidates (*Master-Kolloquium*).

Some courses are taught in interuniversity teaching partnerships.

2. Academic research associates in the participating departments

Academic research associates from the departments named above at Saarland University and at the partner universities are also involved in teaching the programme. Furthermore, academic staff of the Centre d'Etudes Germaniques Interculturelles de Lorraine at the Université de Lorraine will also participate in teaching.

In addition, there is a 50% position at Saarland University in the Department of European Social Research for the interuniversity coordination of the program.

3. Import modules

'International Planning Systems' and 'Politics and Law in the Multi-level System' are offered by the Technical University Kaiserslautern-Landau as import modules based on a cooperation agreement with Saarland University dated 8 June 2017 (extension in preparation).

4. Student support

The interuniversity support that structures for 20 students per intake year at the partner universities as well as the joint study coordination and study advising ensure that students receive adequate support and guidance.

B. Rooms and equipment

1. Teaching and study rooms

Designation	Places	Department responsible	Accessibility (yes/no)	Equipment
Building C5 3, Room E20	25	European Social Research	Yes	Projector, conferencing system (MS Teams) for hybrid courses
Building C5 3, Room E23	25	European Social Research	Yes	Projector, conferencing system (MS Teams) for hybrid courses
Building C5 3, E26 (GIS pool)	25	European Social Research	Yes	Projector, conferencing system (MS Teams) for hybrid courses, computer workstations with specific software (GIS, MaxQDA)

Further remarks on room equipment:

The partner universities must each provide sufficiently large and adequately equipped rooms for the courses they offer.

2. Literature resources and libraries

The Saarland University and State Library (SULB) has its own sections with literature relevant to the field of study in the following subject areas:

Language, literature and cultural studies: Philology Library British/American Studies, German Studies, Romance Studies <https://www.sulb.uni-saarland.de/bibliotheken-der-uds/bibliotheken-der-philosophischen-fakultaet/die-philologische-bibliothek-anglistik/amerikanistik-germanistik-romanistik-angewandte-sprachwissenschaft>

Section library available:

Human geography: Divisional Library of Human Sciences <https://www.sulb.uni-saarland.de/bibliotheken-der-uds/fakultaet-fuer-empirische-humanwissenschaften-und-wirtschaftswissenschaft/bereichsbibliothek-empirische-humanwissenschaften>

Weekly opening hours: 65 hours per week

Loan library

Weekend loan available

Further remarks on literature resources/library:

Students also have access to the libraries of the partner universities and thus extensive access to subject-specific literature in all languages of the programme:

- Luxembourg Learning Centre https://www.de.uni.lu/luxembourg_learning_centre
- Bibliothèques Universitaires at the Université de Lorraine <http://bu.univ-lorraine.fr/bibliotheques>
- Technical University Kaiserslautern-Landau university library <https://www.ub.uni-kl.de/>

3. IT infrastructure

Saarland University has purchased a campus license for Microsoft Office 365 for the university-wide use of Microsoft (MS) Teams for digital teaching since 2020. Office 365 and MS Teams offer extensive e-learning features for courses and exams, including digital course environments, group spaces, study material upload and collaboration.

The partner universities use the following tools for digital and hybrid teaching:

- University of Luxembourg: Webex
- Université de Lorraine: MS Teams
- Technical University Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU): Big Blue Button + OpenOLAT

The OpenOLAT system provided by RPTU is used as a blended learning platform for all partner universities. This provides a tool with extensive blended learning features for all courses. The platform is also used to provide information for studying the programme in a central space (e.g. official study programme documents, study plans, cover sheets, guidelines on academic work, etc.).

Additional software used in teaching the degree programme:

Software	License available for use in teaching (yes/no)	Student license is provided (yes/no)	Comments
MaxQDA	Yes	No	See B.4

4. Further remarks on rooms and equipment:

The GIS pool of the Department of European Social Research is also accessible to students for practice purposes outside of the course sessions.