

Regulations for the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies'

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§ 1 Scope

- (1) These regulations govern the objectives, content and structure of the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies' at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder). They apply to all participants in the certificate programme. The certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies' certifies participation in designated courses in accordance with §3 (2) without offering a separate course.

§ 2 Awarding of the certificate

- (1) The European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) awards the certificate 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies'. The certificate is awarded by the President of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) and the academic coordinator of the Competence Network for Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies Frankfurt (Oder) – Berlin (Competence Network for Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies Frankfurt (Oder) – Berlin, hereinafter referred to as KIU) and bears the seal of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder).
- (2) In order to receive the certificate, participants must prove that they have completed the courses, including a Ukrainian language course offered by the language centres of the universities listed in §3 (1), as well as a compulsory internship in accordance with the module structure (Appendix 1). Proof is provided to the KIU coordinator on the basis of the ECTS credits acquired in the courses attended in accordance with § 3 (2) and listed in Appendix 1.
- (3) By awarding the certificate, the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) certifies the acquisition of in-depth academic knowledge and practical skills in the field of social, cultural, legal, economic and media studies of Ukraine, as well as the acquisition of the Ukrainian language as a foreign language.

§ 3 Courses and teaching programme

- (1) The teaching programme for the certificate is determined and implemented by the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) in cooperation with Humboldt University Berlin and the Free University Berlin.
- (2) The courses to be attended as part of the teaching programme in accordance with paragraph 1 are regular courses at the universities mentioned in paragraph 1 with a proven connection to Ukraine. They which are offered in the Master's programmes at the universities mentioned in paragraph (1).
- (3) The modules of the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies' and the courses offered in the modules are announced on the KIU website and in the relevant university portals (in particular the viaCampus portal of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)).
The KIU academic coordinator will provide academic and subject-specific advice t to participants.
- (4) Lecturers at the European University Viadrina can assign their relevant Master's-level courses to the module structure of the certificate programme in the viaCampus system

and, provided they have been successfully examined in accordance with paragraph 6, can integrate them into the course offerings of the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies'.

- (5) The KIU coordinator will review the assignment of courses to modules in accordance with §3(2) to the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies' and to the respective modules on the basis of the criteria specified in Appendix 3.

§ 4 Compulsory internship

- (1) The internship is compulsory, with the scope specified in Appendix 1. The internship must also be completed in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 2.
- (2) The intern in the certificate programme must submit a written internship report on the nature and scope of the internship activities to the Career Centre of the European University Viadrina and to the KIU academic coordinator within four weeks of the end of the internship. The internship report must show that the intern has worked on a Ukraine related topic and must detail the topic and tasks they have dealt with.
- (3) The Career Centre of the European University Viadrina is responsible for assessing the suitability of the internship position and approving the internship report.

§ 5 Requirements for participation in the certificate programme

- (1) The certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies' is aimed at students enrolled in a master's programme at the European University Viadrina. The certificate can be requested informally from the KIU academic coordinator together with the evidence specified in §2 (2).
- (2) Students enrolled in a Master's programme at other universities may also participate in the certificate programme. Students who are not enrolled as Master's students at the European University Viadrina must register as guest students at the European University Viadrina.

§ 6 Entry into force

The certificate regulations shall enter into force the day after the approval has been officially announced by the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder).

Appendices

1. Module structure of the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies'; as of November 2025
2. Criteria for assessing the suitability of internships for the certificate programme
3. Criteria for assigning courses to the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies' and to the respective modules.

Appendix 1: Module structure

Module 1 'History and Culture of Ukraine'	Minimum 3 ECTS	Total 18 ECTS (3 per module + an additional 9 freely distributable across modules 1- 3)
Module 2 'State and Society in Ukraine'	Min. 3 ECTS	
Module 3 'Conflict, war and multiple crises in a global context'	Min. 3 ECTS	
Ukrainian language course	3 ECTS	12 ECTS
Ukraine Lecture Series	3 ECTS	
Mandatory internship of at least 6 weeks of full-time work	6	

The total scope of the modules corresponds to 18 ECTS credits and 540 hours. The sequence of courses is not fixed and can be freely chosen by the participants. The acquisition of ECTS credits for modules 1-3, the Ukrainian language course and the Ukraine Lecture Series depends on the completion of examinations as specified in the module descriptions of the universities.

Appendix 2: Criteria for assessing the suitability of internships and compulsory internships for the certificate programme "Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies" – Internship guidelines

- (1) The compulsory internship should have a minimum duration of 6 weeks with 40 hours working time per week. In principle, a part-time internship is also possible if the duration of the internship is extended accordingly.
- (2) The compulsory internship and the work to be carried out must have a specific connection to Ukraine.
- (3) The connection to Ukraine in accordance with (2) must be evident from the job description to be submitted to the Career Centre before the compulsory internship begins and from the internship report to be submitted after the internship has been completed.
- (4) The internship position can be with an organisation in the fields of politics, administration, media, culture, civil society, business, science management & networking, science & research.
- (5) The compulsory internship cannot be completed at the university offering the certificate programme (European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Humboldt University of Berlin, Free University of Berlin) or at any other university at which the participant is enrolled at the time of completing the compulsory internship.
- (6) After completing the compulsory internship, participants must submit an internship report and an internship certificate written and signed by the internship provider to the Career Centre of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) in accordance with the guidelines of the Career Centre of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder). These guidelines of the Career Centre of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) will be communicated to the participant before the start of the internship.

Appendix 3: Criteria for assigning courses to the "Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies" certificate programme and to the respective modules

In principle, all courses in the Master's programmes that have a clearly recognisable connection to Ukraine and are offered at the European University Viadrina, Humboldt University of Berlin or Free University of Berlin can be assigned to the modules of the certificate programme 'Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies'.

Courses to be assigned to Module 1 'History and Culture of Ukraine' must meet the following criteria:

- The course deals with topics related to history, language, literature, art or cultural studies.
- The above-mentioned topics must be directly related to Ukraine (e.g. history of Ukraine), using Ukraine as an example (e.g. interrelationships in European cultural history using Ukraine as an example) or comparatively (e.g. comparative history of transformation in Poland and Ukraine).
- Courses that have a broad regional focus (e.g. Eastern Europe) but with an emphasis on Ukraine are also permitted.

Courses to be assigned to Module 2, 'State and Society in Ukraine'" must meet the following criteria:

- The course deals with topics related to politics, social sciences, law, media or economics.
- The above-mentioned topics are offered with direct reference to Ukraine (e.g. Ukraine's political system), using Ukraine as an example (e.g. revolutions, civil society and democratisation using Ukraine as an example) or comparatively (e.g. economic aspects of EU integration in Poland and Ukraine in comparison).
- Courses that have a broad regional focus (e.g. Eastern Europe) but with an emphasis on Ukraine are also permitted.

Courses that are to be assigned to Module 3 'Conflict, War and Multiple Crises in a global context' must meet the following criteria:

- The course focuses on internal or external conflict constellations, including their causes, dynamics and approaches to resolution.
- The aforementioned conflict constellations are offered with direct reference to Ukraine (e.g. social lines of conflict in the context of Ukraine's EU integration), using Ukraine as an example (e.g. effects of imperial Russian policy from the 15th to 21st centuries using Ukraine as an example) or comparatively (e.g. visual and musical revolutionary art in Poland and Ukraine in comparison).
- Courses that have a broad regional focus (e.g. Eastern Europe) but with an emphasis on Ukraine are also permitted.

The academic coordinator decides on the assignment of individual courses to modules 1-3.