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Zürich University
of Applied Sciences

**School of
Management and Law**

Module description: Political Science

Module Code	w.BA.XX.2PolWi.XX
ECTS Credits	6
Language of Instruction/Examination	German
Module Description	Students acquire and deepen their knowledge and understanding of Switzerland's political system and compare it with other political systems.
Organizational Unit	Inst. für Verwaltungsmgmt IVM
Module Coordinator	Yvonne Hegele
Deputy Module Coordinator	Kevin Andermatt
Program and Specialization	• Business Administration - Specialization in Economics and Politics
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations BSc dated 29.01.2009, for the degree programs in Business Administration, International Management, Business Information Technology, Business Law, Business Law and Applied Law, first adopted on 12.05.2009

Module Category	**Module Type** Compulsory	**Program Phase** Main Study Period

Prerequisite Knowledge	none
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	• Professional Competence • Methodological Competence • Social Competence • Self-Competence
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives	**Professional Competence** • Knowing and Understanding Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance • Apply, Analyze, and Synthesize Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance • Evaluate Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance **Methodological Competence** • Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking • Scientific Methodology • Work Methods, Techniques, and Procedures • Information Literacy • Creativity & Innovation **Social Competence** • Written Communication • Oral Communication • Teamwork & Conflict Management • Intercultural Insight & Ability to Change Perspective **Self-Competence** • Self-Management & Self-Reflection • Ethical & Social Responsibility • Learning & Change
Module Learning Objectives	Students... • are aware of the the topics of political science and know the fundamental concepts and theories. • are able to explain the structure and manner of operation of Switzerland's political system. • are able to compare the political system of Switzerland with foreign systems using key criteria. • are able to recognize the legitimate possibilities of the parties, businesses, and the population to influence the legislative process based on current political bills. • are able to critically evaluate a political process and/or motion. • are able to describe complex political interrelationships in an oral presentation. • are able to write a paper that deals with sources and literature in accordance with scientific standards.

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Module Content	• Introduction to political science and democratic theory • Introduction to the political system of Switzerland (legislative, executive, federalism) • Analysis of legislative processes and public policies as well as relevant stakeholders (parties, associations, inter-/supranational players) • Policy theory
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules: • w.BA.XX.2PolKomm.XX
Digital Learning Resources	• Teaching Videos • Multiple Choice Tests
Methods of Instruction	• Interactive Instruction • Lecture • Application Tasks • Explorative Learning • Exercises Social Settings Used: • Individual Work • Group Work • Pair Work

Type of Instruction

	Classroom Instruction	Guided Self-Study	Autonomous Self-Study
Large Class	28 h	-	
Small Class	28 h	-	
Group Instruction	-	-	
Practical Work	-	-	
Seminar	-	-	
Total	**56 h**	**0 h**	**124 h**

Performance Assessment

End-of-module exam	Form	Length (min.)	Weighting
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Permitted Resources			

Others	Assessment	Format	Length (min.)	Weighting
Talk/oral presentation	Pass/Fail	Gruppenarbeit	25	0.00
Written Assignment	Grade	Einzelarbeit	0	100.00

Classroom Attendance Requirement	None
Compulsory Reading	• Vatter, A. (2020). Das politische System der Schweiz. 4th edition. UTB. ISBN 978-3-8487-6564-5. Note: The German edition is available online from the university library. • Knill, C. & Tosun, J. (2020). Public policy: A new introduction. 2nd edition. Red Globe Press. ISBN 9781137573292. Note: the German edition is available online from the university library.
Recommended Reading	
Comments	• Talk/oral presentation: Talk/oral presentation: Simulation of a parliamentary debate with individual speeches. • Written individual assignment on a legislative process of your choice.