

		Empirical-Analytical	Interpretative			Mixed methods					
Year 1, Semester 1: <i>From generic to thematic specialisation</i>	Block 1	Epistemology, Quality and Ethics in Social Science Research (12 EC)									
	Block 2	Thematic Elective (9EC)	Thematic Elective (9EC)	Thematic Elective (9EC)	Thematic Elective (9EC)	Thematic Elective (9EC)	Thematic Elective (9EC)				
	Block 3										
Year 1, Semester 2: <i>Methodological training</i>	Block 4	Design in Quantitative Research (6EC)	Data and Measurement (6EC)	Research skills: Ethnography and beyond (6EC)	Interpreting Qualitative Data (6EC)	Data and Measurement (6EC)	Methods Elective* (6EC)				
	Block 5	Statistical Models in the Social Sciences (9EC)	Methods Elective (6EC) Team Work Research Seminar (3EC)	Qualitative Research Design and Fieldwork Proposal (9EC)	Methods Elective (6EC) Team Work Research Seminar (3EC)	Mixed Methods Design and Analysis (9EC)	Methods Elective (6EC) Team Work Research Seminar (3EC)				
	Block 6										
Year 2 Semester 3: <i>Practical research, and/or further methodological training</i>	Block 1	Methods Electives** (12EC) + Internship (12EC)		Fieldwork (24EC)	OR	Fieldwork (12EC) + Internship (12EC)	Methods Electives** (12EC) + Internship (12EC)	OR	Internship (12EC) + Fieldwork (12EC)	OR	Methods Electives** (12EC) + Fieldwork (12EC)
	Block 2										
	Block 3	Research Proposal Workshop (6EC)		Working with Fieldwork Data (6EC)			Mixed Methods in Practice (6EC)				
Year 2 Semester 4: <i>Thesis and Workshops</i>	Block 4	Thesis Seminar (3EC) Workshops Academic & Professional skills (3EC) Thesis (24EC)									
	Block 5										
	Block 6										

\* For students in the Mixed Methods specialisation it is mandatory to follow either Interpreting Qualitative Data (6EC) or Research skills: Ethnography and beyond (6 EC)

\*\* one methods elective in semester 3 can be replaced by an Individual Reading Course

**Electives per methods specialisation, Cohort 2024-2026 standard options**

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<b>Thematic Electives (9 EC) – Semester 1 block 2+3 S1*</b>		
Culture, Markets, Power Race, Sex, and Postcolonial STS The Politics of Sustainability: Environments, Cultures, Materials Immigration, Precarious Labor and Segregation A Crisis of democracy? Challenge(r)s in the 21st century		
<b>Methods Electives (6 EC) – Semester 2 block 4</b>		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Interpreting Qualitative Data (6EC) Research skills: Ethnography and beyond (6 EC)
<b>Methods Electives (6 EC) – Semester 2 block 5</b>		
Policy Oriented Research (6 EC, B5) Computational Social Science analysis (6 EC, B5) Content Analysis (6 EC, B5) ** Experimentation in the Social Sciences (6 EC, B5) ** Big Data I (6 EC, B5) **	Policy Oriented Research (6 EC, B5) Analyzing talk and language (6 EC, B5)	Policy Oriented Research (6 EC, B5) Analyzing talk and language (6 EC, B5) Computational Social Science analysis (6 EC, B5) Content Analysis (6 EC, B5) ** Experimentation in the Social Sciences (6 EC, B5) ** Big Data I (6 EC, B5) **
<b>Methods Electives (12 EC) - Semester 3 block 1+2</b>		
Measuring Meaning (6 EC, B1) Experimentation in the Social Sciences (6 EC, B1) ** Qualitative Analysis of Media Content (6 EC, B1) **	Not applicable	Measuring Meaning (6 EC, B1) Experimentation in the Social Sciences (6 EC, B1) ** Qualitative Analysis of Media Content (6 EC, B1) **
Big Data I (6 EC, B2) ** Analysis of Longitudinal Data (6 EC, B2) ** Using R for data wrangling, analysis and visualization (6 EC, B2) **	Not applicable	Big Data I (6 EC, B2) ** Analysis of Longitudinal Data (6 EC, B2) ** Using R for data wrangling, analysis and visualization (6 EC, B2) **
Structural Equation Modelling (12 EC, B1&2) **	Not applicable	Structural Equation Modelling (12 EC, B1&2) **

\* one Thematic Elective (TE) can be replaced by a TE of [MPOL, CRG](#) or [MSOC](#): if the schedule allows it, places are available, the Examinations Board gave approval, and the TE takes place in block 2+3 (S1).  
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\*\* Course is offered by the Research Master Communication Science. Three/Five spots are reserved for RMSS students and more spaces might be available if the course does not fill up.