

Rules Concerning Research Modules

- Research Modules are announced on a revolving basis via the homepage of the examination office (“Prüfungsamt”) at <https://pafak3.wiwi.uni-siegen.de/info/wp-content/uploads/Studiengang/Langfristplanung/ep-msc-2019.pdf>. This allows students to plan according to their individual preferences with a perspective of one to two years in advance. Note that these announcements, however, are subject to change and not absolutely binding. It is intended to stick to these announcements, but due to unforeseen events this cannot be guaranteed. Binding announcements of Research Modules (and other modules) are exclusively made via *unisono*. Students will check the individual homepages of the professors and the examination office as well as *unisono* regularly to keep up with new information.
- There are two necessary steps for registration: First, students will apply in *unisono* for the course (*unisono* is available by end of January for the following summer semester and by end of July for the following winter semester); also students will inform themselves about the detailed contents of the course. Second, students must register in *unisono* for the examination; this can be done from February 15 to March 20 for the following summer semester and August 15 to September 20 for the following winter semester. (Note that the application for the course and the registration for the examination are two separate steps in *unisono*.)
- The number of participants in each Research Module is restricted; usually, 12 to 15 participants will be admitted. If the number of registrations is greater than the number of places available, then a selection must be made, which students will get the final admission. Here, priority will be given to more advanced students (third or fourth semester, greater number of earned credits) and to those who have not yet successfully completed a Research Module. The allocation will be handled by the examination office in consultation with the professor.
- Up to the end of the second week of teaching, students can decide to drop the course without consequences. For this purpose, the examination registration in *unisono* must be cancelled and the professor must be informed by email. Dropping a course after the second week will result in a fail (grade 5.0) and count towards the maximum number of attempts (which is three).
- Students should consider in advance that the Research Modules are intended for advanced students and are very demanding. Research Modules frequently contain several mandatory requirements with binding deadlines, such as term papers, problem sets and mid-term exams. Failure to hand in those will also result in a grade of 5.0 for the respective assignment. Moreover, enrolling to a research module and then not taking the exam may prevent other students from taking the course. Therefore, students should only register for the examination if they are sure that they will finish the course. Furthermore, due to the high amount of work related to Research Modules, it is highly recommended that students take only one Research Module in a given semester.
- Participation in the seminar part (usually at the end of the teaching period) is mandatory. Students are responsible for avoiding scheduling conflicts by checking dates before registration, and scheduling conflicts (of any kind) will not be accepted as a reason for non-participation.