

## **Graduation Requirements for Master Students**

### **Credit Requirements**

In principal, there will be two years to complete your master degree, yet an extension of maximum two years may be granted if necessary. In other words, four years will be the maximum for full-time master students to complete your studies. For part-time students registered in the evening continuing master degree program, extra one more year is applied, apart from two years extension. In other words, the total years of your master studies will be five years at the maximum.

The first year of your master program will be more on foundation courses, and the second year shifting on advanced studies with particular regional focus. There are four courses totaled 12 credits for required core courses, and 6 credits for your Master thesis. You ought to take another 7 courses totaled 21 credits from optional courses offered. In total, you need to take 39 credits of courses to complete your master degree.

The optional courses are divided into four foundational areas of studies, which include: (1) Political System and Public Economics; (2) Political Governance and Development; (3) Global and International Political Economy; (4) Regional Studies of Political Economy. Once registered, every master student needs to choose one out of the four areas of studies as your major by taking two courses of 6 credits in addition to four compulsory courses of 12 credits. And you need to choose at least one course of 3 credits from the remaining 3 areas. The remaining 6 credits (two courses) can be any course within the four areas of studies. For those evening part-time master students, you need to apply for permission to take courses offered for full-time students. Should you wish to take courses offered outside this Institute, permission from the Head of the Institute will be required. Yet, in principle, one course (3 credits) in each semester, and the total credits earned outside the Institute will be maximum 6 credits (2 courses) in total.

Total courses taken in each semester should not exceed four courses (12 credits) unless the average score of courses taken in your previous semester is above 80 points. An extra course (3 credits) can be taken in this case.