

## Agreement

### Assessment standards for module theses at the Institutes of Political Science and Sociology

The following criteria shall apply to the evaluation of module theses in the B.A. and M.A. programs at the Department of Social Sciences at Goethe University, the design, weighting, and specification of which are the responsibility of the individual instructors:

**Research question:** Every paper should have a clear research question, regardless of whether it is derived from the literature or obtained from observation of political or social reality.

**Argumentation:** Every paper should have a clear structure and follow a comprehensible line of argumentation.

**Independence:** Each work should be intellectually independent beyond the mere reproduction of what has been read or heard.

**Informedness:** Every paper should show that the author is aware of the relevant scientific discourses and has critically engaged with the research literature (i.e. book and journal sources, not only internet sources!). It is expected that relevant authors and central debates are perceived and received.

**Reflectiveness:** It should be clear in every paper that the author is aware of his/her own conceptual, methodological and theoretical decisions and has reflected on his/her scientific contribution in this sense.

**Language:** Every paper must be written in a comprehensible way and adhere to the rules of grammar (incl. punctuation!) and orthography. This should include an awareness of the category of gender for structuring scientific knowledge, e.g. through a reflected use of gender-sensitive writing.

**Compliance with rules/ethics:** Every paper must comply with the standards of scientific work. In particular, the standards of the German Research Foundation for the honest handling of data, facts and intellectual property should be observed.

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