

Curriculum at GEAS

(full time PhD program, 2021 regulations)

	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	4 th Semester	5 th Semester	6 th Semester	7 th Semester	8 th Semester
Core Area	Methods Seminar I (Theory Design) (3cp)	Research Seminar (Discipline) (3cp)	Research Stay Preparation Workshop				Writing Phase	Disputation
			Mobility Phase / Fieldwork / Archival Research (4cp)					
	Research Seminar (Area) (3cp)	Methods Seminar II (Research Design) (3cp)	Summer School (4cp)					
	Colloquium I (2cp)	Colloquium II (2cp)			(voluntary) Colloquium	Colloquium III (2cp)		
Professional Profile Development	(voluntary) Language Training (up to 1 CP)							
	Good Research Practice / Research Integrity (1cp)		Transferable Skills I (2cp) (e.g. Graduate Conference Organisation, BUA Skills Courses)		Transferable Skills II (1cp) (e.g. MAGEA Co-teaching, DRS-BUA Skills Courses)		(optional) Transferable Skills (e.g. Writing Workshops, Disputation Training)	
Milestones	Feb 28 th – <i>Literature Review</i>	July 1 st – <i>June Paper Evaluation</i> + Presentation @ <i>Summer Symposium</i>		July 1 st – <i>Fieldwork or Progress Report Evaluation</i>	+ Presentation @ <i>Homecoming Symposium</i> (December) ----- Supervisory Team Meeting (September)	Chapter Discussion @ <i>Colloquium Evaluation</i>	Thesis Submission	

Please remember: Meet your supervisors twice a semester (see supervision agreement) and write supervisory meeting protocols at least once a semester for quality management

Modules	Description
Colloquium (each 2cp)	The interdisciplinary colloquium takes place every semester, and participation is mandatory during both semesters in the 1 st and in the summer semester of the 3 rd year. It is also possible to visit other colloquia with your supervisor(s) in other departments, but presentations in the summer and homecoming symposia are mandatory. The colloquia are part of the mentoring framework that guarantees the consistency of the program and also fosters contact among the different cohorts within GEAS. The central aspect of all colloquia are project presentations and chapter draft discussions, accompanied by intensive (peer) mentoring.
Methods Seminar (each 3cp)	The method seminars provide graduate students with a strong theoretical and methodological foundation within their respective field during their first year of the program, in particular the GEAS core courses “Theory Design” and “Research Design”.
Research Seminar (each 3cp)	The research seminars are meant to deepen doctoral candidates’ understanding of both their area and discipline respectively. Research seminars can be chosen from all graduate programs at FU Berlin and other universities starting from MA-level seminars (e.g. seminars with supervisors). Depending on the instructor, doctoral candidates are exempt from writing essays or exams in MA-level seminars. The best option is to visit a seminar instructed by the second supervisor in the second semester.
Language Training (up to 1 cp)	Language training in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (C1) is possible on a voluntary basis. German and English language courses can be accredited to 1 CP of Professional Profile Development / Transferable Skills.
Mobility Phase / Fieldwork / Archival Research (up to 4cp)	It is recommended to go abroad to East Asia on fieldwork or organise research stays elsewhere, e.g. to collect data from archives, in the second year. This Mobility Phase can last for up to 6 months (4 CP). Longer or shorter periods are possible and should be discussed with the supervising team and GEAS. Should the research stay be shorter than six months, additional language training or online networking with partners can be accredited.
Summer School (up to 4cp in Core Areas)	It is recommended that doctoral candidates attend one summer school during the PhD training program. Every two years, GEAS organizes a Summer School hosted by a university or other research institution in East Asia or another region of interest. Doctoral candidates from two consecutive cohorts participate in the same summer school, where they deepen their interdisciplinary understanding of East Asian countries beyond the focus of their own projects, as well as explore perspectives on East Asia from other regions.

Transferable Skills (4 cp)

GEAS strives to train doctoral candidates in transferable skills and to provide them with professional development opportunities that also enable them to pursue a career outside of academia, e.g. in a policy-related area.

1 CP has to be taken in Research Integrity / Good Research Practices from Berlin University Alliance Skills Courses, DRS courses and/or GEAS workshops dealing with research integrity.

- intercultural competence related to East Asia – fieldwork
- policy paper workshops
- teaching experience (co-teaching)
- interdisciplinary learning experience to foster research partnerships with scholars from the social sciences, history, economics and business, law, and anthropology and the humanities
- teamwork in formal and informal research groups – writing groups
- skills in conference and workshop organization (e.g. GEAS Graduate Conference, 2 CP)