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Elective courses in BIDS

During the 4th semester in BIDS, students study elective courses equaling 30 ECTS. This is a possibility to either further specialize within your chosen major or broaden your degree, see examples below:

Student 1: Chooses to major in Political Science. In year 2, the student starts by studying 30 ECTS at the department of Political Science, which qualifies him or her to have that discipline as a major. When the spring semester starts, the student, who really enjoys the subject, chooses to study an additional 30 ECTS in Political Science, and will use these courses as electives, thereby further specializing within the discipline of his or her choice.

Student 2: This student is unsure whether s/he should major in Sociology or Economic History. The student chooses to study 30 ECTS in each subject during year 2 and in the autumn semester of the third year chooses which one to have as a major.

Student 3: This student knows that s/he wants to write her thesis about rural development at a local community in Kenya from a gender perspective, so s/he chooses to study 30 ECTS in Human Geography as his/her major and combines this with 15 ECTS Gender Studies and 15 ECTS Sociology.

Is there a limitation to what type of courses I can choose?

Yes! The courses you choose must be relevant to the program and need to be approved by the Program Manager. Accreditation of elective courses is performed only after pre-approved courses are finished.

General rules for BIDS electives:

- the courses should have a strong connection to social sciences or include a social perspective in their syllabi
- language courses are not allowed as BIDS electives
- courses within natural sciences and arts/humanities with no connection to social sciences are usually not allowed – a specific decision is made individually for each student
- BIDS electives cannot overlap with your mandatory program courses.