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Master of Arts

Political Science

Standard period of study: 4 semesters, full-time | Start: fall term | Degree title: Master of Arts

Specialisation Section 36 CP
Supplementary Section 24 CP

Core and Advanced Section 36 CP

*Total Number of CP: 120 CP = 4 Semester Standard Period of Study

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Master’s programme carries 120 ECTS credits and comprises a Core and Advanced Section, a Specialisation Section, a Supplementary Section and a Master’s Thesis.

15 June Deadline for all applications

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor’s degree or equivalent with an overall grade of at least 2.7 (German grade) in the Bachelor’s degree. The degree must be worth at least 180 ECTS credits.

Following subject-related requirements has to be fulfilled:

• At least 30 ECTS credits in Political Science
• At least 12 further ECTS credits in Political Sciences or Methodology and Empirical Social Research

Language requirements: English language skills B2 (CEFR)

More information about admission requirements and selection procedure on the official website.

DETAILED INFORMATION & CONTACT

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• Deal with principal-agent problems in parliamentary democracies
• Analyze the difference between structural and instrumental business power regarding the bailout programs for banks in the recent economic and financial turmoil
• Learn how to use mathematical and statistical methods in the fields if social research
• Open the door to exercise functions in political consulting or political functions in general
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PERSPECTIVES: The M.A. Political Science widens the knowledge gained in your bachelor studies and makes you an expert in your respective area. This qualifies for national as well as international thematically wide spread occupations for political scientists in the areas of the economy, media and political institutions. Besides offering the opportunity to future PHD-studies, the master’s programme in political science opens the door to exercise functions in political consulting or political functions in general.

Furthermore, possible areas of employment can be found in administration and state institutions, as well as in political parties, political foundations and associations. On the parliamentary stage, political sciences often act as office managers or assistants to members of national or local parliaments.

Additionally, international and European employers (like the EU) emerge as attractive perspectives of employment. International IGOs and NGOs offer job opportunities in project management or public relations for applicants with the respective profile. Also, public law and private media enterprises offer job opportunities to political scientists.

Take your professional future into your own hands and benefit from the theoretical and methodical-oriented approach of the WiSo-Faculty, which combines research as well as teaching with practical experience.

Master of Arts Political Science
The Master in Political Science is divided into the following five areas:

- European Politics
- Political Theory
- Comparative analysis of political institutions
- International Relations
- Comparative analysis of political economy

We offer you a wide range of key topics and research areas in political science, with a variety of options for further specialisation. Lectures delivered in English are an integral part of the programme, which also includes innovative teaching formats such as simulated political events plus contact with policymakers in Brussels and Berlin.

INTERNATIONAL: It is possible to apply without knowledge of German language and to complete your master’s degree in English. We maintain cooperation with more than 130 partner universities throughout the world, so it easy for you to go a semester abroad. Or take part in one of our study tours or other short programmes.

More information and offers at www.international.wiso.uni-koeln.de.

Employers look for political scientists with a general, rather than a specialist, background. The wide range of courses on the master programme reflects the breadth of expertise of five chairs and is one of the strengths of Political Science at the University of Cologne.

André Kaiser
Professor, Chair of Comparative Politics

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE: As a student of the WiSo Faculty, you benefit from an approach that is based on theory and methods, combining both research and teaching with practical elements. The teaching at our faculty has benefited from many years of experience in working with companies and visiting lecturers from different professional fields. Many of the visiting lecturers are professionals and managers who bring important industry experience to the programmes, resulting in sector-specific, up-to-date programme content for our students. This ensures that the programmes reflect the real world and that they thus combine the practical and the theoretical, whilst also promoting knowledge-sharing between you and institutions as well companies.