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Master's degree

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Labour Policies and Globalisation

University of Kassel • Kassel

Overview

Degree	Master of Arts Joint Degree with Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR)
In cooperation with	Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	English only
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	2 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	1 April for preliminary screening 1 July for applicants with foreign degrees via uni-assist 1 September for applicants with a German degree via University of Kassel More information regarding the application process: https://global-labour-university.org/studying/master-courses/kassel-university/
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	With its research-oriented profile, the programme qualifies students for independent scientific work. The central idea of the programme revolves around the development and communication of practical solutions to the social and labour policy challenges posed by globalisation. This objective is pursued within an international and interdisciplinary framework. The Labour Policies and Globalisation programme provides students with a critical understanding of theoretical approaches as well as key actors and processes in the global political economy. Special emphasis is placed on issues of representation of workers' interests and social movements. By conducting a theory-driven examination of these issues and integrating practice-based elements into the programme, students are enabled to apply their insights to both practical and academic contexts.

Course Details

Course organisation

The one-year Master's programme starts in the winter semester at the University of Kassel. During the winter semester, the students need to complete the following mandatory modules:

- Module 1: Process of Globalisation
 - One World Seminar
 - Trade Union Strategies in a Global Economy
 - Governance of Globalisation
 - The Role of Labour in the Global Political Economy
- Module 2: Research Methods
 - Lecture
 - Seminar

For the joint degree, second semester courses will take place at the Berlin School of Economics and Law. During the summer semester, the students are expected to complete the following modules:

- Module 3: Global Challenges to Labour
 - Global Workers' Rights
 - Decent Work in Global Value Chains
- Module 4: Economics and Legal Responses to Globalisation
 - Economic Policy and the Role of Trade Unions
 - Elective

Students are expected to write the Master's thesis during the summer semester.

It is also possible for a limited number of students to spend the second semester at one of our partner universities in Brazil or India.

Forms of teaching and studying include colloquium, workshops, internships, tutorials, excursions, and lectures.

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated study abroad unit(s)

A limited number of students can choose to spend one semester at one of our partner universities in Brazil (Campinas), South Africa (Wits), or India. For many, a compulsory internship may involve a stay in either Geneva or Brussels.

Integrated internships

Following the first semester, students will have to complete a six-week internship. The internships are an integrated and compulsory part of the Master's programme. They provide unique insights into the work and activities of the ILO (International Labour Organization), the Global Union Federations, international trade unions, labour-related research foundations, German trade unions, or works councils of German-based transnational companies. During the internship, students will be working on specially assigned projects that are part of the global activities of the host organisations. At the end of the internship they will have to write a report on their activities. The programme provides substantial help in finding appropriate internship opportunities.

Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAAD development-related postgraduate course • Other (e.g. state level)
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	By paying the mandatory registration fees of around 300 EUR per semester, students will have access to a range of benefits such as free public transport, the university library, and discounted meals at the university cafeterias.
Costs of living	In order to cover personal expenses while studying in Kassel, it is recommended that students budget around 750 to 900 EUR per month for accommodation, food, health insurance, books, and miscellaneous expenses.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	A limited number of scholarships is available to students from the Global South with a strong trade union background. Applicants can indicate on the application form that they want to apply for a scholarship.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>A first degree (Bachelor's or equivalent) in Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Education, or Law</p> <p>Verifiable experience in trade union work or related fields (representation of workers' interests)</p> <p>Letter of recommendation, motivation letter, research proposal, and CV</p>
Language requirements	English language proficiency: CEFR B2
Application deadline	<p>1 April for preliminary screening</p> <p>1 July for applicants with foreign degrees via uni-assist</p> <p>1 September for applicants with a German degree via University of Kassel</p> <p>More information regarding the application process: https://global-labour-university.org/studying/master-courses/kassel-university/</p>
Submit application to	Please visit these websites for detailed application information:

- <https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/studium/labour-policies-and-globalisation-master>
- <https://global-labour-university.org/studying/master-courses/kassel-university/>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Students can apply for various part-time jobs or work as student assistants on campus. Please have a look at www.uni-kassel.de. Some departments also provide positions as tutors or working students.

Accommodation

International students enrolled at the University of Kassel can choose between staying at a student residence hall ("Wohnheim") or private accommodation. There are about 1,000 rooms available in the student residencies around the campus. Please have a look at <https://www.studierendenwerk-kassel.de/en/wohnen/>. Rent for a room varies between 200 and 350 EUR per month depending on the location and facilities. Students can choose single apartments with en-suite facilities or a shared flat with fellow students. Private furnished or unfurnished accommodation in Kassel is also available and can be found in the local paper, on flyers on campus, or on the Internet (e.g. social media).

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Both partner universities have coordination offices that provide students with administrative support throughout their studies. In addition, international students can benefit from comprehensive information provided by the universities on a range of topics, including guidance on preparing for arrival in Germany, assistance with visa matters, and support for students with children.

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📘 <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalLabourUniversity/>

🐦 https://twitter.com/GLU_Network?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/global-labour-university/mycompany/>

📷 https://www.instagram.com/glu_network/

📺 <https://www.youtube.com/user/GLUNetwork/featured>

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