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# Doctorate



## Graduate School of Politics (GraSP) (PhD)

University of Münster • Münster

### Overview

Degree	PhD in Political Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	Students may write the dissertation in English or German.
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Only for doctoral programmes: any time
Application deadline	There is no application deadline.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	In principle, every research topic in the field of political science may be accepted at GraSP. GraSP is subdivided into individual research teams, which group the individual dissertation topics into related themes. Current topics can be found at: <a href="http://www.uni-muenster.de/IfPol/GraSP/en/forschung/">http://www.uni-muenster.de/IfPol/GraSP/en/forschung/</a> .

### Course Details

Course organisation	<p>PhD studies at GraSP include collective courses and activities which provide students with the opportunity to build professional contacts, special courses dealing with specific questions regarding research topics, and individual courses which are intended to improve students' academic skills.</p> <p>Students at GraSP are advised by a team of up to three professors. Examinations and dissertation progress evaluations take place every semester and help the students to complete their PhD efficiently.</p>
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Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	<p>Students must pay a semester contribution fee of 316.98 EUR per semester. This includes a "semester ticket" covering public transportation in the greater Münster area as well as the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia.</p> <p>You can find more information here:  <a href="https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/einschreibung/semesterbeitrag.shtml">https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/einschreibung/semesterbeitrag.shtml</a></p>
Costs of living	We recommend that students budget at least 900 EUR per month to cover personal expenses (accommodation, living expenses, health insurance).
Funding opportunities within the university	No

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Acceptance into GraSP requires a successfully completed first degree in political science or in a related discipline. To be admitted to the doctoral study programme, applicants must hold a Magister, Master's, diploma or state exam certificate with an overall grade of "good" in accordance with the study regulations.</p> <p>Applicants with a Master's degree from a foreign university should inform themselves about recognition of the degree in the Anabin database of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the German Federal States. Approved universities are marked with H+.</p> <p>Furthermore, acceptance into a GraSP research group is required. Applicants should obtain information about the area of focus of the research groups and apply with an exposé for a doctoral project at one of these groups. The exposé should be around 10-15 pages in length, should show the main focus, explain its relevance, generate a hypothesis, briefly outline the state of research, discuss the method and contain a rough structure and a time schedule for the thesis.</p>
Language requirements	All applicants who are not native English or German speakers are required to submit proof of their English or German proficiency.
Application deadline	There is no application deadline.
Submit application to	Graduate School of Politics Dr Matthias Freise

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## Services

### Accommodation

As in all popular university cities in Germany, accommodation is in high demand and is not easy to find in Münster – but it's not impossible either!

Please contact the International Office (Bachelor's and Master's students) or the WWU Graduate Centre (doctoral candidates) for advice. Please also note that the University of Münster (like most German public universities) does not have its own student halls of residence.

### Structured research and supervision

Yes

### Research training / discussion

Yes

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