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Master's degree



Master in Political Science

University of Mannheim • Mannheim



Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Political Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	15 May for the following winter semester Please also check the website of the Admissions Office regularly for the current application deadlines.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	International students from non-EU/EEA countries are required to pay a tuition fee of 1,500 EUR per semester. International students who fulfil certain exceptional criteria are not obliged to pay tuition fees: Tuition Fees for International Students
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	Yes
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	The Mannheim MA in Political Science is dedicated to applied research in Political Science. The research of the Mannheim Department of Political Science is widely known for its empirical-analytical approach, ranked among the leading international institutions (highest in Germany and

Europe), and embedded in a number of internationally active research centres in the social sciences (MZES, GESIS). This environment provides ideal opportunities for training in applied research, financing the study period and preparing for a PhD. In four semesters, students will acquire extensive skills in quantitative methodology and an intensive knowledge of the political system of the EU.

The Department of Political Science in Mannheim offers a wide range of research topics in Political Science, such as International Relations, International Political Economy, International Comparative Social Research, Comparative Political Behaviour, Political Sociology and Quantitative Methods. These areas are also reflected in the Master's programme, and students are expected to choose one of these specialisations for their Master's thesis.

The variety of topics in the "Comparative Politics" section of the course schedule includes political institutions of European democracies, EU member states' legislation and electoral systems as well as political communication and participation, electoral studies and coalition theories in Europe. In the "International Politics" subsection, students will become acquainted with a variety of aspects of the process of European integration, European governance, African politics & conflict studies and political economy.

Course Details

Course organisation

During the first semester, students extend their basic knowledge in the field of Quantitative Methods that they have obtained in their respective Bachelor's programmes. The modules in Quantitative Methods, Game Theory and Research Design provide advanced skills in empirical social science methods, statistics, and formal model building.

During the second and third semester, students will take the basic modules in International Politics, International Political Economy, Comparative Political Behaviour and Comparative Government. They enhance students' core competencies in these subfields through intellectually challenging lectures, intensive reading and discussion seminars. Additionally, students specialise by choosing one of three Research Modules, which occupies the second and third semester of studies. The Research Module consists of three intensive seminars, and aims to add specific methodological tools and analytical capabilities to the skill set of MA candidates. In the final module, students write their MA theses. This is a research paper that may well be the first step in a successful career in political science research.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)
- International guest lecturers

Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)

Master's students have the option of studying abroad for a semester in the third semester or a whole year in the second year. Courses are usually easy to transfer and no extra fees apply.

Students can either choose from our prestigious partners in the USA (New York University, Washington University in St. Louis, Rice University in Texas) or spend their semester abroad at one of our renowned European partner universities. Also, students may pick the double degree track and earn two Master's degrees in total: one from Mannheim and one from Bocconi university.

Integrated internships

A research internship of six weeks or a two-week summer school programme must be completed as an integrated part of the programme. The school's internship manager assists students in finding a suitable internship.

Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

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Semester contribution	The semester contribution amounts to approx. 200 EUR per semester. There are several ticket options for public transport available in the Mannheim-Heidelberg metropolitan area. Each will incur different additional costs.
Costs of living	Approx. 750 to 850 EUR per month to cover all personal expenses
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	The University of Mannheim has one of the most differentiated scholarship systems among public higher education institutions in Germany, and it cooperates with a large network of partners and sponsors.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Admission requires a Bachelor's degree in Political Science or a subject-related degree, which was completed with a grade of at least "good" (2.5 German grade equivalent) or better. If a Bachelor's degree has not yet been completed, a current transcript of records has to be submitted. This document will be the basis for admission. You will also need at least one course in statistical analysis and/or research methods, which was completed with a grade of at least "good" (2.5) or better.</p> <p>For further information on admission requirements please visit: Application Political Science.</p>
Language requirements	<p>Good English language skills must be proven by an English language university entrance exam (e.g., A-levels) or a degree (e.g. a Bachelor's degree) with at least 90 ECTS taught in English. If none of these documents can be submitted, one of the following language tests is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) with at least 90 points or equivalent • Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) with at least Level C • Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) with at least Level C • International English Language Testing System - Academic Test (IELTS) with at least Band

Application deadline 15 May for the following winter semester

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Submit application to [Admissions Office](#)

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Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment Various student research assistant positions are available to MA students at the university.

Accommodation The International Office offers support in finding dorm rooms and private accommodation. Student halls of residence are the ideal place to get to know not only German students but also fellow students from all over the world. Depending on the hall, you will live with two to eight fellow students in a shared apartment. Every student has his or her own room, but the kitchen, bathroom, and toilet are communal. Additionally, the International Office offers a very limited number of one-bedroom apartments with a small in-room kitchen and bathroom. The kitchens are fully equipped with cooking facilities and a refrigerator.

Career advisory service The university strives to provide international degree-seeking students with the same opportunities as their fellow German students.

There are a number of institutions within the university that offer support in job and career issues. The school's own Internship Office offers career support as well as the Career Network, the central information platform of the University of Mannheim that focuses on work and career and accompanies students and graduates on their way to start their career with a diverse range of services.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

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Master's Political Science

During my studies, I acquired valuable methodological skills that I use daily in my current job. As Head of Mobilisation, Elections & Analysis of the SPD Rhineland-Palatinate, I handle and analyse large amounts of data. What I find most appealing about the University of Mannheim is its excellent reputation and the extensive network of which it is a part. I also like the city of Mannheim a lot, and I still live here.

University of Mannheim



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For generations, the University of Mannheim has been preparing students to take on leadership roles in business, academia, and society. One of the university's strengths in this task is its profile, which is characterised by the economic and social sciences. It is in these fields that the University of Mannheim has repeatedly been ranked as one of the top 20 European research institutions.

Staff members at six schools and departments teach and carry out research in business administration, economics, the humanities, social sciences, law, business informatics, and mathematics.

Global Network

Researchers at the university collaborate with numerous national and international partners. The university has a particularly close relationship with the ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research, one of the leading economic research institutes in Germany, the GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, and the Leibniz-Institut für Deutsche Sprache (IDS). The Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) is the largest research institution for social sciences at a university in Germany, and it is one of the leading institutions of its kind on the international stage.

International Campus

The campus surrounding Mannheim's baroque palace is a place where bright minds from across the globe come together to learn, discuss, research, and prepare to make their mark on the world. Every fifth student at the university comes from abroad to pursue a Bachelor's, Master's, or doctoral degree in Mannheim. Students of the Mannheim Business School also come from overseas to obtain a management qualification at one of the top 25 MBA providers in the world.

Research that Benefits Society

The University of Mannheim is known for its practical orientation and its knowledge transfer with society. Numerous researchers are members of national or international bodies, or they work at institutes or associations that have an advisory role in business, society, and politics. Students are also active in society. The many organisations and associations on campus give them the chance to help make the world a better place.



University location

Mannheim has more than 300,000 residents and is located in Baden-Württemberg at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Neckar. The city impresses with its diversity: a successful mixture of shopping districts, industrial and service centres, places of cultural interest, art nouveau buildings, the large baroque palace which houses the university, and several extensive recreational areas. The beautiful regions of Odenwald and Palatinate, both of which are very popular for walking and cycling, are close to Mannheim. The symbol of Mannheim is its water tower, a 60-metre-high sandstone colossus next to the city centre, which is characterised by its chessboard-style street grid that is unique in Germany.

Thanks to Mannheim's central location and extensive transport connections, a variety of charming towns are within easy reach, and France and Switzerland are only a relatively short journey away. Frankfurt airport can be reached by train within 30 minutes.

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