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# Doctorate



## Doctoral Training Programme in the Learning Sciences

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München • München

### Overview

Degree	PhD Learning Sciences (alternatively Dr phil, Dr rer nat, Dr med; not recommended for international students)
Course location	München
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held solely in English.  Additional relevant course offers in German language may be taken by doctoral candidates proficient in German and will be acknowledged by the programme.
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<b>All students – online application:</b> 1 March for the following winter semester  <a href="http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/deadline">http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/deadline</a>  <b>International students – hard copy application</b> in addition to online application: 31 May for the following winter semester (Please send documents to the programme coordinators.) <a href="http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/documents2/index.html">http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/documents2/index.html</a>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Doctoral Training Programme in the Learning Sciences aims to support excellent students in designing and conducting state-of-the-art dissertation projects in the multidisciplinary field of the Learning Sciences. The programme focuses on conditions, processes, and outcomes of learning with research perspectives ranging from psychology, educational science, medicine, mathematical education, neurosciences, economics, sociology, and language education to computer sciences. The quality of the doctoral research is ensured by systematic interdisciplinary supervision. Furthermore, a wide array of activities is offered to the doctoral students, including content-related courses, methodology courses, courses on key qualifications (e.g. scientific writing, teaching, ethics of research), and special guest lectures. The Doctoral Training Programme in the Learning Sciences aims to integrate its students into the relevant scientific communities.

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## Course Details

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<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>To fulfil the graduation requirements of the PhD in Learning Sciences, the following courses need to be taken before the submission of the doctoral thesis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• two content courses</li><li>• two method courses</li><li>• two key qualification courses</li><li>• two colloquia</li><li>• two retreats</li></ul> <p>The following documents need to be submitted in addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A target agreement to outline the plan for the doctoral studies is to be submitted by the end of the first semester.</li><li>2. Two interim evaluations to evaluate the progress of the doctoral studies are to be submitted by the end of the second and fourth semester.</li></ol> <p>The most important aspect of your doctoral studies is conducting your doctoral research (including thesis writing). The doctoral research typically includes one or more empirical studies with planning, conducting, and data analyses phases.</p> <p><a href="http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/general_information/curriculum/index.html">http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/general_information/curriculum/index.html</a></p>
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<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International guest lecturers</li></ul>
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<b>Description of other international elements</b>	Possibility to work with international supervisors (to be discussed with first supervisor)
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<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
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<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No
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## Costs / Funding

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<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
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<b>Semester contribution</b>	Basic fee of 85 EUR + additional fee for the Deutschlandticket  <a href="https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/abc-study-guide/semester-ticket/index.html">https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/abc-study-guide/semester-ticket/index.html</a>
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<b>Costs of living</b>	Living costs (including accommodation and health insurance) in Munich range from 1,000 to 1,200 EUR per month.
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Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

LMU Travel Grant, LMU Completion Grant

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

We are happy to welcome new students with the following qualifications:

- successfully completed university studies with a Master's degree, "Magister", "Diplom", or equivalent degree pertinent to the learning sciences
- good or excellent degree from previous studies
- very good knowledge of methodology and research skills
- very good skills in oral and written English
- research interest in the field of learning sciences

For the online application, the following documents are required:

1. **MCLS recommendation letter issued by an MCLS member**
2. one **reference letter issued by a previous professor/instructor** (must not be your potential supervisor)
3. a certified copy of the Bachelor's and Master's certificate (or equivalent) and of the respective transcripts of records
4. research proposal
5. letter of motivation
6. CV with up-to-date information
7. proof of English proficiency

**Important note:** The MCLS recommendation letter (point 1) and the reference letter (point 2) are two independent criteria! A complete application comprises two separate letters, issued by two different professors (one from a potential supervisor and one from a previous professor). The documents must be uploaded to the online application platform by the professors using the upload form by 15 March (They will get an e-mail notification with the request to upload the respective document).

Language requirements

Instruction and research are carried out in English. If your native language is not English, you are required to take a test of English proficiency (for example, the Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] or the International English Language Testing System [IELTS]) and enclose a photocopy of your test results with your application. Previous studies conducted in English are also accepted. The minimal level of English proficiency that is required is B2 CEFR.

Application deadline

**All students – online application:** 1 March for the following winter semester

[http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study\\_programs/dtp/deadline](http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/deadline)

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[http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study\\_programs/dtp/documents2/index.html](http://www.en.mcls.lmu.de/study_programs/dtp/documents2/index.html)

Submit application to

[Online application for programme admission](#) (all applicants)

Additional **hard copy application** for university admission (international applicants only, submission via postal mail):

LMU Munich  
Doctoral Training Programme in the Learning Sciences  
c/o Studiengangskoordination  
Leopoldstr. 13  
80802 München  
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## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	Doctoral students are encouraged to apply for research positions within the MCLS initiatives.
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>The International Office helps visiting academics, PhD students, and postdocs who are travelling to Munich for a set period of time to find accommodation.</p> <p>For further information, please visit the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://www.lmu.de/en/study/important-contacts/international-office/index.html">https://www.lmu.de/en/study/important-contacts/international-office/index.html</a></p> <p>Rooms in shared flats are popular on the private market and reasonably priced at 500 to 800 EUR per month if located in central parts of Munich.</p> <p><a href="https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additional-services/lmu-gateway/new-international-doctoral-candidates/phase-1-preparing-your-move-to-munich/index.html">https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additional-services/lmu-gateway/new-international-doctoral-candidates/phase-1-preparing-your-move-to-munich/index.html</a></p> <p>Some more helpful information regarding accommodation can be found here: <a href="https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-life/housing/index.html">https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-life/housing/index.html</a>.</p>
<b>Structured research and supervision</b>	Yes
<b>Research training / discussion</b>	Yes
<b>Support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome event</li></ul>

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