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Master's in Sociology

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Sociology
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	In the International Track, the MA Sociology degree programme can be studied completely in English and does not require knowledge of the German language. We encourage International Track students to attend free German language courses at the German language centre of Bielefeld University during their studies in order to be able to attend sociological seminars in German in progressive semesters.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	Applications will be accepted between 1 June and 15 July for the following winter semester and between 1 December and 15 January for the summer semester. For further information and potential changes, please consult the programme website: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/soziologie/studium/international/track/ .
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The MA Sociology International Track offers an English-language study programme with a duration of four semesters.</p> <p>The International Track focuses on two thematic areas of MA Sociology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Social Structures and Social InequalitySociology and Anthropology of the Global World <p>In addition, students complete elective modules in following thematic areas of MA Sociology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sociological TheorySociological MethodsSociology of Work and EconomicsPolitical SociologyOrganisational SociologySociology of GenderMedia SociologySociology of Law and Regulations

Course Details

Course organisation	<p>The programme of the MA Sociology International Track consists of following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An introductory module (three lectures in sociological theory and methods)• Six thematic modules are included (12 seminars). At least one of them has to be completed in form of student research project module. Students have to decide on the profile of their studies, which consists of three modules from the same thematic area.• The Master's thesis and a colloquium
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International guest lecturers• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad• Training in intercultural skills• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Integrated internships	<p>The study programme strongly encourages students to undertake an internship during their semester break. Students can complete an internship module as one of their mandatory thematic modules if they write a paper based on their internship activity. The programme as well as other institutions at Bielefeld University regularly offer workshops and information events around internships and jobs in the international job market. However, internships are not mandatory in the MA Sociology International Track.</p>
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>Since Bielefeld University does not charge tuition fees, every student only has to pay a social fee. The social fee includes the contribution to the social ticket for free public transport in the city and area of Bielefeld and on regional trains and buses in North-Rhine Westphalia for the whole semester.</p> <p>The current semester contribution is approximately 300 EUR.</p>

Costs of living	<p>Costs for studying in Germany are relatively high due to the living expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent in a room in student halls of residence or a private student hall, in a room or flat comes to approx. 280 EUR per month.• The expected costs for student health insurance and other medical fees are about 80 EUR per month.
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- Depending on your lifestyle, you might spend about 150 EUR on food each month.
- Altogether, monthly costs for food, clothes, leisure activities, social fees, travel expenses, telephone bills, and the other mentioned expenses add up to approx. 850 EUR.

There are several ways of cutting expenses in Bielefeld. For example, it is possible to rent a room in a student residence for about 230 EUR, and a meal at the student canteen (Mensa) costs only about 2.60 EUR.

Funding opportunities within the university	No
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Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Students must have an undergraduate degree in sociology or a related discipline with at least three years of higher education (usually a Bachelor's degree). Applicants' transcripts of records (or similar documents) must indicate that their previous course of studies covers at least three of the following four subjects: theory of sociology, methods of empirical social research, special sociology / social science and general social sciences.
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Language requirements	Students of the MA Sociology do not necessarily need a German language certificate, but must be able to furnish proof that their English language proficiency meets the International Track's minimum entry requirements, such as a TOEFL (iBT) with a minimum of 87 points, TELC English with a minimum grade of B2, IELTS with an overall band score of 6.5 or an equivalent English language test. A degree from a programme taught completely in English is also deemed sufficient proof of English proficiency.
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Submit application to	Apply via the online portal . For further information about the application to the Master's programme, please use the following link: www.uni-bielefeld.de/bewerbung .
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Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	Basically, with your residence permit (stamp in your passport), you will receive a work permit for 120 work days per year. This allows you to work 120 full days (eight hours per day) or 240 half days (up to four hours per day). This condition must be noted expressly in the passport by the authorities.
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Accommodation	Please try to secure accommodation in Bielefeld as early as possible. In Bielefeld, a broad range of accommodation options can be found at affordable prices. Students residences are run by the public "Studierendenwerk" or private organisations, and shared flats are very common.
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Offers of accommodation can be found online by following the links below:

- [Studierendenwerk Bielefeld](#) (dormitories)
- [WG-gesucht.de](#) (private shared accommodation)

The International Office supports students who are searching for accommodation.

Career advisory service

Career planning is a step-by-step development and clarification process that requires individual strategies. Based on a strengths- and resource-oriented approach, we support you in developing your own career prospects.

Depending on your needs, our Career Service at Bielefeld University will accompany you throughout the entire process or in individual steps.

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/themen/career-service>

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

At PunktUm, our German Learning Centre, we offer a comprehensive range of academic support programmes that are designed to meet the needs of international members of the Bielefeld University. These include the Academic Mentoring Programme for Master's students, the Peer Mentoring Programme for Bachelor's students, and semester-long workshops designed to help all students and researchers with academic writing. We also offer individual consultations on academic writing in German as a Foreign Language (DaF) or German as a Second Language (DaZ).

The International Office provides an orientation programme for all international members of Bielefeld University, including degree seekers (BA and MA), double degree students, Erasmus/cooperation students, doctoral students, scholars, interns, and refugees/preparing applicants. Example of activities include Café International, campus tour, introductions to digital services and administrative procedures.

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