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| **Application deadline** | 31 March for students, who need a visa to study in Germany  
31 June for students, who do not need a visa to study in Germany |
| **Tuition fees per semester in EUR** | None |
| **Combined Master's degree / PhD programme** | No |
| **Joint degree / double degree programme** | No |
| **Description/content** | The executive Master's programme offers an interdisciplinary and in-depth study of social protection systems. Graduates of the degree programme will be able to design "smart" systems, systems that can be sustainably financed while being effective and flexible. They will also be able to contribute towards optimising and, if necessary, reorganising existing social protection systems, adapting them to future demographic, economic, and social challenges.  
Introductory online courses  
I.1 Economics  
I.2 Statistics  
I.3 Academic writing  
Module 1 - Comparative analysis of social protection systems  
Social protection systems - constitutive elements and determining factors  
Social protection actors  
International social protection policy  
Module 2 - Social protection policy instruments & design options  
Contributory schemes  
Tax-financed transfers and services |
Course Details

Promotional measures

Module 3 - Analysis for social protection design
Assessing social protection needs and priorities
Assessing the political economy of social protection
Assessing capacity to implement social protection interventions
Assessing interlinkages and graduation possibilities

Module 4 - Social protection financing & modelling
Social expenditure and resource mobilisation
Financing techniques
Modelling social expenditure & revenues

Module 5 - Research methods
Research methods 1

Module 6 - Simulation & evaluation
Applied econometrics & introduction to a statistical software
Microsimulation
Evaluation of individual interventions
Evaluation of social protection systems

Module 7 - Social protection governance
Governance approaches in social protection
Accountability mechanisms
Social protection law

Module 8 - Social protection management
Social protection delivery mechanisms
Financial management
Investing social security reserves
Information management

Module 9 - Social protection reforms
Understanding reforms
Managing reforms
Communicating reforms

Module 10 - Electives
Specialisation Climate Change
Specialisation Health
Specialisation Implementation of Cash Transfer Programmes
Specialisation Migration
Specialisation Old Age
Specialisation Return to Work
Specialisation Vulnerability

Course organisation

The course programme starts every winter semester in mid-September. Online preparatory courses in economics, statistics and academic writing are offered prior to the programme start. Students spend the first semester in Germany, where they interact with classmates and professors and have the opportunity to visit social protection institutions in Germany and in neighbouring countries. The second semester can mostly be followed online. Students have the option of returning to their respective countries or staying in Germany. There will be some flexibility of combining the second semester with other professional engagements. At the end of the second semester, all students meet again for a summer school to pursue their specialisation. They will also have the chance to finish up some of the coursework and discuss their proposal for a Master’s thesis.

First semester:
Module 1: Comparative analysis of social protection systems
Module 2: Social protection policy instruments & design options
Module 3: Analysis for social protection design
Module 4: Social protection financing & modelling
Module 5: Research methods

Second semester:
Module 6: Simulation & evaluation
Module 7: Social protection governance
Module 8: Social protection management
Module 9: Social protection reforms
Module 10: Electives

Third semester:
Module 11: Research and practical semester
Practical semester

Fourth semester:
Master’s thesis

Types of assessment
Applicants will also have to successfully pass a two-hour online entry examination testing their competencies in the area of social policy.

International elements
- International guest lecturers
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

Integrated internships
Students can use the third semester to pursue an internship. Internship opportunities will be circulated and contacts can be established through the international teaching staff.

Students with more than eleven months of relevant work experience in social protection have the possibility to shorten the duration of study to three semesters.

Course-specific, integrated German language courses
No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses
No

The course of study can be taken entirely online
No

Digital learning and teaching modules
- MOOCs
- Virtual classrooms
- Video learning
- Webinar
- Chats with lecturers
- Wikis
- Blended learning

Description of e-learning elements
Interactive lecturing

Participation in the e-
Yes
Can ECTS points be acquired by taking the online programmes? Yes

Can the e-learning elements be taken without signing up for the course of study? No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR None

Semester contribution About 285 EUR per semester

Funding opportunities within the university No

Requirements / Registration

Academic Admission Requirements To be admitted to the degree programme, students are required to provide evidence of:

- having acquired at least a Bachelor's degree from a relevant academic field such as economics, political sciences, sociology, international relations, business administration, health sciences, public policy, law administration, health, education, social science, psychology and international relations/development as well as other subjects, insofar as the contents relating to the subject area of social protection encompass a minimum of 15 credits in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).
- at least five months of practical experience (unpaid internships are accepted) in a field related to social protection.

Language requirements We require an official certificate proving at least a C1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages certified by one of the following tests: https://www.h-brs.de/files/english_test_equivalents_fb06.pdf or an official letter from your previous university confirming that your previous studies were conducted in the English language.

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Submit application to Online application: https://www.h-brs.de/en/sv/adsps-application-process

Services
Possibility of finding part-time employment

In the third semester, it is possible for students to combine their studies with some professional engagement.

Accommodation

Student accommodation is available both in Sankt Augustin and in the nearby city of Bonn. Waiting lists exist for some student accommodation facilities, but foreign students are given priority. Students are urged to apply as early as possible.

In addition, it is possible to rent a room or apartment on the private market.

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