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Master's degree

Master of Science in Public Sector Innovation and eGovernance

University of Münster • Münster

Overview

Degree	Master of Science in Public Sector Innovation and eGovernance
In cooperation with	KU Leuven, Tallinn University of Technology
Teaching language	English
Languages	English
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	1 March for the following winter semester for non-EEA student 1 June for the following winter semester for EEA students
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,750 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	https://pioneer-master.eu/fees-funding/
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	This joint Master's programme aims at shaping the future of the public sector. The consortium has selected the following four broad academic subjects upon which this programme is built: (1) public governance (PG), (2) information management and information sciences (IS), (3) technology and digital evolutions for the public sector (T & DPS), and (4) public sector innovation and e-governance (PSI & eGov). The first topic focuses on public management and public governance and is based on the expertise from the PA side of the consortium. The second topic is based on the expertise in information systems that is present in the consortium. The third and fourth topics combine the different areas of expertise involved in this programme. "Technology and digital evolutions for the public sector" emphasises the present and future role of IT and the technological/digital innovation for public administrations, while "public sector innovation and e-governance" deals with the integration of IT for innovation and the successful implementation of e-governance for public sector purposes. The topics follow the sequence of the programme to some extent. Whereas topics (1) and (2) aim to

provide students with expertise in the fundamentals of different disciplines, (3) will allow students to translate technological evolutions and possibilities for the benefit of the public sector and (4) will allow students to integrate the different disciplines into one coherent interdisciplinary knowledge framework.

In Leuven, the four subjects are introduced. In Münster, the focus is on the subjects of information systems and technology and digital evolutions, whereas public sector innovation and e-governance will be briefly introduced. In Tallinn, the main focus is on public sector innovation and e-governance, whereas technology and digital evolutions are focal points as well.

During all semesters, students should consider potential Master's thesis topics that can be discussed with staff from all three universities. Students should be proactive in this regard and can propose topics in the desired field.

Course Details

Course organisation	First semester (KU Leuven):

First semester (KU Leuven):

- Business Information Systems (lecture)
- Comparative Public Administration in Europe (lecture)
- Information Management in the public sector (lecture)
- Public Administration and Public Sector Innovation: Capita Selecta (lecture)
- Integrated Research Seminar (seminar)

Second semester (University of Münster):

- Enterprise Architecture Management (lecture + exercise)
- Information Management: Theories (lecture + exercise)
- Project Management (lecture + exercise)
- E-Government (lecture + exercise)
- Integrated Research Seminar (seminar)

Third semester (Tallinn University of Technology):

- Entrepreneurship and Technology Management (lecture + seminar + exercise)
- Technology and Society (lecture + exercise)
- E-Governance (lecture + exercise)
- Peer Production and the Theory of Commons (lecture + exercise)
- E-Governance and Democracy Instruments (lecture + exercise)
- Recent Issues in E-Governance (lecture + seminar + exercise)
- Integrated Research Seminar (seminar)

Fourth semester:

- Master's thesis with optional internship

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes

International elements	- International guest lecturers - Integrated study abroad unit(s) - Courses are led with foreign partners - Content-related regional focus

Integrated study abroad unit(s)	Participants spend the first semester in Leuven, Belgium. The second semester is spent in Münster, Germany, and the third semester is spent in Tallinn, Estonia.

Integrated internships	Internships can be performed between the semesters or as an optional part of the Master's thesis.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,750 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	https://pioneer-master.eu/fees-funding/
Semester contribution	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. You can find more information here: https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/einschreibung/semesterbeitrag.shtml
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	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	Students may be eligible for an ERASMUS+ scholarship.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Admission to the Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Public Sector Innovation and eGovernance programme can be granted if the student accomplishes the following: a) The applicant must fulfil the general requirements at KU Leuven, where the preliminary checks on completeness and eligibility are done. b) The applicant must have a first academic Bachelor's degree (min. 180 ECTS) in public administration, social science, political science, information systems, information science, informatics, engineering, business, law, or an equivalent degree in the mentioned areas. Other applications will be taken into consideration depending on the other selection criteria. The admission policy is intended to ensure equal opportunity of access to higher education for qualified students. c) The applicant must prove a good command of both spoken and written English (details below). General admission is granted at KU Leuven, according to Belgian law and in line with the

mentioned requirements. According to this decision, the students will also be enrolled at the University of Münster and Tallinn University of Technology.

Admission decisions are based upon evaluation of a complete application file.

- **Diploma(s) and transcript(s) of academic records:** all applicants must upload PDF scans of his/her original diploma(s) and original transcript(s) of academic records. If the applicant has not graduated yet at the time of his/her application, a proof of provisional graduation issued by the university and the intermediate official transcript(s) of records should be uploaded.
- **English Proficiency Certificate** (or test registration; see: "Language requirements")
- **Proof of nationality:** a scan of the identity page of your passport (For EEA citizens: A PDF scan of your national ID card will suffice.)

All eligible applicants will be granted access to the programme.

Language requirements	All non-native speakers are required to submit an English proficiency test. We only accept the following language certificates: • TOEFL, for which the minimum total score is 100 (for the Internet-based test) with a minimum of 22 on the four different components. • IELTS, for which the minimum total score required is 7.0 with a minimum of 6.0 on the four different components. • Cambridge English Qualifications for general and higher education, for which we accept a minimum score of 184 on C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency. • ITACE, for which level C1 is required. These tests are not required if students can prove that some of their previous studies were successfully completed in English.
Application deadline	1 March for the following winter semester for non-EEA student 1 June for the following winter semester for EEA students
Submit application to	KU Leuven Admissions Naamsestraat 63 - box 5410 3000 Leuven Belgium

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	Internships, student assistant jobs
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.
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	• Welcome event • Visa matters

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates	Housing service
Supervisor-student ratio	1:7

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