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Master's degree

Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society

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HOCHSCHULE FULDA

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES
AN DER UNIVERSITÄT FULDA



Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<p>Studies start with an introduction week on 14 October 2024. Prior to this, the International Office offers another orientation week for international students.</p> <p>We advise that you make sure that you can move to Fulda in time to make use of these offers.</p>
Application deadline	30 September
	<p>Important note: International applicants, who need a student visa for Germany, should apply by July in order to receive the admission letter in time to start their studies in October. You can expect to receive the admission letter, which is required for the visa process, about five to eight weeks after you have submitted your application. Find out about the usual visa processing times in your country and make an appointment at the responsible embassy well in advance. Submit your application as early as possible in order to have enough time for all your preparations (getting the visa, finding accommodation, etc.).</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	Politics and society are increasingly being confronted with the demands for a human rights discourse that addresses the rising need for concretisation and compliance to the principles of freedom and equality at the local, national, European, and global level.

Properly addressing these needs requires social scientists with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the development of human rights and their codification, social science methodology, legal reasoning, and awareness of the varying regional and cultural frameworks for spelling out the importance of human rights.

Thus, the demand for specialists in this field is growing and requires graduates who are equipped with analytical skills and the empirical methods necessary for carrying out research in the field of human rights and for disseminating the research findings. The degree programme offers an interdisciplinary and social science-based curriculum that combines sociological, political, and legal studies.

The degree programme deals with the historical and present institutionalisation of human rights in the areas of politics, law, and civil society. In addition to these approaches, it takes into account interculturalism, diversity, and, of course, sociological methodology (empirical social research).

Course Details

Course organisation

The Master's programme "[Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society](#)" comprises four semesters (two years). During the first two semesters, students become familiar with the history and theory of human rights, human rights codes and guarantees, social change and human rights, legal argumentation in human rights, institutions, and enforcement as well as global, regional, and local communication and understanding. These topics are accompanied by intensive academic training in social science methodology.

After the second semester, students undertake an internship of ten weeks in an organisation that is relevant to human rights. Examples of organisations include public authorities, international and supranational organisations, international and national government or non-government organisations, think tanks, research institutes, educational institutions, media, or private companies. The internship may take place in Germany but it is also recommended that students gain work experience abroad in developing countries.

The third semester provides an opportunity to focus on areas of interest such as work/employment, migration and asylum or communication.

In addition, students are encouraged to mingle with students who are enrolled in the other degree programmes of the department and to collect a number of credits in joint classes. Other programmes that are run by the department focus on social law, social sciences, intercultural relations, intercultural communication, and European studies.

The Master's thesis will be written during the fourth semester. Students discuss their topics of interest with two supervisors in the department and, after having submitted their thesis, defend it in an oral disputation.

MAHRS students with a strong interest in research can apply for a PhD programme at Hochschule Fulda after graduation. For more information, see:

<https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/departments/social-cultural-sciences/fulda-graduate-centre-of-social-sciences>

» [PDF Download](#)

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)

Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)

Study abroad units are not compulsory, but they are available. The department has a range of partnerships within Erasmus as well as with overseas partners. Students are welcome to apply for a study abroad semester.

Diverse intercultural background of students	Students are recruited from all over the world. The yearly cohorts are therefore highly diverse.
Integrated internships	An internship of ten weeks is to be completed during the summer break between the second and the third semester. The internship can be undertaken in Germany or abroad. A programme adviser will assist in finding an appropriate internship. For further information please read the section on educational organisation.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	A semester contribution of around 330 EUR is charged to cover the cost of student services, the student government, and an administrative fee as well as the "Deutschland semester ticket" (a student bus and rail pass for local and regional public transport all over Germany).
Costs of living	Approx. 900 to 950 EUR per month, including food, rent and health insurance (approx. 120 EUR per month), depending on one's living standard
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	International students may apply for the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Social Sciences, Political Sciences, Law, Communication, Cultural Studies, Social Work, Philosophy, or similar subjects. Applicants are required to have 40 credits in Social Sciences or Law/Legal Studies.
Language requirements	Good English language skills, proven by listening, reading and writing. Accepted certificates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL ibT (79), • TOEFL pbT or itp (550), • IELTS (6.5) • CAE/CPE

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Submit application to <https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/study/information-for-your-application>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment From tutoring jobs and student assistantships at Fulda University to typical student jobs in restaurants, shops, and many other industries in the city of Fulda and its surrounding area, there is a wide range of job opportunities available.

Accommodation The International Office offers an accommodation service for international students coming directly from abroad. Costs for accommodation amount to approx. 350 to 450 EUR per month for a single room in a shared flat or 450 to 600 EUR per month for a single apartment. There are excellent, newly built student residences within walking distance of the university.

For more information on housing, see: <https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/ueber-fulda/reside-in-fulda>.

Career advisory service Career counselling takes place as part of the internship preparation. In addition, the International Office provides career counselling for international graduates seeking employment in Germany.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service

Supervisor-student ratio 1:30



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Nancy Pandey
MA student

I'm an Indian student of Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society. My journey with Hochschule Fulda University of Applied Sciences has been a knowledgeable experience: I learnt a lot of things which include intercultural communication, social justice, grounded theory and human rights. My professors are very helpful – especially when I reach the limits of my German language skills. The atmosphere among my classmates is very inspiring and I feel welcome and comfortable at my department.



Image video of the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences

The video shows the department's study and research activities in a cartoon.

» more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAnBMXu6JSA&feature=emb_logo

Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Fulda University of Applied Sciences is a practice-oriented university with an international profile and a strong focus on applied research. Fulda University is the first university of applied sciences in Germany with the independent right to confer doctoral degrees. Founded in 1974, the university currently encompasses eight departments with over 60 [study programmes](#) and approx. 8,700 students, including over 1,750 international students from more than 90 countries. The university offers a broad spectrum of academic and professional education. Numerous [research](#) and development projects are undertaken in cooperation with private business and industry. Fulda University cooperates with more than 100 universities around the world. The number of international programmes is growing continuously. These programmes are partly or entirely taught in English.

At the Bachelor's level, we currently offer six international Bachelor's programmes: Science & Engineering, Industrial Engineering Food, Social Sciences for Intercultural Relations, Food Technology, Global Health, and International Business & Management. At the Master's level, we offer six programmes: International Management; Intercultural Communication and European Studies; International Food Business and Consumer Studies; Global Software Development; Data Science; and Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law, and Society.

Further programmes designed for international students include the following:

1. [Pre-College Fulda](#), a preparatory year for applicants with and without a higher education entrance qualification for Germany
2. [Pre-Study Fulda](#), a preparatory semester for international applicants that includes German language training
3. [Career service](#) for international students and graduates
4. Preparatory intensive German courses
5. German courses (accompanying studies)
6. Support services, e.g. for housing and visa as well as a buddy programme and orientation week
7. International Summer University ([ISU](#)), International Winter University ([IWU](#)), International Course in Business ([ICB](#)), and International Course in Social Work ([ICSW](#))

University location

A historic city founded in 744, Fulda today has a population of 70,000 with approx. 100,000 people living in the region. Fulda's Baroque quarter is one of the most beautiful in Germany and attracts visitors from all over the world. The picturesque Old Town has many cafés, bars, and pubs, with numerous shops and boutiques. The city's cultural life has something to offer for everyone. The high quality of life makes Fulda a great place to live and an ideal place to study. Fulda enjoys ideal public transport connections. One of Europe's principal international airports, Frankfurt International, is just one hour away by car or direct train. Other major cities in Germany, like Berlin, Munich, Cologne, or Hamburg, are within easy reach and only two to three hours away by train. Even famous European capitals like Paris and Brussels are reachable within five hours by train.

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