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Master's degree



National and International Administration and Policy (MANIA)

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Students will attend courses in English, and the examinations will be written in English.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	The application deadline is 1 December for the summer semester and 1 June for the winter semester. https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/studium/zugang/bewerbung-master
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>This English language degree programme at the University of Potsdam is currently unique in Germany, and it offers you the exceptional opportunity to study Public Administration and Public Policy from an international perspective. As a student in this programme, you will study at one of the most renowned universities in the areas of political and administrative science. You will be in an attractive academic environment and in the immediate vicinity of all levels of government and administration in practice. The interdisciplinary orientation of the programme also allows you to study political and administrative science topics from the perspective of various disciplines.</p> <p>During your studies, you will engage with core topics in political and administrative science research from an international and comparative perspective. The focus is on empirical projects in the areas of administration, public policy, management, and governance using qualitative and quantitative methods and drawing on subject-specific theoretical knowledge.</p> <p>You will build and expand your knowledge of modes of governance, public administration, structures and development of political systems in the 21st century, and the role of civil society interest groups in a national and international or supranational context. You will also gain deeper insight into the underlying legal frameworks. Furthermore, the elective modules make it possible to set your own focus, for example, on questions of modernisation of state and administration (e.g. administrative reforms), digitalisation in state and administration, global crisis management, policy field analysis and democracy research. In addition, you will expand your expertise in research methods and practice.</p>

The Master's programme has an academic orientation as well as a professional orientation. In the Fast Track Doctoral Stream, you will have the opportunity to work towards a doctoral dissertation. During your theoretical and empirical training, you will deepen your knowledge about the structure and the functioning of public administration from the local to the global level. You will reflect on the interdependencies of structures and actors of public policy as well as on the explanatory power of core theoretical concepts and the feasibility of research designs. The interdisciplinary orientation of the programme is a great advantage here, as it allows you to connect knowledge from political science and law as well as from sociology and economics. The focus is on the simultaneous empirical use of and critical reflection on acquired theoretical knowledge. The programme also focuses on deepening your knowledge of social science methods with regard to qualitative and quantitative analysis. This training is closely tied to the current research done in the faculty.

Course Details

Course organisation	» PDF Download
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • 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 do an internship if they choose module M.10 (Cross Disciplinary Courses & Internship). However, this is not compulsory, as they can choose between the modules M.9 (Cross Disciplinary Courses) and M.10 (Cross Disciplinary Courses & Internship).
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee of currently 316 EUR. This semester contribution includes a semester ticket entitling you to free use of public transport all over Brandenburg and Berlin.
Costs of living	Living in Germany is rather cheap compared to other countries in Northern and Western Europe. Monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam vary between 870 and 1,200 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found here .

Funding opportunities within the university No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

- First professional academic degree, e.g. a Bachelor's degree in a subject relevant to the Master's programme, e.g. in administrative, political or social sciences
- During your studies, you should have acquired knowledge in the core areas of political/administrative science as well as in social science methodology.
- Very good proficiency in the English language (see below)
- Proof of basic command of the German language (see below)

Please find more detailed information on the admission requirements in the [Subject-Specific Admission Regulations for the Master's Degree Programme in National and International Administration and Policy at the University of Potsdam](#) (§ 3 Admission Requirements).

Language requirements

- English language proficiency corresponding to at least level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (To find out which certificates the University of Potsdam recognises, please click [here](#).)
- German language proficiency corresponding to at least level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (To find out which certificates the University of Potsdam recognises, please click [here](#).)

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Submit application to

Please apply via uni-assist e.V.

For more information, please visit this [website](#).

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Job opportunities for students alongside their studies are numerous. Depending on personal and professional skills, students can find jobs in the service sector (e.g. in restaurants, supermarkets, cinemas, museums, theatres, etc.) or work as student assistants at the University of Potsdam or at one of the many non-university research institutions located in the area. The German capital, Berlin, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there. Please see [this website](#) for further information.

Accommodation

There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally, there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply. However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with fellow students. The housing market is tight, so please start looking for an accommodation as early as possible.

For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click

[this link.](#)

Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

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