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# Master's degree



**Political Science – MA**

University of Cologne • Köln

## Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Most of our courses are offered in English. Therefore, it is possible to apply without knowledge of German and to complete your Master's degree in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	15 June for the next winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The University of Cologne's Master's in Political Science offers a research-oriented study programme with course offerings across a range of political science areas. Thematic areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Comparative Political Institutions</li><li>Comparative Political Economy</li><li>Empirical Democratic Theory</li><li>International Relations</li><li>European and Multi-level Politics</li><li>Political Science Methods</li></ul> <p>The empirical and analytical focus of the programme enables you to analyse political phenomena using state-of-the-art research methods and to carry out an independent research project. Upon graduating from the programme, you will be ready for a professional career in many areas of politics or for the continuation of your studies through a PhD programme in political science.</p> <p>The department hosts numerous research projects funded by international and national funding</p>

agencies (such as the European Research Council), providing Master's students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in conducting political science research as student assistants.

The associated research centre, [Cologne Center for Comparative Politics \(CCCP\)](#), brings together junior and senior political scientists at the department who work on comparative research related to electoral politics and representation, political institutions, political economy, and political methodology. Moreover, professors at the CCCP are part of the [Cluster of Excellence "ECONtribute: Markets and Public Policy"](#), a joint research centre at the Universities of Cologne and Bonn funded by the German Excellence Strategy.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

The MA programme includes a module area in "Political Science Research Methods", which offers training in foundations of research methods, including research design and logic, qualitative methods, and quantitative and computational methods with the statistical software R.

In addition to these foundational methods courses, advanced research projects are offered, in which you apply advanced empirical research methods to current research questions in politics. For instance, past MA courses included training in quantitative text analysis, social media analysis, experiments and causal inference, process tracing, and qualitative comparative analysis.

The Master's thesis is written towards the end of the programme and can be research or practice oriented, corresponding to your interests.

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### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad

### 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

The semester contribution amounts to approx. 320 EUR per semester. The fee includes a public transport ticket for the regional transport throughout Germany ("Deutschlandsemesterticket").

### Funding opportunities

Yes

within the university

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

[Scholarships and further financing options](#)

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Bachelor's degree at least 2.7 (German grade) with

- at least 36 ECTS credits in the field of Political Science AND
- at least 9 ECTS credits in the field of Methods in Social Sciences

Please find more information and a full list of requirements [here](#).

Language requirements

English language skills B2

Please find more information [here](#).

Application deadline

15 June for the next winter semester

Submit application to

[https://wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/application/master/master-political-science?mtm\\_campaign=PortalDAAD-political-science-application](https://wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/application/master/master-political-science?mtm_campaign=PortalDAAD-political-science-application)

## Services

Accommodation

Accommodation is available through the student union ("Kölner Studierendenwerk") or on the private housing market. Rent for a single room in a student hall of residence is approx. 200 EUR to 300 EUR. Rent for a single room on the private housing market is approx. 400 EUR to 600 EUR.

Career advisory service

[WiSo Career Services](#)

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates


[WiSo Student Services](#)


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