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# Master's degree



## Master's in Public Policy and Social Change

University of Tübingen • Tübingen

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The language of teaching and examination in the MPPSC is English (100%).
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	The application deadline for applicants wishing to start our programme in the winter semester of 2025/2026 is 31 May 2025.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>Understanding the complexity of public policy in a fast-changing world is becoming ever more important for policymakers and analysts. The Master's in Public Policy and Social Change (MPPSC) is a first-class international Master's programme focusing on the analysis of public policies in the light of social changes and societal challenges at the national, regional and global level. It is a consecutive Master's programme for highly-motivated international BA graduates of political science, sociology and related social-science disciplines. MPPSC will enable graduates to become the policy analysts of tomorrow, for a world better governed.</p> <p>The programme provides students with knowledge of the relevant sociological and political science theories and skills in quantitative and qualitative methods enabling them to analyse and critically assess policies and social change and communicate them to decision-makers.</p> <p>A core element of the programme is its international comparative focus. Students will critically assess the performance of countries and effectiveness of policies in dealing with social change and societal and economic challenges. In addition to core obligatory courses, students can choose from</p>

various specialisation courses and interdisciplinary electives.

The core [faculty members](#) responsible for delivering teaching and supervision on the MPPSC programme are leading experts of political science, sociology and public policy with an international profile. In addition to their background and experience of the German university sector, the MPPSC team members have studied and worked in various excellent universities in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Hungary, India, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Hence, they have the expertise and experience required to deliver a genuinely international experience to students in Tübingen.

## Course Details

Course organisation	<a href="#">» PDF Download</a>
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International guest lecturers</li><li>• Language training provided</li><li>• Training in intercultural skills</li><li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li></ul>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
Semester contribution	Enrolment fees at the University of Tübingen are currently approx. 160 EUR per semester. This includes use of local public transport free of charge from Mondays to Fridays in the evening, at the weekend and on public holidays. In addition, students may purchase a semester ticket for unlimited use of public transport in the city of Tübingen and the surrounding area (currently approx. 140 EUR).
Costs of living	Estimated basic student expenses are around 950 EUR per month according to the Tübingen Student Services organisation (“Studierendenwerk”), including rent for student accommodation. Rent for private accommodation will be more expensive.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

A limited number of tuition fee waivers for non-EU students are available.

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Bachelor's degree in political science, sociology, economics, or related social science discipline (usually of 180 ECTS) with a final GPA of at least 2.0 based on the German grading system or equivalent

Language requirements

Proof of English Language Qualification (for all applicants whose first language is not English)

Level B2/C1 or equivalent according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), normally translated to:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- TOEFL PBT: 550
- IELTS: 6.5 (overall band)
- Cambridge English Scale 176
- German "HZB", e.g. "Abiturzeugnis" or "Fachhochschulreife"
- Secondary school certificate and/or university degree from a programme in which the main language of instruction and examination was English

Application deadline

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Submit application to

Online application: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/facilities/administration/iv-student-affairs/advising-and-admission-of-international-students/>

For questions regarding the application process, please e-mail the International Students' Admissions Office: [study@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:study@uni-tuebingen.de).

## Services

Accommodation

Accommodation is available through the Student Services organisation ("Studierendenwerk") or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.

We recommend you apply for student accommodation through the "Studierendenwerk" at the same time that you apply for admission to the Master's programme (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/> and <https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/>) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you have received it (your application won't be finally processed before the "Studierendenwerk" has received proof of your admission). For further information, check out the "Studierendenwerk" pages on housing in Tübingen (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/>).

Support for international students and doctoral

- Welcome event
- Accompanying programme

## candidates

- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation

### General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The university offers a number of “onboarding” services for newly arriving international students. This includes:

- a help desk
- a buddy programme
- an advisory programme “How to Study at the University of Tübingen”
- a wide range of social activities offered by student groups

For further information, please refer to: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182071>.

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