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# Master's degree



## Child Development and Intervention

Leipzig University • Leipzig

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The CDI is an international Master's programme held completely in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li><li>part-time (study alongside work)</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	31 May
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Child Development and Intervention Master of Science programme focuses on understanding and promoting the positive and healthy development of children. It is characterised by small cohorts that allow for intensive exchange between faculty and students, hands-on research and internship opportunities, and a curriculum that moves beyond research to train students on translating cutting-edge science into effective practical solutions for children and families.</p> <p>The Child Development and Intervention Master of Science programme offers courses in three core modules: research, research – practice, and policy.</p> <p><b>Research:</b> Students receive a solid foundation in clinical-developmental theory and analytical methods for childhood and intervention studies in diverse contexts. This ideally prepares them to pursue a PhD in the field of child development and mental health, as well as immediately engaging in the design and implementation of research on positive and healthy child development in academic, non-profit, governmental, or industry settings.</p> <p><b>Research – Practice:</b> Core knowledge is put into practice with training on strengths-based and science-based assessment, intervention, and prevention techniques to strengthen children's social-emotional development and mental health in different socialisation contexts. These applied</p>

modules prepare graduates for careers in the areas of counselling, including the design, delivery, and evaluation of interventions in diverse institutions like, for instance, schools or ambulatory care centres.

**Policy:** Research should have impacts beyond the walls of academia. Students learn how to transfer the results of basic and applied research into comprehensive materials and directives that are made accessible for the children themselves, their parents, educators, clinicians, and policy makers in national and international contexts. These modules prepare graduates to enter knowledge transfer roles in social and political institutions at the local, national, and international levels.

The two-year degree programme is offered entirely in English and provides a unique curriculum. The range of subjects includes:

- empirical methods and statistics
- scientific practice
- child development in an interdisciplinary context
- social-emotional development of children
- psychopathology
- strength-based assessments
- intervention and prevention methods to enhance child development and well-being
- transferring research into social policy
- science communication and public outreach

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## Course Details

### Course organisation

The Master's programme is comprised of 120 credit points, of which 25 are allocated to the Master's thesis and five to a compulsory, applied four-week research internship. To reflect the interdisciplinary nature of developmental research, research-practice, and policy, courses are offered by lecturers specialising in a range of subjects, including educational science, developmental psychology, clinical-developmental psychology, and philosophy.

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### International elements

- Training in intercultural skills
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International guest lecturers
- Opportunities for students to work abroad
- Specialist literature in other languages
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

### Integrated internships

The programme includes a compulsory, applied four-week research internship that can be completed abroad.

### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

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## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR      None

Semester contribution      267 EUR

Funding opportunities within the university      No

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## Requirements / Registration

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### Academic admission requirements

- A first academic degree
- Knowledge of English at C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- Basic knowledge in research methods and statistics

The faculty will check whether the above requirements have been met and then issue an official notification. This serves as proof that the candidate fulfils the admission requirements.

Language requirements      Knowledge of English at C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Application deadline      31 May

Submit application to      <https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de>  
<https://www.uni-assist.de/>

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## Services

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Career advisory service      <https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/guidance-and-services/career-service>

### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Visa matters
- Support with registration procedures

Supervisor-student ratio      3/8

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