

How do I apply for a place on the programme?

Please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for details on the application procedure and which documents to enclose.

You should have a first degree, gained after three years' full-time study, ranked among the best 50% of your cohort or with a classification of or equivalent to 3.5 or better (German marking system), in Business Studies, Christian Education, Economics, Law, Education, Medicine, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Education, Social Work, Theology or a related discipline.

The application deadline for the programme, which starts in October each year, is 15 July.

Good German language skills are required to study this degree programme, as that is the language of instruction.

If you need to learn or perfect your German first, we have just what you need: www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german.

Programme	Caritas Science and Values-based Management
Degree awarded	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration and credits	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	October (winter semester)
Language of instruction	German

Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web

www.uni-passau.de/ma-caritas

Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements
 Innstr. 41, 94032 Passau, Germany
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 E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de
www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

International Office

Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau
www.uni-passau.de/en/international

Student Registration Office

Contact for enquiries related to your application
www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office

Language Centre

Offers a wide range of language courses
www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en

Centre for Careers and Competencies

Helps students seeking internships or career entry positions and offers transferable skills courses
www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk

iStudi Coach for job market induction

Provides job market orientation and advice on internship and job search to international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi

German Courses Passau

German language courses for international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german

Master of Arts in Caritas Science and Values-based Management



Why study Caritas with us?

Caritas Science and Values-based Management is concerned with the practice of charity, guidance and leadership following Christian ethical principles.

This degree programme is ideal for you if you want to gain a level of social and political competence that allows you to be an effective advocate for the Disadvantaged; if you wish to develop your leadership skills; and if you want to make sure your decisions and actions in a social, pedagogical, pastoral or management role are ethically sound.

Studying Caritas Science and Values-based Management will enable you to supplement your first degree with a social-theological specialisation. Subject to a minimum final mark, this Master's degree gives graduates access to doctoral studies.

Career prospects

This Master's degree programme prepares students for executive and specialist roles in non-profit organisations (charitable and social organisations such as *Caritas* and *Diakonie*), as well as in public-sector organisations.

This degree is also relevant for occupations in professional areas such as adult education, counselling and coaching.



Features

- The University of Passau is the only university in Bavaria to offer the Master of Arts in Caritas Science
- The programme can be studied part-time (sandwich course). This requires flexible working hours or limited leave for your studies
- Excellent staff/student ratio and personal contact with the lecturers

Programme syllabus

The programme is divided into six module groups:

A) Caritas Theological Thought

- Christian Concept of Humanity and Christian Practices in Post-Modern Times
- Guiding Principles of Charity
- The Therapeutic Side of Theology

B) Ethical Actions and Decisions

- Advocacy of a Just Society Characterised by Solidarity
- Criteria and Paths to an Ethical Life
- Decision-Making Tools in Borderline Situations
- Ethics in Business

C) Guiding Others and Developing Organisations

- Psychology and Theology of Personnel Management
- Values-based Management
- Diagnosis and Intervention in Social Systems
- Legal Principles of Charity in Practice

D) Giving Qualified Advice and Developing Personality

- Managing Staff Interviews Competently
- Communication and Counselling in Personal Crises
- Psychological Hygiene and Spiritual Resources

E) Reflecting on Real Practices

- Basic Psychological Skills for Daily Life and at Work
- Resilience and Salutogenesis

F) Caritas-Scientific Research

- Empirical Social Research
- Practical and Theological Research Methods
- Master's thesis

In addition to lectures, your training will comprise practice sessions, field trips, essays and voluntary internships, for which you will receive intensive guidance and supervision. You will write your thesis in the second half of the degree programme.

Module group A 15 ECTS credits Caritas Theological Thought	Module group B 25 ECTS credits Ethical Actions and Decisions	Module group C 25 ECTS credits Guiding Others and Developing Organisations	Module group D 15 ECTS credits Giving Qualified Advice and Developing Personality	Module group E 15 ECTS credits Reflecting on Real Practices	Module group F 10 ECTS credits Caritas-Scientific Research
Module 1 Practical-theological Principles of Caritas 5 ECTS credits	Module 4 Theological Ethics 10 ECTS credits	Module 7 Business Management 5 ECTS credits	Module 11 Guiding Conversations 10 ECTS credits	Module 13 Caritas Practice from an Historical Perspective 5 ECTS credits	Module 16 Empirical Social Research 5 ECTS credits
Module 2 Identifying Where Outreach Ministry is Needed 5 ECTS credits	Module 5 Christian Social Ethics 10 ECTS credits	Module 8 Personnel Management 5 ECTS credits	Module 12 Personal Spiritual Growth 5 ECTS credits	Module 14 Fields of Involvement in Christian Social Work 5 ECTS credits	Module 17 Caritas-Scientific Research 5 ECTS credits
Module 3 Christian Anthropology 5 ECTS credits	Module 6 Ethics in Business 5 ECTS credits	Module 9 Developing Organisations 10 ECTS credits	Module 15 Practical Training in Social Ministry 5 ECTS credits		
		Module 10 Legal Structures in the Social Ministry of the Church 5 ECTS credits			
Master's thesis			15 ECTS credits		