

How to apply for a place on the programme

Please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for details on the application process, including deadlines and required documents.

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

Good German language skills at level B2 of the Common Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) 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.

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

Phone: +49 851 509 1154

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

Future: Careers and Competencies Section

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 Charity Studies and Values-Based Management



About the programme

Charity Studies and Values-based Management is concerned with the practice of charity in the spirit of Christian altruism.

Do you want to gain a level of socio-political competence that allows you to be an effective advocate for the Disadvantaged? Do you volunteer for charitable causes? Do you want to ensure that the decisions and actions you take in a social, pedagogical, pastoral or administrative role are ethically sound?

Studying this programme, you will supplement your first degree with a social-theological specialisation.

Depending on your final grade, this master's degree can give you access to doctoral study.

Career prospects

This degree programme prepares students for executive roles in non-profit organisations and enables them to undertake qualified roles in charitable and social organisations such as *Caritas* and *Diakonie*, as well as private-sector businesses and civil-service organisations.

This degree is also relevant for occupations in adult education, counselling and coaching.



Features

- The University of Passau is the only university in Bavaria to offer the Master of Arts in Charity Studies
- The programme can be studied part-time (sandwich course). This requires flexible working hours or limited leave for your studies
- Face-to-face classes are usually offered on Friday afternoons and on Saturdays. The other classes take place in blended-learning format, via Zoom or in hybrid format
- Excellent staff/student ratio and personal contact with the lecturers

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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Areas of Action in Christian Social Work 5 ECTS credits	Module 17 Charity 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		

Programme syllabus

This degree programme comprises 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 Life Ethics
- Decision-Making Tools in Borderline Situations
- Ethics in Business

C) Guiding Others and Developing Organisations

- Psychology and Theology of Managing Staff and Organisations
- 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) Charity Research

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

In addition to lectures, your training will comprise exercise courses, field trips, essays and voluntary internships, for which you will receive extensive guidance and support.

You will write your master's thesis in the second half of the degree programme.