How to apply for a place on the programme

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

Applicants for this degree programme must have a good first degree in Social Science, Business Administration, Economics or a related discipline, with the result of 2.3 or better (according to the German grading scheme) or ranked among the best 50% of your cohort.

You should provide evidence of English language skills equivalent to level UNIcert® II or B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, unless English is your native language or the language of instruction for your first degree. Moreover, international applicants with foreign university qualifications should provide TestDaF TDN4 in all four categories or an equivalent certificate as proof of German language proficiency.e

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Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web
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Helmut-Schmidt Scholarship Programme
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Academic Advice Service
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Student Registration Office
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Language Centre
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Future: Careers and Competencies Section
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iStudi Coach for job market induction
Provides job market orientation and advice on internship and job search to international students
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German Courses Passau
German language courses for international students
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UNIVERSITY OF PASSAU

Master of Arts in
Governance and Public Policy

About the programme

Globalisation holds both great risks and immense opportunities; it also creates excellent career prospects and development opportunities.

One of the cornerstones of this programme is its interdisciplinary curriculum, which prepares students for work at the intersection of various academic disciplines. In the core modules and your chosen focus modules, you will study political theory, governance research and, building on this, comparative theories of government, European integration research, the transformation of traditional institutions before the background of complex multi-level governance structures as well as policy design and implementation. A choice of skills modules, including foreign languages, empirical social research, Digital Humanities, scientific principles and research design round off the qualification profile of those graduating from this degree programme.

This is an accredited programme which has received the Seal of Quality of the Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany.

Features

- The only Governance and Public Policy programme in Germany to include public law modules
- Unique range of modules with small Master's classes
- Numerous partnerships with universities abroad, which are particularly useful for students on this degree programme (e.g. France, Hungary, Pakistan, Romania, the UK and the USA)
- One of only eight degree programmes to be included in the Public Policy and Good Governance scholarship programme of the German Academic Exchange Service
- Double-degree options with Andrássy University Budapest (Hungary) and the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Career prospects

Do you have your sights on a career in the upper echelons of public administration in Germany or abroad, or in a multinational corporation?

The Master of Arts in Governance and Public Policy gives you the ideal starting conditions for a career in a corporate or administrative environment, as it imparts in-depth theoretical knowledge, skills and methods in such a way as to prepare you for challenging occupations which involve elements of social science, business and law.

This opens up career paths in administrative structures in both the private and public sector, or as an independent political consultant, e.g. for advocacy groups or political parties. Alternatively, you could pursue an academic career, e.g. at a think tank, research institute or university, as this programme provides you with a solid grounding in scientific research methods.

Degree awarded	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration and ECTS	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	April and October each year
Language of instruction	German

Programme syllabus

The degree programme consists of three module groups and includes a Master's thesis:

A: Core modules

The two core modules "Theory of State" and "Multi-Level Governance" constitute the political science foundations for your intermediate and advanced interdisciplinary study later on in the degree programme.

B: Focus modules

In the focus modules, the knowledge gained in the previously completed core modules is treated in greater detail and with the involvement of other disciplines. At this stage of the programme, you will deal with problems from the areas of comparative politics/public policy, global governance, European integration, recent European history, European and international law as well as political institutions and social transformation.

C: Competency modules

The competency modules are intended to give you the opportunity to develop practical skills and competencies in various areas, such as foreign languages, scientific principles, research design, presentation skills, empirical social research and computer-aided research methods in the social sciences and humanities (Digital Humanities).

As part of this Master's programme, you will write a thesis on a topic of your choice, whereby you prove your ability to engage in an in-depth analysis of a complex subject matter using scientific principles.