

Entry requirements

Applicants should have a prior degree (bachelor's degree or higher) with a final grade of 2.5 (or better) according to the German marking system or the relevant equivalent foreign grade. Grades will be converted by the University during the application process. If your final grade does not meet the 2.5 requirement, you may still apply if you can provide evidence that you were among the best 50% of graduates in your cohort.

In addition, you must show that the prior degree you are applying with had an 'educational sciences' component of 15 ECTS credits. (NB: ECTS credits indicate the required coursework to complete a course; one ECTS credit amounts to approximately 30 hours of work, including teaching contact hours and self-study).

If your prior degree did not include 15 ECTS credits' worth of educational sciences courses, you may remedy this by completing the missing required additional assessments in the first year of the programme.

You will need German language skills at level C1 CEFR or higher to study this degree programme, as that is the main language of instruction for this programme. Therefore, you will have to provide a recognised German language certificate such as DSH-2 or TestDaF 4 in all four categories, unless German is your native language or was the language of instruction for your secondary school education (e.g. Abitur at a German international school) or prior tertiary education.

The programme begins each winter and summer semester. The deadline for applications is 30 June for the winter semester and 15 January for the summer semester intake.

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

Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web

www.uni-passau.de/en/med-education

Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements
Innstr. 41, 94032 Passau, Germany
Phone: +49 851 509 ext. 1154, 1153, 1152, 1151 or 1150
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

Programme Co-ordinators at the Teacher Education Centre

Advice and support for students enrolled in the teacher education programmes
Gottfried-Schäffer-Str. 20, IG 401, 94032 Passau, Germany
Phone: +49 851 509 ext. 2969 or 2963
E-mail: stuko.lehramt@uni-passau.de
www.zlf.uni-passau.de/studiengangskoordination-lehramt

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

German Courses Passau

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

Programme of study	Teaching and Learning Processes
Degree awarded	Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Duration and ECTS	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	October and April
Language of instruction	German



Master of Education in Teaching and Learning Processes



Open to graduates from all disciplines



About the programme

The Master of Education in Teaching and Learning Processes is intended for those who wish to gain a qualification in the field of education, e.g. in specific pedagogical fields of action or in research methods. The Master of Education degree opens up a wide range of employment prospects in the education sector. The excellent training in educational science will, furthermore, qualify you for future management positions. If you have already completed the Bachelor of Education at the University of Passau, the Master of Education also gives you the opportunity to sit the First State Examination for teachers at 'Realschule' secondary schools whilst studying towards the master's degree.

If you choose a pedagogical field of action as a specialisation for your master's programme, you will also gain specific qualifications in non-school pedagogical areas.

Moreover, as a graduate of this programme you have the right to continue with doctoral study in educational sciences and in the didactics subjects.

Career prospects

By consolidating pedagogical-didactic competencies in the programme, you will become an expert in teaching and learning processes. This opens up career paths in adult education, further and continuing education, as an education consultant, in museum or art pedagogy as well as in working with migrants and structurally disadvantaged groups.

Within the teaching profession, it is to be expected that the further qualification will make it easier to reach executive positions. Since the master's degree is an internationally recognised qualification, graduates should find it possible to find employment abroad.

Finally, the degree programme enables students to directly pursue a doctorate in educational sciences. The necessary foundations for independently writing a scientific work are already laid in the preparation for the master's thesis; the excellent staff-student ratio means that students receive an optimal level of support for their academic development.

Features

- **Enhanced professional expertise:** The degree programme offers a significantly higher proportion of pedagogy, psychology and didactics courses than does the conventional teacher education programme for 'Realschule' secondary schools.
- **Wide range of pedagogical fields of action:** When studied consecutively to the University's B.Ed. Secondary Education programme, the master's programme enables you sit the First State Examination as you study for the master's degree. Other possible specialisations are in the pedagogical fields of action: 'Information and Media Literacy', 'Art Mediation', 'Education Management', 'Museum Pedagogy' and 'Integration, Interculturalism and Diversity'.
- **Research orientation:** You will acquire in-depth knowledge and qualifications in educational research methods and have the opportunity to complete an internship as a research assistant.
- **International:** The Master of Education (M.Ed.) is an internationally recognised degree in the field of teaching, which makes your individual profile transparent for employers abroad.
- **Excellent staff-student ratio:** The programme is organised in a way that ensures a high level of individual support.



Programme syllabus

The master's programme consists of four module areas and the master's thesis:

- A1) Teaching subjects and subject didactics (only for students with a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Passau or an equivalent degree) or
- A2) Educational sciences core modules (30 ECTS credits each)
- B) Pedagogical fields of action (30 ECTS credits)
- C) Profile modules in educational sciences (15 ECTS credits)
- D) Research methods (15 ECTS credits)

A1) If you have completed the Bachelor of Education at the University of Passau or an equivalent degree, you will complete the outstanding required assessments for admission to the First State Examination for teachers at Bavarian secondary schools in this module area. (30 ECTS credits, including 10 ECTS from your secondary subject in the B.Ed. programme and 20 ECTS from intermediate subject didactics modules. Once you complete the A1 modules you will meet the requirements for admission to the First State Examination.

A2) Students who do not wish to sit the State Examination complete module area A2 with advanced modules in psychology, pedagogy, general didactics and subject didactics.

B) You will choose a specialisation module group in which you will acquire specific and in-depth knowledge and qualifications for the relevant pedagogical field of action in the amount of 30 ECTS credits:

- 'Information and Media Literacy'
- 'Education Management'
- 'Integration, Interculturalism and Diversity'
- 'Museum Pedagogy'
- 'Art Mediation'
- 'Educational Science and Didactics.'

C) You will choose three out of five modules (15 ECTS credits in total) to acquire in-depth knowledge in the areas of subject didactics, general didactics, media education or psychology in the context of technology-assisted learning according to your interests. In addition, you can complete a research internship in which you will accompany and support current educational research projects as a research assistant.

D) You will complete three modules in which you will acquire in-depth knowledge and qualifications in educational research methods.

The master's thesis (30 ECTS credits) is written either on an educational-science topic or on a topic from the subject didactics.