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German Academic Exchange Service

Master's Scholarships for  
Public Policy and Good Governance

## Helmut-Schmidt- Programme

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### Objectives

With the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme, the DAAD strives to contribute to promoting good governance and civil society structures in developing and emerging countries.

### The programme

- offers future leaders master's programmes in disciplines that are of special relevance for the social, political and economic development
- prepares them in a practice-oriented course for responsible positions in or for their regions of origin and enables them to contribute to establishing economic and social forms that are democratically oriented and designed to overcome social inequalities

## Helmut-Schmidt-Programme



### What is fundable?

Full scholarships for eight selected master's programmes at German universities

### These study programmes

- focus on public policy, good governance, international relations, public management, public administration, civil society, social protection, peace and conflict studies, development and socio-economic policies
- have an international orientation and are taught in English and/or German

### All scholarship holders will be offered additionally

- studying and special tutoring in groups at their host university
- networking events and tailor-made workshops
- German courses in Germany for up to six months before starting their master's programme

### Target group

Graduates from developing and emerging countries (Bachelor or equivalent)

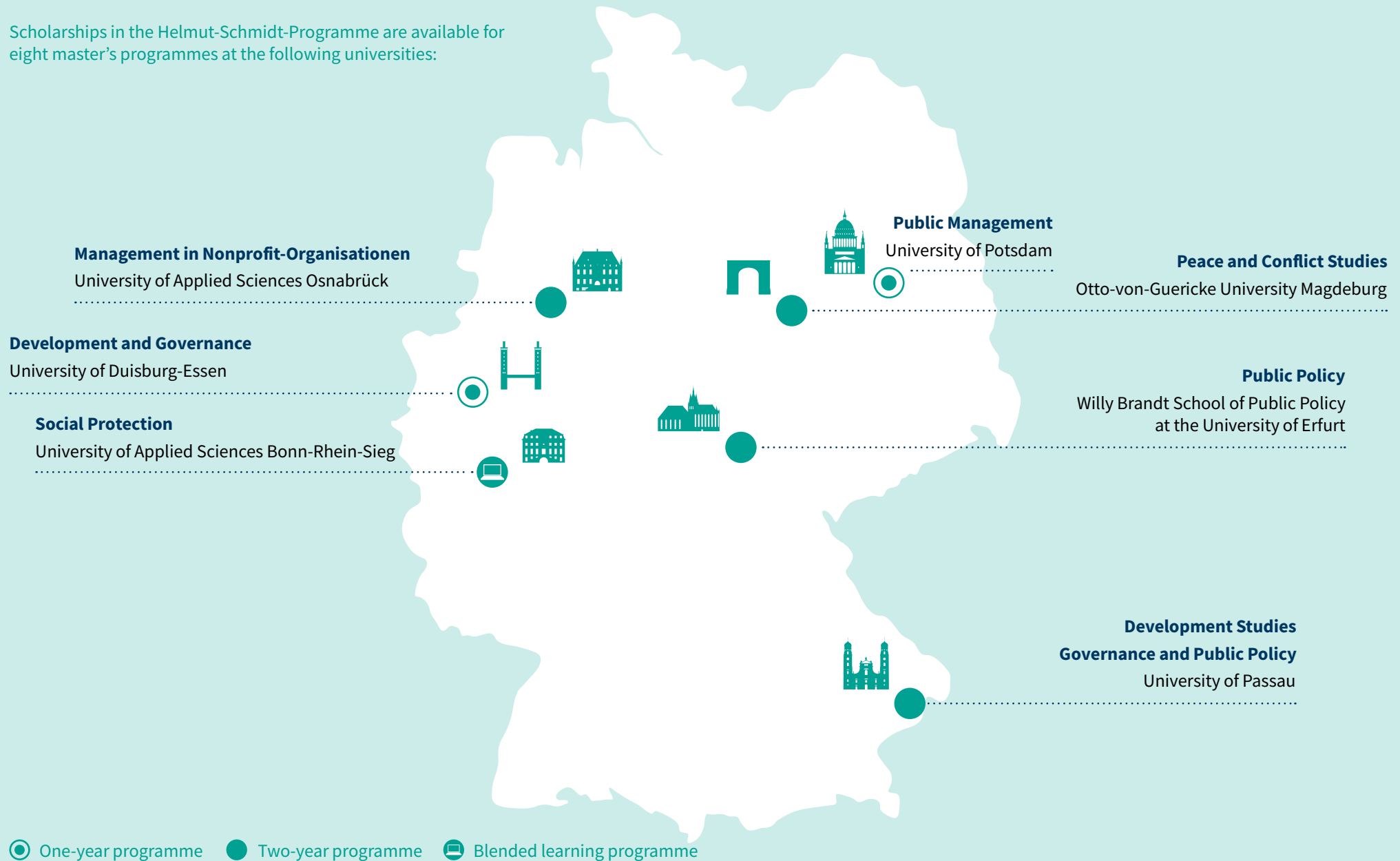
- with a well-qualified first university degree in Social and Political Sciences, Law, Economics, Public Policy and Administration
- willing to actively contribute to the social, political and economic development of their home countries/regions
- who have already gained practical experience relevant to the programme (professional experience, internships or other activities in their community)



For further information please visit our website:

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Scholarships in the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme are available for eight master's programmes at the following universities:





## Location & University

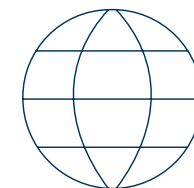
Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg (H-BRS) is a young University of Applied Sciences located near the city of Bonn, which is known for its international flair. The university provides a modern, well-equipped infrastructure and an exceptional professor/student ratio for a dynamic learning environment.



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## Network

- the study programme collaborates with a wide-ranging network of experienced and internationally renowned practitioners and academics from high-ranking institutions
- students have the chance to visit social protection actors in Germany and neighbouring countries
- the practical term and the group of peers with relevant work experience offer students the opportunity to broaden their network and gain hands-on experience



## Master's Programme

### Content

- 1<sup>st</sup> semester: held in Germany where students interact with classmates and professors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester: classes will take place online. Students have the option of returning to their respective countries or staying in Germany. The online term offers a combination of different teaching methods that leave students with enhanced digital skills as well as self-organisation and collaborative working skills
- 3<sup>rd</sup> semester: students will apply their theoretical knowledge in an internship at an organisation of their choice. The practical term can also be used to collect data for their master's thesis
- 4<sup>th</sup> semester: writing the master's thesis

### Methods

Students acquire technical as well as methodological skills to design, reform, analyse and manage social protection policies.

### Organisation & Language

- a two-year programme which offers an interdisciplinary and in-depth study of social protection systems
- taught in English



## Social Protection

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## Practice & Career

- graduates will be able to design "smart" social protection systems which are effective, affordable and flexible enough to meet future socio-economic challenges
- graduates will have career prospects in a wide variety of fields

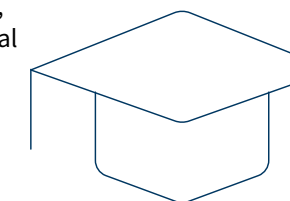
## Target Group

### Academic & Language Requirements

- highly qualified students with an undergraduate degree in Economics/Business Administration, Politics, Law, Administration, Health, Education, Social Science, Psychology and International Relations/Development or related disciplines
- good command of English
- candidates must pass a written entry exam

### Professional Experience

- candidates must have acquired at least five months of professional experience in a related field





### Location & University

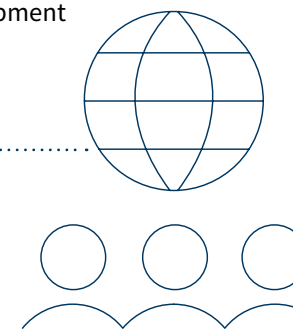
Duisburg is located in the heart of one of the largest metropolitan areas in Europe. About 40,000 students are enrolled at the university and the Institute of Political Science is a leading educational and research institution in Germany.

### Network

The Institute of Political Science at the University of Duisburg-Essen has partnership programmes with

- INEF (Institute for Development and Peace)
- IN-EAST (Institute of East Asian Studies)
- Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research
- IEE (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy)

Researchers from the policy-oriented think tank German Development Institute contribute to the teaching.



### Master's Programme

#### Content

The master's programme in Development and Governance combines teaching in several Political Science sub-disciplines (Development Studies, International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Administration and Policy Studies, Comparative Politics of European Union, Sub-Saharan Africa or East Asia). The main emphasis is on acquiring knowledge of the relevance of different tiers and forms of governance processes (local, national, international), training students' analytical skills and providing them with policy- and region-specific expertise.

#### Methods

The programme provides a mixture of different teaching and learning methods, with courses not only of theoretical, but also empirical relevance linked to the students' previous academic and professional experiences.

All courses are designed to either better understand or question established conceptual dimensions of good governance, to discuss the framework conditions for the emergence of different governance arrangements or to focus on their effects on development.

#### Organisation & Language

- one-year study programme
- taught in English

**Development and Governance**  
University of Duisburg-Essen

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### Practice & Career

The programme prepares students for a wide range of positions in NGOs, ministries, international organisations and academia. Students have a variety of options for defining their professional goals and focusing their studies accordingly.

### Target Group

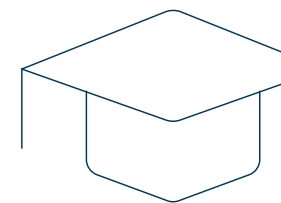
Our programme addresses students with an academic background in Social Science and working experience related to the subjects of Development and Governance.

### Academic & Language Requirements

- Bachelor's degree requiring four years of full-time study in Political Science, Social Science, Law or a related discipline
- strong academic record
- very good English proficiency

### Professional Experience

- minimum of one year full-time professional work experience at time of application (in a field relevant to our master's programme)





## Location & University

Erfurt, the capital of Thuringia – where tradition inspires innovation – is located in the green heart of Germany.

As one of the youngest and oldest universities in Germany, University of Erfurt focuses on tackling the major challenges of our time, relying on international academic cooperation.

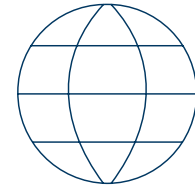


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## Network

Partnerships with practitioners, public sector organisations, businesses and academic institutions are central to our education mission. Our international network includes:

- International Public Policy Association (IPPA)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- German-Colombian Peace Institute (CAPAZ)
- German Association of Postgraduate Programmes with Special Relevance to Developing Countries (AGEP)
- Haniel Foundation
- Thuringian Ministry of Economics, Science and Digital Society



## Master's Programme

### Content

Students learn to:

- understand the theoretical underpinnings of political processes
- develop critical, analytical and practical abilities for policy-making

Students specialise in two of four subject areas:

- International & Global Public Policy
- Development & Socio-Economic Policy
- Conflict Studies & Management
- Non-Profit Management & Social Entrepreneurship

### Methods

We focus on practice-oriented study and research in small groups, allowing for close interaction between students and teaching staff, who are equipped with practical experience in their fields of teaching.

Our core curriculum combines:

- quantitative and qualitative approaches to public policy analysis and problem-solving
- foundations of public administration, public finance and economic policy analysis
- management and leadership skills as well as ethical considerations for the public sector

### Organisation & Language

- two-year interdisciplinary, practice-oriented programme
- taught in English



**Public Policy**

Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt

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## Practice & Career

Our students gain practical experience through

- project groups with external partners
- a mandatory internship

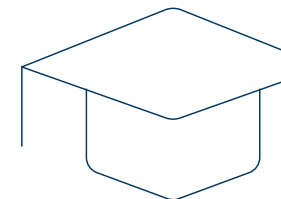


## Target Group

The MPP is designed for highly talented and motivated graduates with professional work experience, aiming for executive positions in the public or non-profit sector.

## Academic & Language Requirements

- above-average grades
- analytical talent and prominent interest in solving real-world political problems
- excellent English skills



## Professional Experience

Applicants must have at least one year of professional work experience.





## Location & University

The University Magdeburg is one of the youngest universities in Germany and attracts students from all over the world thanks to its excellent reputation and wide range of courses as well as leisure activities.

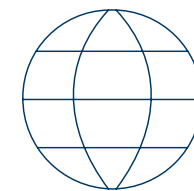
Magdeburg is a mid-sized town in eastern Germany, close to Berlin. With its many parks and the riverside as well as its affordable living expenses, it is a great city to study in.



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## Network

- alumni network with regular reunions and lectures on career paths
- local and regional cooperation for internships and workshops
- international partners at several universities in and beyond Europe
- practitioners from different areas hold lectures and workshops



## Master's Programme

### Content

PACS is an interdisciplinary study programme with a focus on political science and sociology. The close relation between students and lecturers allows for interactive teaching and flexible curricula to meet student interests.

- additional courses offered in Journalism, Philosophy, History and many other subjects
- focus on peace and conflict research, conflict analysis and management as well as peaceful approaches to conflict and violence
- students choose three out of four specialisations: Regional/ Global Orders, Sustainable Development, Global Justice, and Media and Violence

### Methods

- critical approach and strong link between theory and practice
- workshops: mandatory in applied conflict management and elective in e.g. non-violent communication
- conflict analysis and predominantly qualitative research approach

### Organisation & Language

- two-year study programme, Master of Arts degree
- taught in English

**Peace and Conflict Studies**  
Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg

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## Practice & Career

- mandatory internship
- career opportunities in IOs, NGOs, academia, international think tanks, the media and many more

## Target Group

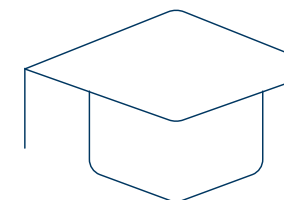
We value diverse and heterogeneous student groups and students who are passionate about their study interest.

## Academic & Language Requirements

- national and international students with at least a Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) and at least 30 ECTS in Social Science
- English at C1 level and at least good grades in the previous degree are required

## Professional Experience

- at least three months of relevant work experience or study experience abroad





## Location & University

Osnabrück is a diverse student city where you can quickly feel at home.

The University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück has been a pioneer in many areas of academic training and has thus earned the reputation of being an innovative and progressive institution of higher education.

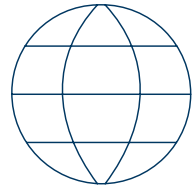


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## Network

The University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück offers:

- diverse cooperations with over 50 active NPO and NGO partners from all over Germany
- highly qualified lecturers from the field
- an active student and alumni network through its own student association "Verein für Nonprofit-Management e.V."



## Master's Programme

### Content

- students will learn everything that they will need as a future leader: from fundraising to political science, finance, impact measurement, intercultural training, ethics, social innovation to project management
- the compulsory specialisations of the master's programme are, in addition to other elective specialisations:
  - Fields of Action and Activities of Non-Profit Organisations
  - Development Cooperation

### Methods

With small study groups of 25 students and highly qualified lecturers, the university offers intensive support and ensures the best possible development of the students. The university attaches particular importance to the combination of academic quality and practical relevance.

### Organisation & Language

- two-year study programme
- taught in German



## Management in Nonprofit-Organisationen University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück

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## Practice & Career

The reference to practice is demonstrated by:

- practical projects with external partners
- the student association "Verein für Nonprofit-Management e.V." which offers the opportunity to actively put the contents learned into practice, and promotes networking with former students and various non-profit organisations
- excellent additional further education and assistance offered by the Learning Center and the Center for International Students



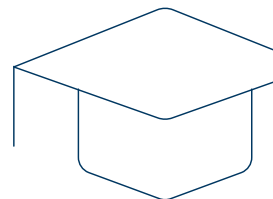
## Target Group

### Academic & Language Requirements

- international graduates with a Bachelor in the fields of Politics, Law, Economics and Administration
- a German level of at least B1

### Professional Experience

Successful candidates should have professional experience in the non-profit sector and should have also done volunteer work.







## Location & University

Situated in southeast Germany, the city of Passau straddles the rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz. Owing to its research output, study environment and a tight-knit international network of partners, the University of Passau is a highly respected teaching and research institution in the heart of Europe.

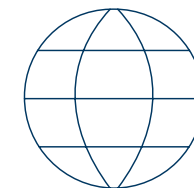


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## Network

Our partnerships:

- Center for Development Research, Bonn
- Courant Research Center, University of Göttingen
- Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network, Kiel
- Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Essen
- University of the Free State, South Africa
- Institute of Economic and Social Development Studies, Sorbonne-Paris
- University Atma Jaya, Indonesia
- University of Florence, School of Economics and Management



## Master's Programme

### Content

- students gain insights into the economic, social, ethical and cultural contexts and constraints of development
- the programme enables students to develop the advanced knowledge, analytical skills and conceptual frameworks required to understand and navigate the complexities of economic and social development
- the programme approaches the economic integration of developing countries and provides the students with the necessary tools to participate in its strengthening process
- students have the option of placing a study focus on one of the following areas:
  - Southeast Asian Studies
  - Economics
  - Sustainability

### Methods

The programme provides opportunities to put theory into practice through international field research, with a strong focus on integrating quantitative and qualitative methods.

### Organisation & Language

- two-year study programme
- taught in English



## Development Studies University of Passau

[www.uni-passau.de](http://www.uni-passau.de)

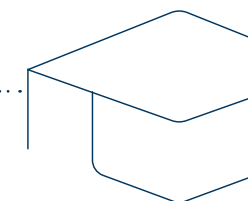
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## Practice & Career

The module “Applied Development Studies” allows the students to gain experience through:

- an individual research project or
- an internship



## Target Group

- highly qualified graduates with a first degree in Social Science, such as Economics, Anthropology, Demography, Human Geography, Sociology, Political Science, Administrative Science

## Academic & Language Requirements

- a minimum of 60 ECTS credits in one or several of these disciplines
- out of the 60 ECTS, 10 ECTS must result from empirical research methods, such as data collection, data analysis and statistics
- adequate English skills

## Professional Experience

Candidates must have acquired at least four months of professional/practical experience in a field relevant to our programme or social/political engagement.



## Location & University

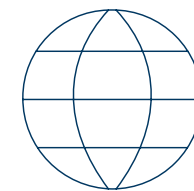
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## Network

- a large number of partnerships with universities abroad, such as in France, Hungary, Pakistan, Romania, UK, USA and other countries
- Another chance of getting access to an international network is provided by taking part in
- the annual World Model United Nations conferences as member of the Passau delegation or
  - by joining our various summer schools with students from all over the world



## Master's Programme

### Content

- the programme provides in-depth theoretical knowledge, skills and methods needed in a corporate or administrative field
- in their first term, students gain insights into the basics of statehood and foundations of governance research
- students focus on three of the following areas:
  - Comparative Theories of Government
  - European Integration Research
  - Transformation of traditional Institutions
  - Complex multi-level Governance Structures
  - Policy Design and Implementation
  - Research on Autocracies, Authoritarianism and Democracies
  - Comparative Research on Political Cultures

### Methods

Students have the opportunity to develop practical skills and competencies in various areas:

- Foreign Languages
- Scientific Principles and Research Design
- Empirical Social Research or Digital Humanities

### Organisation & Language

- two-year study programme
- bilingual programme with the opportunity to study the entire programme in English

**Governance and Public Policy**  
University of Passau

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## Practice & Career

Students gain experience during the master's thesis module through:

- an individual research project or
- an internship

## Target Group

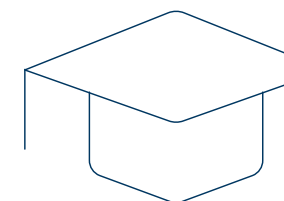
- highly qualified graduates with a first degree in Social Science, such as Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Administrative Science or a related discipline

## Academic & Language Requirements

- degree with the result of 2.3 or better (according to the German grading system)
- or ranked among the best 50% of your cohort
- adequate English skills

## Professional Experience

Candidates must have acquired at least four months of professional/practical experience in a field relevant to our programme or social/political engagement.





## Location & University

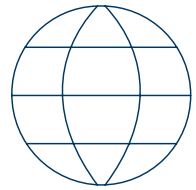
The University of Potsdam was founded in 1991 and consists of six faculties at three locations – the MPM is located on Campus Griebnitzsee, near Berlin. In 2022, the university took first place for young universities in Germany and 28<sup>th</sup> place worldwide in the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking.



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## Network

Throughout the MPM, students have the chance to create a professional network with German and international experts through site visits and the project lab. The most valuable network is however the alumni network: To date, more than 420 students from 89 different countries graduated from the programme. Alumni are encouraged to stay in touch through various activities, both online and offline.



## Master's Programme

### Content

- modern curriculum that combines theoretical and practical knowledge
- foundational knowledge in public management and applied policy analysis
- trainings in leadership, negotiation, communication and other management skills
- elective courses in Management in Public Administration, Global Public Policy, Sustainability and Environmental Governance, Digitalization and Public Policy
- project lab and extracurricular activities

### Methods

- practice-oriented, student-centered didactic approach
- continuous 1:1, on-campus support by an experienced team

### Organisation & Language

- post-graduate, executive degree
- fully accredited by the EAPAA (European Association for Public Administration Accreditation)
- full-time one-year study programme
- completely conducted in English
- use of all university facilities and services, including language and sports courses as well as family services

**Public Management**  
University of Potsdam

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## Practice & Career

The majority of MPM alumni hold civil servant, executive and leadership positions in the public sector or international organisations.



## Target Group

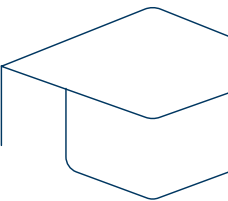
The MPM programme is particularly designed for young professionals who are aiming at a career in international/public sector organisations.

## Academic & Language Requirements

- a first academic degree in Social Sciences, Economics, Law and/or Natural Sciences
- very good English skills

## Professional Experience

- two to three years of professional experience in the public sector, non-governmental organisations or development agencies



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