

New study programme:

Master Social Sciences

(all courses taught in English)

as of winter semester 2023/24



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Knowledge and organisation



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Course of study Master Social Sciences (new) as of winter semester 2023/24

4. Sem	Master Thesis 30 KP						
3. Sem			9 KP (3rd semester) sow958 Project	sow959 Internship 12 KP	sow943 Society and Organisations 9 KP	elective module * 6 KP	
2. Sem	sow944 Quantitative Research Methods	sow945 Qualitative Research Methods	3 KP (2nd semester)		sow940 Theoretical Approaches	sow942 Knowledge, Learning and Organisations	elective module * 6 KP
1. Sem	6 KP	6 KP	sow941 Politics and Organisations 9 KP		9 KP	9 KP	elective module * 6 KP

***Elective modules (min. 1 elective module Social Sciences / max. 2 freely elective modules)**

Freely selectable modules:

Elective modules Social Sciences (min. 6 KP):

wir874 Advanced Microeconomics
wir878 Public Economics and Market Design
wir892 Computational Economics
wir902 Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability

wir904 Environmental and Sustainability Governance
gsw300 Gesundheits- und Versorgungssysteme
gsw410 Organisationsforschung und -entwicklung

sow951 Advanced Topics in Political Science
sow952 Advanced Topics in Sociology
sow953 Advanced Topics in Science Theory
sow954 Advanced Social Research Methods
sow955 Advanced Statistics

- **Broad social science profile**, equal participation of sociology and political science
- Common reference to the topic **organisations** guarantees a substantial consistency of the course
- Special orientation in the German-speaking world
- **Empirical-analytical approach**
- **Broad methodological knowledge** through the teaching of quantitative and qualitative methods
- **Normative reflection** on scientific and practical problems from different perspectives
- **English as the language of instruction**

Goals of the Master's reform

- Strengthening the coherence of the curriculum
- More equal burden sharing between the introductory and subsequent semesters
- Strengthening of methods training
- Improved fit of the elective area to sharpen the individual profile
- Development of intercultural competences
- Improving competitiveness in the business environment and in academia

Entry curriculum – mandatory modules (48 CP)



sow940 **Theoretical Approaches** **(9 KP)**

The module presents theoretical perspectives on organisations from different schools of theory and describes organisations as collective systems in which actors interact with each other and with their environment. A special focus is on collective action and decision-making processes that take place in and between organisations



sow941 **Politics and Organisations** **(9 KP)**

The module teaches students theoretical concepts and advanced research designs for the analysis of political organisations. The module combines an administrative science perspective on public administration with the analysis of political organisations such as parties and legislatures.



sow942 **Knowledge, Learning and Organisations** **(9 KP)**

The module deals with heterogeneous forms of the organisation of knowledge from the perspective of the sociology of knowledge. An exemplary focus is placed, for example, on political education. The question is asked how and which knowledge is conveyed as a medium of political socialisation processes within educational organisations etc. and which knowledge can be identified as relevant for political socialisation processes at all.



sow943 **Society and Organisations** **(9 KP)**

The module focuses on the social opportunities and risks determined by work organisations. This is not only about earnings and income opportunities and risks, but also about participation in social life, since gainful employment is still a central place of socialisation. These are the classic topics of labour market research and the sociology of social inequalities.



sow944 **Quantitative Research Methods** **(9 KP)**

In this module, advanced quantitative methods of social research are taught. Building on the linear regression model, students learn data management and analysis tools that extend this basic model, e.g. advanced data management and visualisation methods, generalised linear regression, multilevel regression and longitudinal analysis models.



sow945 **Qualitative Research Methods** **(9 KP)**

This module deals with advanced methods of qualitative social research. Starting from a basic understanding of qualitative research methods, selected qualitative methods of data analysis and mixed-methods designs are dealt with. The module focuses on the practical practice of qualitative data collection and analysis. This includes the joint interpretation of collected text material.

Elective modules (18 CP)

- at least 6 credits from the institute's own range of elective modules
- 12 credit points freely elective between the institute's own offer and the offer of external modules

Institute's own range of elective modules

sow951 Advanced Topics in Political Science

advanced political science topics and issues with different emphases

sow952 Advanced Topics in Sociology

advanced sociological topics and issues with different emphases

sow953 Advanced Social Science Theory

advanced theoretical topics and issues with different emphases



sow954 Advanced Social Research Methods

advanced methodological skills and knowledge with different emphases

sow955 Advanced Statistics

advanced knowledge of statistics with different emph

Elective modules of other institutes

wir874 Advanced Microeconomics (6 KP)

wir878 Public Economics and Market Design (6 KP)

wir892 Computational Economics (6 KP)

wir902 Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability (6 KP)

wir901 Environmental and Sustainability Governance (6 KP)

gsw300 Health and Care systems (6 KP)

gsw410 Organisational research and Development (6 KP)

sow958 Project
(3 CP in the 2nd semester)
(9 CP in the 3rd semester)

Within the framework of an independent survey, the students learn to define their own empirically workable question, to develop a suitable theoretical approach and to conduct and evaluate their own empirical study.

The aim here is to enable the integrative application of the theoretically acquired knowledge, to promote independent work as a core competence and to strengthen the ability to work in a team.

sow959 Internship
(12 CP)

The purpose of the professional field-related internship module is to prepare professionalisation in the social sciences on a broad and flexible basis and to open up fields of activity and future orientations. The internship is to be completed in companies, non-profit or public institutions (including universities), associations, societies, governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as municipal institutions or other suitable organisations that can offer the interns an activity related to the field of study and the future possible professional activity.

The internship is intended to give students experience with

- other than the academic habitus,
- modes of language other than those learnt during their studies,
- short time horizons for planning and implementing independent action,
- new forms of cooperation and communication/reporting techniques,
- organisational contexts and processes.

The professional field-related internship module comprises an internship of 270 hours, an accompanying course and the internship report. The internship can be completed consecutively or during the semester.

Career opportunities

Graduates have a wide range of career opportunities in companies and organisations:

- Academic career
- Science management at universities or research institutions
- Organisational development in companies and organisational consulting
- Public administration
- International organisations
- Media and educational institutions, opinion research institutes

Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree obtained at a German higher education institution or at a higher education institution belonging to one of the Bologna signatory states, or a degree equivalent thereto in a subject-related previous degree programme comprising at least 180 credit points.
- an equivalent degree from another foreign higher education institution in a professionally suitable previous degree programme comprising at least 180 credit points; the equivalence shall be determined in accordance with the assessment proposals of the Central Office for Foreign Education at the Secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (<http://anabin.kmk.org>).
- Subject-specific suitability means: demonstrable competences in one of the fields of social sciences, sociology and/or political sciences to the extent of at least 60 credit points as well as descriptive and inductive statistical competences to the extent of at least 9 credit points.

Language requirements

- Sufficient knowledge of the English language at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Evidence provided by a first university degree in an English-language degree programme in a country with English or German as an official language, or successfully completed tests for level B2 or higher.
- In particular, the following are recognised: TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge English Language Assessment, UNiCert, Pearson PTE, Academic, TOEIC, TELC, university-internal language test of the Language Centre of the University of Oldenburg or another German university.
- Proven qualification must not be older than 2 years at the time of application.
- Proof of language skills in the form of Abitur certificates showing that English has been studied as a continued foreign language for at least five years with sufficient grades or
- Proof of a semester abroad with English as the language of instruction not older than 5 years

Application

- Application deadline: 15 July
- German higher education entrance qualification:
Online application

➔ www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

- EU or international applications:

➔ www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Do you have any questions?

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**We are pleased about your registration for the
new Master Social Sciences !**