School of Social Sciences

master of arts (M.A.) & fast-track Ph.D.
Political Science

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Information

Application for M.A. program
- every fall semester
- online application between March 15 and April 30
Entry requirements/Selection criteria
- final grade of a bachelor degree in Political Science or a subject-related degree
- certified English language skills
- at least one course in statistical analysis and/or research methods
- letter of motivation
- sample of written work

Application for fast-track Ph.D. program*
- after first year of M.A. program
- conditional acceptance & qualification stipends
- final acceptance after second year

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Study
at one of the most renowned Political Science departments in Europe
- graduate with excellent employment opportunities
- study with a clear focus on empirical research
- enroll in fast-track Ph.D. program at CDSS
- benefit from an excellent infrastructure

Research and work
as teaching or research assistant is readily available
- finance your studies and do research at the same time
- learn how to organize and implement research programs
- get in contact with leading political scientists worldwide

Live
in a multi-cultural city with a great variety of free time activities
- experience the many cultures of people living in Mannheim
- reasonably priced student and private housing available
- student activity groups, work out and gyms close to campus

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**Study**

Political Science in Mannheim has a long tradition of excellence. The Department of Political Science is widely known for its empirical-analytical approach and maintains strong ties with other renowned universities and research institutes. The Department continues to be one of the most highly ranked political science departments in Germany and Europe.

For your doctoral studies, you have the unique opportunity to take courses in advanced quantitative methods or specialize in a substantive area. It is also explained why our graduates have many advantages when they apply for research-oriented employment outside university in international organizations.

**Live**

For years, Mannheim has been a centre of sports, arts and culture. In close proximity to the department, you find attractions like the Academy for Popular Music, which makes Mannheim one of the centres of pop culture in Germany.

Mannheim also has a long cultural tradition and the scene continues to be vibrant and busy, with music, sports, museums, exhibitions and more. The possibilities for the occasional after-work beer or wine in the local pubs are abundant.

Accommodation is reasonably priced. Compared with other nearby university cities like Heidelberg or Frankfurt, Mannheim has a different atmosphere. Apartments throughout the city center and close to the campus are relatively cheap and comfortable. As a student, you are also eligible for the semester ticket of VBB, the regional transportation company. For a flat fee of about 140 Euros, you can use their whole network for six months.

Come and join the Mannheim experience!

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**Research and work**

Financing a 2-year master's program is an important issue. The Political Science department with its links to the numerous research facilities in Mannheim provides excellent opportunities: While studying you can already gain valuable insights into research projects.

More than ten professors at the School of Social Sciences are researching on topics like Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Economy, International Comparative Social Research, Comparative Political Behavior and Political Sociology. Furthermore, the School of Social Sciences has close cooperations to the CDSS, the Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES), the Institute for Empirical Social Research (IWS), the Center for European Economic Research (ZEW), the SFB 884 - Political Economy of Reforms, and the Leibniz-funded BIBB, being member of one of the largest research networks in Germany. Hence, you will have numerous employment possibilities to choose from.

In addition to that, students can participate in numerous classes at the CDSS or at the Mannheim Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS). The GESS is the only institution in the economic and social sciences to be funded for the second time as part of the federal Excellence Initiative for Cutting Edge Research at Institutions of Higher Education. This unique offer of research-oriented employment provides chances on the job market.

It also explains why our graduates have many advantages when they apply for jobs in research-oriented institutions and Ph.D. programmes. Especially for the admission to the CDSS at the Mannheim GESS, the M.A. in Political Science is an excellent foundation.

For students interested in a Ph.D. program, the CDSS at the Mannheim GESS furthermore enables students to add specific methodological tools and analytical capabilities to the skill set of MA candidates. In the "Elective Module", students have the opportunity to take courses in advanced quantitative methods or specialize in a substantive area. It is also explained why our graduates have many advantages when they apply for research-oriented employment outside university in international organizations.

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**Master degree in 4 semesters – Ph.D. degree in 10 semesters:**

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**You have to choose one research module.**