Welcome to Konstanz!

Combine your M.A. studies with an enriching experience in the heart of Europe.

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Konstanz: Studying in the heart of Europe – between Lake and Alps
Konstanz’s main advantages

Combine your studies at home with an exchange to Konstanz and enjoy a multitude of advantages:

Study at a highly ranked university and department

Ranked No. 1 in Germany and No. 7 worldwide among young universities

Department ranked among the top-3 political science departments in Germany

Study in the heart of Europe

Distance to selected European destinations:
- Lake Constance: walking distance
- Zurich: 1 hr
- Basel: 1.5 hrs
- Alps: 1.5 hrs
Konstanz’ main advantages:

**English as teaching language**
Possible combination with German language courses and German cultural studies

**Student Assistance or Internships**
Your benefit: practical experience & financial renumeration

**Personal Support**
19 professors
Approx. 70 junior and senior researchers
8 administrative officers
Including 4 student advisers
The Programmes

B.A.
Politics and Public Administration

M.A.
Politics and Public Administration

Double degree options:
- UPF Barcelona (ES)
- IEP Grenoble (FR)
- Essex (GB)
- Gothenburg (SE)

M.Sc.
Social and Economic Data Science (SEDS)

- ChU Prague (CZ)
- Utrecht (NL)
- Nottingham (UK)
- Warwick (GB)
- Rutgers (USA)

PhD
Politics and Public Administration
MA in Politics and Public Administration
Why study Politics and Public Administration at Konstanz?
Choose one of the following 3 specialization areas:

- Comparative Politics
- Management and Public Administration
- International Relations
Add one of the following second majors:

- Empirical Methods
- Public Policy
- European Integration
- Conflict Studies
- Inequality Studies
# M.A. Politics and Public Administration

## Study Plan (Recommendation – Flexible Options)

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M.Sc. in Social and Economic Data Science
Our truly interdisciplinary program!

The MSc SEDS comprises six different departments

- Dept. Politics and Public Administration
- Dept. Computer and Information Science
- Dept. Economics
- Dept. Mathematics and Statistics
- Dept. Psychology
- Dept. Sociology and History
# Curriculum

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<th>1st + 2nd semester</th>
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<td>Introduction to Computational Methods for the Social Sciences (9 ECTS)</td>
<td>Module Advanced Methods: Computer Science (18 ECTS)</td>
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<td>Module Social Science Applications (18 ECTS) – Internship, DSP</td>
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Further information: wiwi.uni.kn/seds
Data Science Project

You want to apply your acquired knowledge from your studies in practice? Go for the DSP!

- 6 credits/ECTS
- Innovative teaching and learning format
- Strong focus an applying knowledge
- Great opportunity to work independently on a project
- Cooperation with external partners possible
- Examples: Citizen Data Project, Deep Wide Reinforcement Learning, Biases in Football Betting Markets, Structure Learning of Bayesian Networks
Admission Requirements

We are looking for students with a B.A. in a social science (or in computer science) and a strong interest in quantitative methods and empirical research!

- Above average B.A. degree
- Minimum three B.A. courses that cover at least two focus areas (mathematics, statistics, computer science, social-scientific methods)
- Evidence of a sufficient command of English (TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Certificate)
- CV and motivation letter
- Two letters of recommendation from university teachers
- Results of the GRE test desirable
Application Deadline MSc SEDS: 30th of April

Start: Winter semester
Any questions? Feel free to contact us.

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Financial Aspects of your Studies

- **student**: 270 – 390 € / month
- **private**: 300 – 450 € / month
- **food, clothes, …**: 400 € / month
  - **free for EU-students**
  - **80 € / month for non-EU / EEA-students**
- **160 € / semester**
- **1500 € for non-EU / EEA-students / semester**
  - **52 € / semester**
- **broadcasting fees**: 18 € / month

* Fees only for degree seeking students and not for exchange students!
The practical dimension: Job opportunities inside and outside the University

Option 1: You work at the University
- There are a number of student jobs: in the departmental administration, the International Office, research projects, ...
- Contracts of between 20 and 50 hours per month
- Gross hourly wages of 9.16 € (B.A.) or 10.68 € (M.A.)
- Usually, all students interested in a job are able to find a job

Option 2: You look for an internship
- Our department maintains a large internship database
- Internship positions at international organizations, NGOs, public authorities, private enterprises – in Germany, Europe, and worldwide
The international dimension: Study abroad

Double degree options and funding options (M.A. level):
Science in Paradise: The City of Konstanz

Welcome to Konstanz!

Inhabitants (in 2021)
- Total: 84,290
- Foreign: 12,004 (14.2%)

Coastline: 34 kilometres
Sunshine: 1858.6 hrs / year

Twin cities: Fontainebleau (FR), Lodi (IT), Richmond (UK), Suzhou (CN), Tabor (CZ)

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Science in Paradise: The City of Konstanz

Cultural institutions:
- 1 theatre (3 venues/stages)
- 2 cinemas
- 3 cultural centres
- 1 aquarium
- 5 museums
- 2 indoor swimming pools
- 100 sports clubs

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Science in Paradise: The surroundings

Meersburg: Medieval town, home to an Old Castle and a New Castle

Rhine Falls: Largest plain waterfall in Europe

Reichenau: Island in Lake Constance, UNESCO World Heritage!

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Science in Paradise: The surroundings

Säntis: Highest mountain (2,502 m) in the nearby Alpstein massif

Birnau: Cloister church with stunning views on Lake Constance, Säntis and the Alpstein massif

Pfahlbauten: Neolithic pile dwellings, UNESCO World Heritage!

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Thank you for your attention!

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