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’ 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 remuneration

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

... and its broad array of studies

(1) Data and Methods

(2) Democracy and Public Policy

(3) Management and Public Administration

(4) International Studies
The Department

(1) Data and Methods

- Survey Research
- Political Methodology
- Computational Social Science
- Social Science Data Collection and Analysis
The Department

(2) Democracy and Public Policy

- Comparative Politics
- Policy Analysis and Political Theory
- Empirical and Normative Democratic Theory
- Empirical Theory of State
- German Politics and Public Administration
(3) Management and Public Administration

- Public Administration
- German Politics and Public Administration
- Organization Theory
- Management (Strategy and Leadership; Organisational Studies; Social Responsibility)
The Department

(4) International Studies

- International Politics
- Development Research
- International Politics and Conflict Management
- Comparative Politics of Non-democratic States
- European Governance
The Department

In sum:

- Interdisciplinary orientation:
  - Close ties to neighbouring disciplines → law, economics, sociology, history, philosophy, psychology, …

- Research orientation:
  - Close ties between research and teaching
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)
- ChU Prague (CZ)
- Utrecht (NL)
- Nottingham (UK)
- Warwick (GB)
- Rutgers (USA)

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

M.Sc. Political Economy (PolEcon)

PhD Politics and Public Administration
MA in Politics and Public Administration
M.A. Politics and Public Administration

The Master’s programme in Politics and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz is regarded as one of the most prestigious study programmes in this field in Germany.

Gain specialist knowledge in the fields:

- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Management Science
Choose one of the following 4 specialization areas:

- Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis
- Management and Public Administration
- International Relations and European Integration
- International Administration and Conflict Management
M.A. Politics and Public Administration

Why study Politics and Public Administration at Konstanz?

double degree options
research  small seminars
interdisciplinary  partner universities
international
areas of specialization
practice-oriented
flexible study structure
excellent libraries
teaching

individual  flexible
close ties
# M.A. Politics and Public Administration

## Study Plan (Recommendation – Flexible Options)

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<th>Sem. Credits</th>
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<td>1. 28cr</td>
<td>Research Design I 9cr Information Literacy 5cr</td>
<td>Basic Seminar I 7cr Basic Seminar II 7cr</td>
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<td>2. 30cr</td>
<td>Research Design II 9cr</td>
<td>Seminar I 7cr</td>
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<td>3. 32cr</td>
<td>Colloquium 4cr</td>
<td>Seminar II 7cr Seminar III 7cr</td>
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<td>Master's Thesis (4 Months) 30cr</td>
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M.Sc in Political Economy

An interdisciplinary programme of the Dept. of Economics and the Dept. of Politics and Public Administration
M.Sc. Political Economy

The programme offers training in quantitative methods and empirical research. You can then apply these methods in policy fields like:

- social policy
- public finance
- education policy
- security affairs
- trade policy
## M.Sc. Political Economy / Curriculum

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<td>• Research Design I</td>
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<td>• Advanced Microeconomics I OR Advanced Macroeconomics I</td>
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<td>• International Relations and European Integration</td>
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<td>• Comparative Public Policy and Politics</td>
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<td><strong>2nd Semester</strong></td>
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<td>• Econometrics I</td>
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<td>• Research Design II (quantitative) OR Applied Econometrics (3rd Semester)</td>
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<td>• International Political Economy and International Organization or Comparative Political Economy</td>
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<td>• One advanced seminar</td>
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<td><strong>3rd Semester</strong></td>
<td>Modules to the value of 18 – 20 ECTS</td>
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<td>• Applied Econometrics or Research Design II (2nd Semester)</td>
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<td>• Two advanced seminars</td>
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For further information please see:  
www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/political-economy/curriculum/
M.Sc. Programme Political Economics:

Target group

- International students with a B.A. in:
  - Economics
  - Political Science
  - Mathematics & Statistics

Are you additionally interested in **quantitative methods** and **empirical research**? Then the MSc Political Economy is the right master’s programme for you!

(for BA students in political science: prior knowledge in microeconomics or macroeconomics at bachelor level is recommendable)
M.Sc. Programme Political Economics:

Admission

- 8 students per year
- **Requirements:**
  - above average B.A. degree;
  - Evidence of knowledge in mathematics, statistics, economics or political science
  - Evidence of a sufficient command of English
  - CV and motivation letter
  - Two letters of recommendation from university teachers
  - Results of the GRE test, desirable (Graduate Record Examinations)
M.Sc. in Social and Economic Data Science
M.Sc. Programme in Social and Economic Data Science: Motivation & Interdisciplinary scope

Interdisciplinary scope

- **Computer science**: system architectures and algorithms
- **Mathematics & statistics**: formal grounds for scripting, statistical modeling and inference
- **Social science methodology**: assessment and correction of data quality issues; processing of unstructured data
- **Substantive fields (economics, sociology, political science, psychology)**: theories and research questions
### M.Sc. Programme in Social and Economic Data Science: Curriculum

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<th>Semester 1</th>
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<td>Introductory module: Introduction to Computational Methods for the Social Sciences. Additionally foundations of data science courses depending on your Bachelors degree prerequisites</td>
<td>Advanced courses from 4 modules • Advanced Methods: Computer Science • Advanced Methods: Statistics • Programming and Scripting • Social Science Applications</td>
<td>Colloquium and Master’s thesis</td>
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**Further information** at the programme‘s website: https://www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/seds/curriculum/
M.Sc. Programme in Social and Economic Data Science: Target group & admission

Target group

- Students with a B.A. in a social science (or in computer science) and a strong interest in quantitative methods and empirical research

Admission

- 16 students per year
- Requirements:
  - above average B.A. degree;
  - min. 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
  - CV and motivation letter
  - Two letters of recommendation from university teachers
  - Results of the GRE test desirable (Graduate Record Examinations)

Tuition fees

- no tuition fees for citizens from EU- and EEA-member states
- 1,500 € per semester for citizens from non EU- and non EEA-states
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
- **52 € / semester**
- **160 € / semester**
- **1500 € for non-EU / EEA-students / 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

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The international dimension: Study abroad I

- **Austria**
  - Salzburg
  - Vienna

- **Belgium**
  - Antwerp
  - Ghent
  - Leuven
  - Liège

- **Croatia**
  - Zagreb

- **Czech Republic**
  - Brno
  - Prague ChU
  - Prague AAU

- **Denmark**
  - Aarhus
  - Copenhagen

- **Estonia**
  - Tallinn
  - Tartu

- **Finland**
  - Tampere
  - Vaasa

- **France**
  - Aix-en-Provence IEP
  - Bordeaux IEP
  - St. Germain IEP
  - Grenoble IEP
  - Lille IEP

- **Hungary**
  - Budapest

- **Ireland**
  - Cork
  - Limerick

- **Italy**
  - Bologna
  - Bologna-Forlì
  - Florence
  - Milan
  - Pavia
  - Siena
  - Trento

- **Latvia**
  - Riga

- **Malta**

- **Netherlands**
  - Leiden
  - Maastricht
  - Rotterdam
  - Utrecht

- **Norway**
  - Agder (Kristiansand)
  - Bergen
  - Oslo
  - Trondheim

- **Poland**
  - Krakow
  - Poznan
  - Warsaw

- **Portugal**
  - Coimbra
  - Lisbon UCL + UL

- **Slovenia**
  - Ljubljana

- **Spain**
  - Barcelona UAB
  - Barcelona UPF
  - Barcelona UPF-IBEI
  - Granada
  - Madrid UCM
  - Madrid UC3M
  - Madrid UPC
  - Cantabria (Santander)
  - Santiago de Compostela

- **Sweden**
  - Gothenburg
  - Linnaeus (Växjö)
  - Lund
  - Södertörn (Huddinge)
  - Stockholm

- **Switzerland**
  - Bern
  - Lausanne

- **Turkey**
  - Ankara Bilkent
  - Ankara METU
  - Istanbul Bilgi
  - Istanbul Bogazici
  - Istanbul Marmara

- **United Kingdom**
  - Bath
  - Belfast
  - Cardiff
  - Essex (Colchester)
  - Durham
  - Glasgow Strathclyde
  - Leeds
  - London CU
  - Nottingham
  - Sheffield
  - Warwick
  - Stirling
  - York

- **Umeå**
- **Uppsala**
The international dimension: Study abroad II
Double degree options and funding options

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The international dimension: Study abroad II

Double degree options and funding options (M.A. level):

- Rutgers (USA)
  - DAAD

- Utrecht (NL)
  - DAAD

- Gothenburg (SE)
  - DAAD

- Prague (CZ)
  - DAAD

- Essex
  - Nottingham
  - Warwick (UK)
  - DAAD

- Grenoble (FR)
  - DAAD

- Barcelona (ES)
  - DAAD

- Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
  - DAAD
The service dimension: Central service facilities

University Library
- Open access + open 24/7 (!)
- More than 2 million media: 1.7 million printed books, 135,000 e-books, 50,000 journal subscriptions, DVDs, and other media
- 1,000 workplaces + 200 PC and multimedia workplaces

Language Institute (SLI)
- Course instruction in more than 20 modern languages, including German as a foreign language
- Self-access Study Centre (SLZ)
- Tandem learning
- Language testing in German, English, French, Spanish
The service dimension: Central service facilities

Competence Centre for Key Skills (SQ-Z)
- Training on communicative, social and personal skills
- Training on job-related skills
- Training on writing skills

Career Service
- Counselling on job application and career planning
- Job application training
- Internship and job database

International Office
- Counselling on administrative matters (housing, visa, health insurance, …)
- Organization of orientation programmes
A sound mind in a sound body: University sports

Team sports: basketball, football, handball, floorball, lacrosse, rugby, underwater rugby, volleyball, …

Mountain sports: bouldering, climbing, hiking, trekking, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, …

Racket games: badminton, table tennis, tennis, …

Water sports: canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, standup paddleboarding, swimming, diving, …

archery, athletics, boxing, cycling, dancing, fencing, gymnastics, martial arts, running, …

+ fitness centre (uniMotion)
+ fitness, health, and relaxation classes (uniFit)
+ national and international tournaments (uniTournament)
+ special events (uniEvent)
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Inhabitants (in 2019)
- 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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