Master’s programme in Political Economy

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Konstanz – in the heart of Europe
We’re based at the Lake Constance, bordering Switzerland and Austria.
Lake Constance – Border Triangle
City of Konstanz
The University of Konstanz

The Dept. of Political Science is ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide (Shanghai Ranking 2019)

The Dept. of Economics is consistently ranked as one of the Top 15 Departments of Economics in Germany

92% of our international students recommend us ISB 2016

1 of 11 Universities of Excellence in Germany
The University of Konstanz

About us

- Around 11,500 students from all over the world
- Campus University

We offer

- Excellent 24-hour library
- German and other foreign language courses
- Excellent sports facilities
First-class sports activities

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

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

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

**Racket games**: badminton, table tennis, tennis …

**Individual sports**: archery, track and field, boxing, cycling, dancing, fencing, gymnastics, martial arts, running …
Services for international students

Getting started

- Orientation Programme before the start of your first semester
- German Language Programmes during each semester
- Prep Courses from the Department of Economics and the Department of Politics and Public Administration before you start
- Master’s hut to get to know your fellow students (if COVID-19 allows it)
- Housing for international students in a convenient and safe location. Single rooms in shared apartments or single apartments available.
Services for international students

Counselling and advice

- Buddy programme with 2nd semester MSc Political Economy students
- International Office
- Career Service
Life of an international student

**Konstanz**
- Beautiful city
- Great weather, especially in summer
- Surrounded by the lake and the alps
- Sports activities for all tastes
- Easy to travel to other cities/countries

**Life of a student**
- Beaches, clubs, shops, movie theaters
- Great cycling routes
- Swimming in the lake
- Mountain climbing and skiing
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About University
- Top-level research university
- Campus university
- University beach
- Modern 24 hour library
- Computers, printers and scanners available 24/7
- Excursions from the international office
- Support services

MSc Political Economy
- Flexible course choice
- Interdisciplinary programme
- Great career prospects
Impact of COVID-19

The general situation due to Covid-19 is quite dynamic, and we are adapting to changes as they come along.

At the moment the University of Konstanz plans a hybrid semester for the winter term 2021/22 with some courses and events online and some in person.

With this course of action we are trying to balance the different needs of keeping everyone safe, but also giving you a chance to get to know the university, the professors and each other.

As we know that a new start under this circumstances can be daunting, we will do our best to support you in this process.
„Postgraduate education allowing you to conduct research in the fascinating field of political economy."

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

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
- trade policy
- security affairs

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# M.Sc. Political Economy / Curriculum

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For further information please see:  
www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/political-economy/curriculum/
**M.Sc. Political Economy:**

**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. Political Economy:

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)

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
How to apply:

Application deadline: April 30th

1. Find detailed information on our website
   www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/political-economy/how-to-apply/
   Contact us if you have any questions.

2. Collect and scan all necessary documents.
   A checklist is available on our website.

3. Apply through our online application system.
   (scanned application documents are sufficient)
   The Online Application System ZEuS will open for MSc Political Economy on March 15th, 2021!

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Why study M.Sc. Political Economy?

Political Science + Economics = Political Economy

- A unique, interdisciplinary programme bridging political sciences and economics.
- Choose seminars from *International Politics* or *Comparative Politics* in the field of Political Science.
- Combine it with seminars on a wide range from microeconomics over contract theory to political economy in the field of economics.
- Get advise for your master’s thesis by supervisors from both departments.
- Small classes allow for close interaction with your lecturers
- Be part in an international and open environment in the heart of Europe

Cluster of Excellence

Both departments are part of the Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality: Perceptions, Participation and Policies” funded through the German Excellence Strategy.

Students benefit from:

- ✓ course work addressing questions of political and economic inequalities
- ✓ research opportunities stemming from the cluster initiative

Language of tuition: English
Duration: 4 Semesters
Application deadline: 30th April
Financial Aspects of your Studies

The cost of living for students is about 850 euros per month

Usual expenses in Konstanz:

- Accommodation: 242 – 420 € / month
  (student accommodation)
  300 – 450 € / month
  (private accommodation)
- Food, clothes, …: ca. 400 € / month
- University fees: 160 € / semester
  (1500 € for non EU/EEA-students / semester)
- Public transportation: 56 € / semester
- Health insurance: free for EU/EEA-students,
  105 - 110 € / month for non-EU/EEA-students
- Broadcasting fees: 18 € / month

+ Leisure activities: travelling, skiing, …
- Remuneration from a job?
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 11.64 € (M.Sc.)
- Usually, all students interested in a job are able to find a job

Option 2: You look for an internship

- The Dept. of Politics and Public Administration maintains a large internship database. The Dept. of Economics publishes internship positions regularly.
- Internship positions at international organizations, NGOs, public authorities, private enterprises – in Germany, Europe, and worldwide
Advisory service

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