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Description/content

The Mannheim MA in Political Science is dedicated to applied research in Political Science. The research of the Mannheim Department of Political Science is widely known for its empirical-analytical approach, ranked among the leading international institutions (highest in Germany and Europe), and embedded in a number of internationally active research centres in the social sciences (MZES, GESIS). This environment provides ideal opportunities for training in applied research, financing the study period and preparing for the PhD. In four semesters, students will
Course Details

Course organisation

During the first semester, students extend their basic knowledge in the field of Quantitative Methods that they have obtained in their respective Bachelor's programmes. The modules in Data and Measurement, Multivariate Analyses, Game Theory, and Research Design provide advanced skills in empirical social science methods, statistics, and formal model building.

During the second semester, students will take the basic modules in International Politics, International Political Economy, Comparative Political Behaviour and Comparative Government. They enhance students' core competencies in these subfields through intellectually challenging lectures and intensive reading and discussion seminars. Additionally, students specialise by choosing one of three Research Modules, which occupies the second and third semester of studies. The Research Module consists of three intensive seminars, and aims to add specific methodological tools and analytical capabilities to the skill set of MA candidates. In the final module, students write their MA theses. This is a research paper that may well be the first step in a successful career in political science research.

Types of assessment

Several course work and examination options are available:

- Written exams
- Term papers
- Oral exams
- Presentations

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)

Integrated study abroad unit(s)

Students have numerous opportunities to spend time at other universities worldwide. The University of Mannheim has a large network of partner universities, and credits will be awarded according to the terms of the learning agreement every student hands in before their stay at the partner university. Students spending a year at the University of Essex, UK, or University of Bocconi, Italy, have the option of receiving a double degree.

Integrated internships

A research internship of six weeks or a two-week summer school programme must be completed as an integrated part of the programme. The school's internship manager assists students in finding a
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<td>Semester contribution</td>
<td>The semester contribution amounts to 175 EUR per semester. A semester ticket covering public transport in the Mannheim-Heidelberg metropolitan area is available at an additional cost of 170 EUR.</td>
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<td>The University of Mannheim has one of the most differentiated scholarship systems among public higher education institutions in Germany, and it cooperates with a large network of partners and sponsors.</td>
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Requirements / Registration

Academic Admission Requirements

Admission requires a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science or a subject-related degree, which was completed with a grade of at least “good” (2.5 German grade equivalent) or better. If a Bachelor’s degree has not yet been completed, a current transcript of records has to be submitted. This document will be the basis for admission. You will also need a certificate from at least one course in statistical analysis and/or research methods, which was completed with a grade of at least “good” (2.5) or better.

For further information on admission requirements please visit: Admission Political Science.

Language requirements

Good English language skills must be proven by an English language university entrance exam (e.g., A-levels) or Bachelor’s degree. If none of these documents can be submitted, one of the following language tests is required:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) with at least 90 points or equivalent
- Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) with at least Level C
- Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) with at least Level C
- International English Language Testing System - Academic Test (IELTS) with at least Band 6.5

Application deadline

30 April for the following winter semester

Submit application to

Admissions Office

Universität Mannheim
Zulassungsstelle (Admissions Office)
L1,1
68161 Mannheim
Germany

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Various student research assistant positions are available to MA students at the university.

Accommodation

The International Office offers support in finding dorm rooms and private accommodation. Student halls of residence are the ideal place to get to know not only German students but also fellow students from all over the world. Depending on the hall, you will live with two to eight fellow students in a shared apartment. Every student has his or her own room, but the kitchen, bathroom, and toilet are communal. Additionally, the International Office offers a very limited number of one-bedroom apartments with a small in-room kitchen and bathroom. The kitchens are fully equipped with cooking facilities and a refrigerator.

Career advisory service

The university strives to provide international degree-seeking students with the same opportunities as their fellow German students.

There are a number of institutions within the university that offer support in job and career issues. The school’s own Internship Office offers career support as well as the Career Network, the central
During my studies, I acquired valuable methodological skills that I use daily in my current job. As Head of Mobilisation, Elections & Analysis of the SPD Rhineland-Palatinate, I handle and analyse large amounts of data. What I find most appealing about the University of Mannheim is its excellent reputation and the extensive network of which it is a part. I also like the city of Mannheim a lot and I still live here.”

Our Partners

Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

University of Mannheim
The University of Mannheim is one of the leading universities in Germany. The university is the smallest academic institution to be awarded the national title "Initiative of Excellence". Numerous rankings, awards and evaluations also testify to the quality of research and teaching at the University of Mannheim.

The trademark of the university is its clear profile: this is characterised by Mannheim’s renowned Economics as well as Social Sciences departments, which are closely intertwined with the Humanities, Law, Mathematics, and Informatics. Its schools and research institutes cooperate in numerous international research networks. Institutes and projects like the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), the Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging (MEA), or collaborative research centres underscore the university’s reputation as one of top 10 to 20 institutions of Economic and Social Sciences in Europe.

The University of Mannheim offers a wide range of study programmes enabling students to complete either a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree or a State Examination. Internationally renowned doctoral studies, offered by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS), complete the range of study programmes. In the field of business education, the Mannheim Business School (MBS) (with its MBA programmes) is among the top 60 in all international business school rankings.

Furthermore, the University of Mannheim is considered to be one of the most beautiful universities in Germany. The university is mainly located in Mannheim’s palace - the largest baroque palace in Germany. The whole city centre of Mannheim is aligned symmetrically with the palace. The lecture halls are in close proximity to the city centre. A five-minute walk takes nature lovers to the beautiful banks of the Rhine or to the university’s tennis courts, which are also located there.

University Location

Mannheim, the second largest city in Baden-Württemberg with more than 300,000 residents, is located at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Neckar. The city impresses with its diversity: a successful mixture of shopping districts, industrial and service centres, places of cultural interest, art nouveau buildings, the large baroque palace which houses the university, and several extensive recreational areas. The beautiful regions of Odenwald and Palatinate, both of which are very popular for walking and cycling, are close to Mannheim. The symbol of Mannheim is its water tower, a 60-metre-high sandstone colossus next to the city centre, which is characterised by its chessboard-style street grid that is unique in Germany.

Thanks to Mannheim’s central location and extensive transport connections, a variety of charming towns are within easy reach, and France and Switzerland are only a relatively short journey away. Frankfurt airport can be reached by train within 30 minutes.
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