



Universität Potsdam

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY (MANIA)

Master of Arts

Program Content

This English-language degree program at the University of Potsdam (short MANIA) is currently unique in Germany. It offers you the opportunity to study Public Administration and Public Policy in an international and comparative perspective. As a student in this program you will study at one of the most renowned universities in political and administrative sciences. You will be surrounded by an attractive academic environment and in the immediate vicinity of all levels of government and administration in practice. The interdisciplinary orientation of the program also allows you to study political and administrative science topics from the perspective of various disciplines.

The focus of the program is on empirical projects in the areas of public administration and policy, management, and governance using qualitative and quantitative methods and drawing on subject-specific theoretical knowledge.

The modular structure of the program (elective modules) enables you to set your own focus, for example on questions of modernization of state and administration (e.g. administrative reforms), digitalization in state and administration, global crisis management, policy field analysis and democracy research. In addition, you will expand your expertise in research methods and practice.

Advantages & Career Options

The MANIA has an academic as well as a professional orientation. During your theoretical and empirical training you will deepen your knowledge about the structure and the functioning of public administration from the local to the global level. You will reflect on the interdependencies of structures and actors of public policy as well as on the explanatory of



core theoretical concepts and the feasibility of research designs. The interdisciplinary orientation of the program is a great advantage here, as it allows you to connect knowledge from political and administration sciences with law, sociology, and economics. The program also aims at deepening your knowledge of social science methods with regard to qualitative and quantitative analysis. This training is closely tied to the current research projects at the faculty.

Graduates will thus access a broad range of professional opportunities. Besides universities or research institutions, future employment can include public administration, political parties and social interest groups, non-governmental organizations, or the media. The international orientation of the program qualifies you especially to work in a supra- or international environment.

Program Structure & Curriculum

You will complete a total of 120 credit points during the four semesters of your studies. Besides seminars and work on projects, there will also be lectures and other teaching formats.

You will find more information in the following overview:

Modules	
Mandatory Modules	36 CP
National and Comparative Public Administration	12 CP
Government, Governance, and Organization	12 CP
Public Policy	12 CP
Specialization Modules	
Elective Modules (Two modules must be selected.)	18 CP
Political Science	9 CP
Public Management and Electronic Government	9 CP
Law and Administration	9 CP
Research and Methods Modules	12 CP
Complementary & Cross Disciplinary Courses/ Internship	12 CP
Elective Module (One module must be selected.)	12 CP
Cross Disciplinary Courses	12 LP
Cross Disciplinary Courses & Internship	12 LP
Master Thesis (Colloquium & Disputation)	30 LP

The Master's program offers qualified students the opportunity to work towards a doctoral dissertation within the Fast-Track-Doctoral Stream. Here the module structure is slightly modified. For further information, please take a closer look at the rules and regulations or contact the departmental adviser:

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/master/masters-courses-from-a-to-z/mania



Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert, President International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), KU Leuven Instituut voor de Overheid - Public Governance Institute

“Potsdam’s MANIA looks at what works and what doesn’t work in the public sector. For this reason, it is a programme for the future of Public Administration.”

Admission Requirements

If you are interested in the linkages between political and administrative sciences, and if you have a desire to do interdisciplinary and research-oriented work, you already possess the basic requirement for this Master’s program.

Prerequisites for admission to the Master’s program:

- first professional academic degree, e.g. a Bachelor’s degree in a subject relevant to the Master’s program, like in the political, administrative or social sciences
- during your studies you should have acquired knowledge in the core areas of political/administrative science as well as in social science methodology
- very good proficiency in the English language (at least level C1) or a certificate on completion of a course of studies in English at a recognized academic institution
- for applicants who are not German citizens, the Program requires a proof of basic German language proficiency that corresponds to the level of A2 (CEFR)

Further program specific admission requirements can be found in the general and subject-specific admission regulations for the Master’s program: www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legalfoundations/zulassungsordnungen-fuer-master

Application

All information about the current application and enrollment procedures can be found at the application website:

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master/consecutive

The course of study starts (1st semester) in summer or winter semester.

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