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“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.”

Entry 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 administrative sciences, political science, or law
- 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

Further program specific admission requirements can be found in the admission regulations for the Master’s program: www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legal-foundations/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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Universität Potsdam

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY (MANIA)

Master of Arts

Program Focus

This English-language degree program at the University of Potsdam (short MANIA) is currently unique in Germany, and it offers you the exceptional opportunity to study Public Administration and Public Policy in an international 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.

During your studies in four semesters you will engage with core topics in political and administrative science research from an international and comparative perspective. The focus is on basic and on specialized theory as well as on empirical projects in the areas of administration, public policy, management, and governance that use qualitative and quantitative methods.

You will build and expand your knowledge about modes of governance, of public administration, structures and developments of political systems in the 21st century, and the role of civil society interest groups in a national, international and supranational context; you will also gain deeper insight into the underlying legal frameworks. Furthermore, by selecting a specialization, you will set your own focus, for example on questions of modernization of state and administration, crisis management, European Union expansion, or the regulation of financial markets. In addition, you will expand your expertise in research methods and practice. The program stands out with its possibility to already prepare for an academic career during your Master's. You will not only receive comprehensive training in research methods but you will also have the opportunity to write a dissertation proposal in a guided and supervised process.



Course Objective & Career Options

The MANIA has an academic as well as a professional orientation. In the Fast-Track-Doctoral Stream you have the opportunity to work towards a doctoral dissertation. 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 power 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 science with law, sociology, and economics. The focus is on the simultaneous empirical use of and critical reflection on acquired theoretical knowledge. 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 administration, 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.

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/wiso/study/master