

KEY FACTS



Degree
Master of Science (M. Sc.)



Contents
Study sociology with a special emphasis on advanced methods of social research and gain substantive knowledge on societal challenges and trends.



Language
English



Duration
4 semesters, full-time



Credits
120 ECTS



International
1 semester abroad,
Double Master's
Programme in
Demography and
Social Inequality with
University of
Groningen (optional)



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

FACULTY OF
MANAGEMENT, ECONOMICS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Beginning: Winter semester
- Application deadline: 15th June
- Applicants with a German bachelor degree apply via KLIPS
- Applicants with a non-German bachelor degree apply with their VPD document issued by uni-assist via KLIPS

REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

A Bachelor degree or equivalent in the respective field (worth at least 180 ECTS) credits and an overall grade point average of at least 2.7 (German grade). Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- At least 18 ECTS credits in the field of Sociology or Social Psychology
- At least 12 ECTS in the field of Methods in Quantitative Social Sciences and/or Applied Quantitative Empirical Social Research and/or Statistics
- English language skills level B2 CEFR

The Admissions Board will communicate its decision by the end of July. Enrolment usually takes place in August.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE SOCIOLOGY – SOCIAL RESEARCH

Insights and Data Skills for a complex
World

THIS PROGRAMME PROVIDES YOU WITH:

- key qualifications in empirical research that are demanded and rewarded on the labour market.
- insights into societal and organisational challenges and how to address them (e.g. aging workforce, ethnic diversity, social inequality, crime).
- a coherent learning experience that follows a clear paradigm of theory-driven empirical research.
- plenty of opportunities for practical experiences in private and public research institutes.

The Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (ISS) at the WiSo Faculty is Germany's leading sociology department (first rank in the Shanghai Ranking in 2018, 2019, and 2020, and in TOP 50 internationally in 2020) and is well-known for a strong integration of theory, methods, and substantive research areas. As a student, you will therefore benefit from an interdisciplinary learning environment while developing your research skills. Moreover, many third-party funded research projects at the ISS as well as neighboring research institutes in Cologne will allow you to gain research experiences and work as a student assistant.

THIS PROGRAMME IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF YOU:

- have successfully completed a bachelor's or equivalent degree in sociology or related study fields (refer to admission regulations for the exact entry requirements).
- are interested in understanding societies and social change and motivated to learn new things.
- are interested in further developing your analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, as well as your writing and language skills.
- want to improve as a team player, because working in groups is often practiced in seminars and will be an asset to you within a working environment.
- are eager to develop a profile that will prepare you for working responsibly in exciting areas.

Laura

Student at the WiSo-Faculty

"This master's programme offers me practical, empirical research on current topics, as well as the possibility to develop my own interests and pursue research questions. I appreciate the international atmosphere in the programme. This not only helped me to improve my English language skills but also enabled me to network internationally."