PROGRAMME STRUCTURE
Standard period of study: 4 semesters, full-time | Start: fall term | Degree title: Master of Science

The master’s programme carries 120 ECTS credits and comprises a Core and Advanced Section, a Specialisation Section, a Supplementary Section and a Master Thesis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A bachelor degree or equivalent with an overall grade of at least 2.7 (German grade). The degree must be worth at least 180 ECTS credits. Applicants must meet the following subject-related requirements:

- At least 18 ECTS credits in Sociology or Social Psychology
- At least 12 ECTS credits in Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences or Empirical Social Research or Statistics
- Language requirements: English language skills B2(CEFR)

15 JUNE Application Deadline

More information about admission requirements and selection procedure can be found online.

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SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

Sociology and Social Research at the University of Cologne is a theory-driven, empirically oriented field of study. The programme therefore focuses not only on sociological theories but also on methods and statistics used in the social sciences. Keeping a close eye on requirements and changes in the world of work, it provides students with the necessary expertise, skills and methods to conduct research, judge research findings critically and take a responsible approach to their work. With respect to subject „Sociology” the University of Cologne is ranked No. 1 in Germany 2019 the second year in a row in the acknowledged Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU/ "Shanghai-Ranking").

KEY ISSUES

- Find out how human decision-making affects the society we live in
- Analyse links between ethnic diversity, trust and conflict
- Explore successful ageing in modern societies
- Learn how to use mathematical and statistical methods for social research
- Take the next step in your career and become an expert in your chosen field

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Master of Science Sociology and Social Research widens the knowledge gained in your bachelor studies, giving you advanced expertise in your chosen field. Possible areas of employment for sociologists can be found within market and opinion research, national and international statistic agencies, national and international associations concerned with social and economic policy, research institutions, media research departments within mass media corporations and personnel administration of corporations. Other opportunities present themselves in local government e.g. in departments responsible for school, family, urban or environmental policy, as well as provincial and federal agencies. Graduates possess skills that qualify them for senior civil posts in Germany and leading positions in social and market research as well as social planning.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

As a student of the WiSo Faculty, you gain from an approach that is based on theory and methods, combining both research and teaching with practical elements. The teaching at our Faculty has benefited from many years of experience in working with companies and visiting lecturers from different professional fields. Many of the visiting lecturers are professionals and managers who bring important industry experience to the programmes, resulting in sector-specific, up-to-date programme content for our students. This ensures that the programmes reflect the real world and that they thus combine the practical and the theoretical knowledge, whilst also promoting knowledge-sharing between companies and you, the student.

“"The Master in Sociology and Social Research in Cologne focuses on advanced methods of data collection and analysis. Our approach is practice- and research-oriented and deals with current topics such as aging, ethnic diversity, education, family, or the economy.”

Clemens Kroneberg, Professor, Institute for Sociology and Social Psychology (ISS)

INTERNATIONAL

Since most of our courses are delivered in English, you can apply and complete the master programme even if you have no knowledge of German. For our Master of Science in Sociology and Social Research, we have applications from a large number of different nationalities, which means you can be sure of an international and intercultural environment. Our cooperation agreements with a select number of excellent international partner universities provide you with attractive options to spend a term abroad. Alternatively, you may enrich your studies through a tailor-made short programme or through a summer school. More information and options at international: www.international.wiso.uni-koeln.de or Google “WiSo international”