Master’s programme in Political Economy

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Questions

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Konstanz – in the heart of Europe
We’re based at the Lake Constance, bordering Switzerland and Austria.
Lake Constance – Border Triangle
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About us

- Around 11,500 students from all over the world
- Campus University

We offer

- Excellent 24-hour library
- German and other foreign language courses
- Excellent sports facilities
First-class sports activities

**Mountain sports**: bouldering, climbing, hiking, trekking, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing …

**Water sports**: canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, standup paddleboarding, swimming, diving …

**Team sports**: basketball, football, handball, floorball, lacrosse, rugby, underwater rugby, volleyball …

**Racket games**: badminton, table tennis, tennis …

**Individual sports**: archery, track and field, boxing, cycling, dancing, fencing, gymnastics, martial arts, running …

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Our University Campus
Situated in a beautiful forest close to the Lake Constance.
Services for international students

Getting started

- Orientation Programme before the start of your first semester
- German Language Programmes before and during each semester
- Prep Courses from the Department of Economics before you start
- Master’s hut to get to know your fellow students
- Housing for international students in a convenient and safe location. Single rooms in shared apartments or single apartments available.
Services for international students

Counselling and advice

- Buddy programme with 2nd semester MSc Political Economy students
- International Office
- Career Service
„Postgraduate education allowing you to conduct research in the fascinating field of political economy.“

M.Sc. Political Economy
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An interdisciplinary programme of the Dept. of Economics and the Dept. of Politics and Public Administration

The programme offers training in quantitative methods and empirical research. You can then apply these methods in policy fields like:

- social policy
- public finance
- education policy
- trade policy
- security affairs

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# M.Sc. Political Economy / Curriculum

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| **1st Semester** | • Research Design I  
• Advanced Microeconomics I or Advanced Macroeconomics I  
• International Relations and European Integration  
• Comparative Public Policy and Politics | |  
| **2nd Semester** | • Econometrics I  
• Research Design II or Applied Econometrics (3rd Semester)  
• Political Economy  
• International Organizations and International Political Economy  
• One advanced seminar | |  
| **3rd Semester** | • Applied Econometrics or Research Design II (2nd Semester)  
• Two advanced seminars | • Applied Econometrics or Research Design II (2nd Semester)  
• Two advanced seminars  
• Master’s Colloquium |  
| **4th Semester** | • 2 PhD Modules (à 10 ECTS)  
• Master’s Thesis (15 ECTS) | • Master’s Thesis (30 ECTS) |  

For further information please see:  
www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/political-economy/curriculum/
M.Sc. Political Economy:

Target group

- International students with a B.A. in:
  - Economics
  - Political Science
  - Mathematics & Statistics

Are you additionally interested in **quantitative methods** and **empirical research**? Then the MSc Political Economy is the right master’s programme for you!

(for BA students in political science: prior knowledge in microeconomics or macroeconomics at bachelor level is recommendable)
M.Sc. Political Economy:

Admission

- 8 students per year
- **Requirements:**
  - above average B.A. degree;
  - Evidence of knowledge in mathematics, statistics, economics or political science
  - Evidence of a sufficient command of English
  - CV and motivation letter
  - Two letters of recommendation from university teachers
  - Results of the GRE test, desirable (Graduate Record Examinations)

Tuition fees

- no tuition fees for citizens from EU- and EEA-member states
- 1,500 € per semester for citizens from non EU- and non EEA-states
Financial Aspects of your Studies

Usual expenses in Konstanz:

- Accommodation: 270 – 390 € / month  
  (student accommodation)  
  300 – 450 € / month  
  (private accommodation)
- Food, clothes, …: ca. 400 € / month
- University fees: 160 € / semester  
  (1500 € for non EU/EEA-students / semester)
- Public transportation: 52 € / semester
- Health insurance: free for EU/EEA-students,  
  80 € / month for non-EU/EEA-students
- Broadcasting fees: 18 € / month

+ Leisure activities: travelling, skiing, …
- Remuneration from a job?
The practical dimension: Job opportunities inside and outside the University

**Option 1: You work at the University**
- There are a number of student jobs: in the departmental administration, the International Office, research projects, …
- Contracts of between 20 and 50 hours per month
- Gross hourly wages of 10.68 € (M.Sc.)
- Usually, all students interested in a job are able to find a job

**Option 2: You look for an internship**
- The Dept. of Politics and Public Administration maintains a large internship database. The Dept. of Economics publishes internship positions regularly.
- Internship positions at international organizations, NGOs, public authorities, private enterprises – in Germany, Europe, and worldwide
How to apply:

Application deadline: April 30\textsuperscript{th} (the online application tool will open for MSc Political Economy on March, 26th 2018)

1. Find detailed information on our website
   www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/political-economy/how-to-apply/
   Contact us if you have any questions.

2. Collect and scan all necessary documents.
   A checklist is available on our website.

3. Apply through our online application system.
   (scanned application documents are sufficient).

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Why study M.Sc. Political Economy?

Political Science + Economics = Political Economy

- A unique, interdisciplinary programme bridging political sciences and economics.
- Choose seminars from International Politics or Comparative Politics in the field of Political Science.
- Combine it with seminars on a wide range from microeconomics over contract theory to political economy in the field of economics.
- Get advise for your master’s thesis by supervisors from both departments.
- Small classes allow for close interaction with your lecturers.
- Fast-track to your PhD programme (Track A)
- Be part in an international and open environment in the heart of Europe
- Enjoy our beautiful countryside: swimming or sailing on the Lake Constance, hiking or skiing in the nearby Black Forest or the Swiss Alps.

- Language of tuition: English
- Duration: 4 Semesters
- Application deadline: 30th April
Advisory service

Need advice? Contact us!

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Q&A session