

Admission Criteria

For admission to the Master program in Political Science, applicants need to have graduated from a corresponding BA program, a closely related program from a University of Applied Sciences, or an equivalent program from an accepted domestic or foreign post-secondary institution of education.

Study Fees

No tuition fees are required for the MA program in Political Science as long as students do not exceed the program's normal length of four semesters. However, a small obligatory activity fee (currently € 18.70/semester) in support of the Austrian Student Union is collected from all students. Exceptions apply to third-country nationals who are charged tuition fees of € 745.42 per semester.

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Master's program in Political Science



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Political Science
and Sociology



Study Goals and Contents

The MA Political Science is designed for BA degree holders wanting to substantially deepen their scientific knowledge and those already in a profession but interested in a qualified advanced training. The program's stated objectives are for students to acquire highly specialized knowledge about the field of study along with advanced methodological skills. Program participants will also learn how to develop innovative research questions, compose seminar papers that are theoretically and methodologically well-grounded, and defend their arguments in oral presentation. Graduates of the program will be able to critically analyze and evaluate complex political subject matters and gain a rich expertise on which to draw in the professional practice.

Why Salzburg?

Good reasons why to consider Salzburg as your ideal location for MA study are all of the following:

- The high quality of research and teaching combined with its international orientation
- Highly flexible and individualized designs of the study program to suit your needs
- Small class sizes and interactive format
- Full degree program in English
- Individual attention and excellent mentoring
- Cooperation with the Salzburg Centre for European Union Studies (SCEUS)
- Attractive, scenic, and safe location with great overall infrastructure

Students with a superior record may find opportunities to work as research assistants in funded projects undertaken by the faculty. By doing so, individuals may gain first-hand experience in actual scientific research and in the administration of such (international) projects.

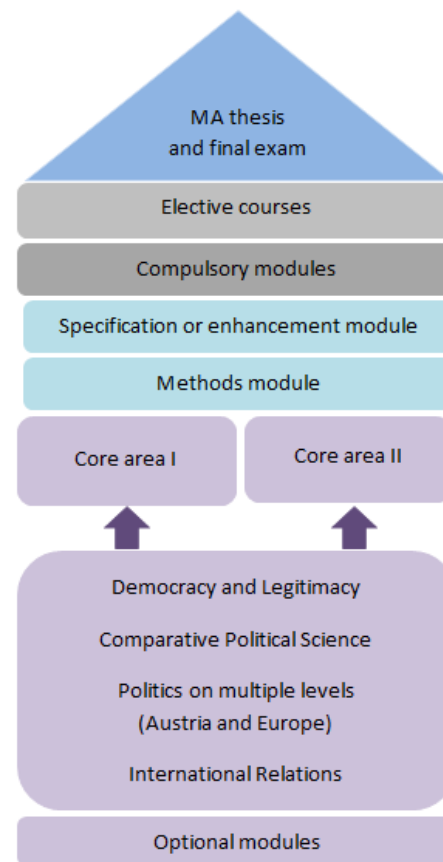
Curriculum

Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Duration: 4 semester (120 ECTS)

The MA program in Political Science allows for individualized

course programs based on your personal interests, needs, and preferences. Along with the two core areas to be selected from four optional modules, students must choose between a research-oriented and an applied module. The core of the academic program is composed of specialized issue-specific seminars and a rigorous set of compulsory methods courses (including research design courses and computer-assisted statistics.)



The following elective courses offerings are designed to complement and further deepen the training graduates receive: Gender Studies, Geography and Regional Planning, Communication Sciences, Law, Economics, Contemporary History, etc.

International Orientation

The Department of Political Science is internationally oriented in its teaching and research. At the Master's level, it offers a full degree program in English, combining exceptionally moderate cost with the prestige of a major and well-established university.

The importance of an international experience for the future career prospects of graduates is recognized by the MA program in that study-abroad periods are strongly encouraged and supported by the department. Students may especially draw on the many opportunities available under the ERASMUS Program. In this context, the department has established formalized exchanges with a range of top European universities such as the Institut d'Études Politiques Paris, the University of Warwick, the University Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, the University of Pavia, the Boğaziçi University in Istanbul and many more. Additional opportunities are afforded through participating in the Joint Study Program.

Another attractive feature of the MA Political Science at the University of Salzburg is the extensive international experience and reputation of its teaching staff. Faculty members are globally connected in their research and professional activities, publish in top international journals, and have consulted local, national, and international institutions and governments.

Career Prospects

The MA program Political Science prepares students for a scientific career but also affords graduates different opportunities for careers outside academia. Principally, the degree program trains students to qualify for professional positions in public administration, interest groups, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), press and public relations as well as the Foreign Service and international organizations.