



Facts and Figures

Start: Winter semester

Duration: 4 semesters

Degree: Master of Arts

Language: English

Admission not restricted

Application and enrolment

Admission requirements



General admission requirements:

www.uol.de/stud/631en

Language skills:

English level B2

Application

Application deadline: 30 September

German university degree:

Online application

www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

EU or international applications:

www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Contact

For questions about the subject/degree programme

Academic counselling for Social Sciences

www.uol.de/en/subject-specific-student-advice

Student representatives for Social Sciences

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For questions about your studies

Study and Career Counselling Service

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Basic questions about application and enrolment

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www.uol.de/en/students/service-advice

Further information

Social Sciences website

www.uol.de/sozialwissenschaften

www.uol.de/en/social-sciences

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies

www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad

www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

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Social Sciences

Master's Degree



Social Sciences (M.A.)

The Master's programme Social Sciences has a broad social science profile, where the key theme of "organisations" is developed across all modules. Organisations are central to modern societies and are present throughout our lives in the areas of education, health, culture, politics and economics. Accordingly, detailed knowledge about the workings of organisations is essential for developing a comprehensive understanding of modern societies. With its unique emphasis on organisations in the German-speaking academic landscape, the M. A. Social Sciences provides students with in-depth and consistent knowledge in both political science and sociology.

In our modern society, and in the social sciences in particular, dealing with knowledge construction and social practice is vital to understand how our world works. Here in Oldenburg, the M. A. Social Sciences offers opportunities for students to specialise in areas of their own choosing and introduces students to an integrative approach to the analysis of social phenomena. Graduates will be given the tools required to actively participate in and impact the evolution of our modern society.

Career opportunities

By taking the M. A. Social Sciences, graduates will acquire a wide range of skills transferable to a number of career opportunities, including:

- (International) Organisational development and consulting
- Public administration and political organisations
- Media production and development, including e.g. opinion research
- University research and teaching
- Teaching in other education institutions
- Science management at universities or research institutions

Structure and contents

COMPULSORY MODULES	48 CP	SEMESTER 1 / 2 / 3
Theoretical Approaches / 9 CP Politics and Organisation / 9 CP Knowledge, Learning and Organisation / 9 CP Society and Organisation / 9 CP Quantitative Research Methods / 6 CP Qualitative Research Methods / 6 CP		
ELECTIVE MODULES / 6 CP each	18 CP	
Minimum one elective module from Social Sciences Maximum two freely elective modules from the Curriculum of i. e. Educational Science, Health Services Research or Business Administration, Economics and Law		
PRACTICAL MODULES	24 CP	
Compulsory modules Project / 12 CP Internship / 12 CP		
COMPULSORY MODULE	30 CP	SEM. 4
Master's thesis module / 30 CP		
MASTER OF ARTS	120 CP	

Specialisation

Social scientists must have the ability to think through scientific or practical problems from different perspectives. They should be able to situate these problems in a wider context and research them using appropriate approaches and methods. Accordingly, the M. A. Social Sciences curriculum is structured to combine subject-specific and practical research skills with comprehensive theoretical knowledge and a wide range of methodological approaches. The programme equips students with the tools to theoretically analyse the social science issues inherent in an organisational society and to empirically investigate them via quantitative and qualitative methods. In doing so, students are able to critically unpack the 'norms' and persistent systems of our modern society.

The curriculum consists of compulsory modules focusing on the theoretical foundations of organisational research, organisations in politics and society and knowledge and learning in organisations, as well as providing a comprehensive understanding of qualitative and quantitative methods. Students can customise their course by selecting from a wide range of electives in political science and sociology, economics, business administration, health sciences and advanced methods courses.

Language skills

By using English as the language of instruction, students are able to develop their language and intercultural skills and become better equipped for navigating a multicultural environment. These abilities ensure that graduates are competitive in the business world, politics and academia.

Applicants must demonstrate a sufficient level of proficiency in the English language (CEFR Level B2) in order to be eligible for admission to the degree programme.

Stay abroad

A semester abroad is possible and, ideally, should be completed during the third semester at an international partner university that offers comparable degree programmes.

