

FAQs - M.Sc. Psychology in Sport and Exercise (PSE)

These FAQs contain information specific to the **M.Sc. Psychology in Sport and Exercise (PSE)**. For general information regarding the Master's Degree programmes and the application process at the **German Sport University Cologne (GSU)** please visit:

For information in English:

www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/master-programme and <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/application-process/application-master> (in particular the documents "Guidelines for Non-EU applicants" and "Guidelines for EU applicants").

For information in German:

www.dshs-koeln.de/master/ and www.dshs-koeln.de/bewerbung-master (in particular the documents „FAQs Masterbewerbung“ and „Informationen zum Bewerbungs- und Zulassungsverfahren“).

(1) Entry requirements and admission

Study Decision	
Is the M.Sc. PSE the right programme for me?	You can use our MasterCheck as a tool to aid your decision.
Admission	
Is it more likely to be admitted to the Master's programme if you have previously completed a sport science degree or a psychology degree?	There is approximately a 50:50 distribution in each cohort, so there is no preference for one degree or another.
I am planning to complete my Bachelor's Degree at a distance learning university. Could there be any disadvantages for me compared to graduates of a campus university?	No distinctions are made, provided the degree programme is officially accredited.
Are graduates of the GSU given preference in the admission process?	No, all applicants will be treated equally when applying.

<p>Does my Bachelor's Degree meet the criteria for relevancy?</p>	<p>For capacity reasons, it is not possible to carry out a personalised relevancy assessment of undergraduate studies before admission.</p> <p>Annex A of the Master's admission regulations specifies the study requirements that must be fulfilled for the M.Sc. PSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree programme oriented in sport science or psychology • The curriculum of the Bachelor's Degree programme must have covered one of each of the following three study units of a minimum of 10 credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Life science, sport science or kinesiology bases (for example, functional anatomy and physiology, kinesiology and biomechanics, training science, neuroscience), b. Psychological bases (for example, general psychology, social psychology, clinical psychology, health psychology, educational psychology) c. Statistics / Methodology
<p>Do all Bachelor's degree programmes at the GSU meet the criteria for relevancy?</p>	<p>Currently, all five undergraduate sport science Bachelor degree programmes at the GSU are classified as relevant for the M.Sc. PSE.</p>
<p>Can I complete the required 10 ECTS in Statistics / Methodology or Life science, sport science or kinesiology bases or psychological bases outside of my Bachelor's programme?</p>	<p>Yes, it is possible to acquire these credits extracurricular at Bachelor level. They must be listed either in the Transcript of Records or be officially confirmed in writing by the university where they were completed.</p>
<p>Can I make up for missing sport science credits? For example, with a coaching license?</p>	<p>No, that is not possible. The sport science credits must be earned as part of a Bachelor's Degree.</p>
<p>Parallel Studies</p>	
<p>Is it possible to study the M.Sc. PSE at the GSU alongside another Master's programme, for example, a medical degree at the University of Cologne?</p>	<p>The M.Sc. PSE is admission-restricted and therefore requires you to be enrolled as a full-time student at our university. In North Rhine-Westphalia, it is generally not possible to be enrolled in several admission-restricted degree programmes at the same time and thus to be enrolled as a full-time student several times. However, it is possible to study as a visiting student at another university.</p>

<p>Can I study several Master's Degree programmes at the same time and finish them with a Master's thesis?</p>	<p>No, that is not possible.</p>
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(2) Degree-related questions

<p style="text-align: center;">Additional Courses</p>	
<p>Can I attend courses from other degree programmes in addition to my Master's courses?</p>	<p>Attendance of courses on a voluntary basis is possible in consultation with the lecturers and if capacities are available. Admission is at the discretion of the lecturer/s. There is also no entitlement to participation / admission to a module examination. Please note: Master's students are not able to acquire any additional credits as part of doctoral studies (later qualification phase). For more information, please visit: www.dshs-koeln.de/pruefungen (in German).</p>
<p>I previously studied Psychology. Do you offer preparatory / introductory courses in sport science?</p>	<p>The introductory module PSE1 reviews the foundations of sport science and psychology to ensure that all students have the same level of knowledge across subject areas.</p>
<p>I previously studied Sport Science. Do you offer preparatory / introductory courses in psychology?</p>	<p>The introductory module PSE1 reviews the foundations of psychology and sport science to ensure that all students have the same level of knowledge across subject areas.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly schedule</p>	
<p>What does the average week look like? Will it be possible to work alongside my studies?</p>	<p>The M.Sc. Psychology in Sport and Exercise is a full-time degree. However, many students have part-time jobs alongside their studies. You can take a look at a sample-timetable at the bottom of this page: www.dshs-koeln.de/studium/studienangebot/master/msc-psychology-in-sport-and-exercise/study-programme.</p>

(3) After graduation

Professional title	
<p>Can I use the title “psychologist” or “sport psychologist” after graduating?</p>	<p>In Germany, the title “psychologist” is protected by law. According to the Professional Association of Psychologists*, which recognized the M.Sc. PSE as a psychology degree, graduates in this Master’s programme are officially psychologists or sport psychologists if they also have a Bachelor’s degree in psychology. Otherwise, they are considered to be a sport psychology expert.</p> <p><i>*Berufsverband Deutscher Psychologinnen und Psychologen (BDP)</i></p>
Further Questions	
<p>Who should I contact if I have further questions that are not listed above?</p>	<p>For any questions related to the application and admissions process, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German applicants: Student Registrar’s Office masterbewerbung@dshs-koeln.de • International applicants: International Office masterapplication@dshs-koeln.de <p>For all programme-related questions, please contact the programme coordinator: master-pse@dshs-koeln.de.</p> <p>For general questions about studying at the German Sport University, please contact: Student Advisory Service, studienberatung@dshs-koeln.de.</p>