



Master's Degree Programme

# M.A. International Sport Development and Politics



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German Sport University Cologne

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The German Sport University Cologne offers nine consecutive Master's programmes, which complement and deepen scientific knowledge. On completion, the students are awarded either the internationally recognized title of *Master of Arts (M.A.)* or *Master of Science (M.Sc.)*.

Each programme has a regular duration of four semesters in which 120 credit points must be obtained. The programmes are accredited as full-time, on-site degrees and have a limited number of participants. At present 30 places are available per degree course. The intake is once per year in the winter semester.

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M.Sc. Psychology in Sport and Exercise 



### Costs

You can find the current semester fee at  
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## **M.A. INTERNATIONAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICS**

The *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* combines sport sciences with social sciences and humanities as well as economics and management. The programme aims at a comprehensive understanding of structures, actors and conflicts in sport and physical activity. It contributes in particular to an international focus on sport including transnational and comparative dimensions.

The programme is highly research oriented and fosters problem-solving abilities as well as methods for understanding and analysing sport.

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## Target Group

The *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* targets graduates with a background in sport studies or a related degree in politics, sociology or economy.

Having practical experience with and in sport is considered helpful. Considering the interdisciplinary nature of the master programme, it is in principle open to applicants from other disciplines.

You can use the **MasterCheck** to see whether the degree matches your expectations; please see the following link:

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» **Objectives and target group**



## Qualification Targets

The study programme addresses a set of five key competencies:

- advanced research skills
- independent knowledge acquisition and critical thinking
- professionalism and vocational orientation
- internationalisation and intercultural learning
- diversity competence.



## Study Programme

Divided into 13 modules, the curriculum features basic, advanced and specialized courses that enable a progressive learning process. Courses are taught by the staff of the Institute of European Sport Development and Leisure Studies, the Institute of Sport History and other Departments at the GSU.

**1st Semester:** Fundamentals and Topics of Sport Development, Measurement and Evaluation, National and European Perspectives on Sport Politics and Systems, The Governance of the Olympic Movement

**2nd Semester:** Sport Sociology, Sport Law, Sport Business, Sport Economics, Research Project, Field Trip to Brussels

**3rd Semester:** Sport and Development Cooperation, Developing the Social Dimension of Sport, Assessing Sport Politics in Transnational and International Settings, Facing Specific Challenges of Sport, Exploring Professional and Academic Practice

**4th Semester:** Master Thesis.

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## Career Perspectives

Graduates of the *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* are well-equipped for leading positions in all kinds of national and international sport clubs and organisations, governments and administrations, NGOs, social agencies and commercial enterprises. Graduates are also qualified for further academic research pursuing a doctoral degree. The *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* degree enables consecutive postgraduate studies earning a doctor's degree.



## Admission Requirements

The following requirements apply to the *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics*:

- completion of an undergraduate degree in a related field of study (>180 credit points according to ECTS)
- proof of ability (above-average final grade of either 2.5 or higher in the German system or B according to ECTS)
- certified English language proficiency (see requirements for TOEFL and IELTS scores or CAE-level)
- passing the physical aptitude test is **not** an admission requirement.

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## Application

- only for the winter semester
- online application
- electronic application for admission is complemented with additional documents (PDF upload)
- application deadlines\*:
  - for non-EU citizens: 31<sup>st</sup> May
  - for GER & EU citizens: 15<sup>th</sup> July

\*Subject to change. For further information please see:  
[www.dshs-koeln.de/master-dev](http://www.dshs-koeln.de/master-dev) » **Application**



Further information:  
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## German Sport University Cologne

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