

Why study with us?

Next to the fact that we are a young and dynamic University and an interdisciplinary and committed Department, there are several reasons for studying with us:

- We work in small groups with plenty of opportunities for learning and exchange among peers
- We collaborate with a network of experienced and internationally renowned practitioners and academics from high-ranking institutions
- We are situated in an interesting region with many social protection actors
- We are within a stone's throw of Cologne and Bonn, international cities with a great cultural offer

Career prospects

The graduates will have career prospects in a wide variety of fields, e.g. as policy planners, managers and advisers in ministries and government agencies, social security institutions, NGOs, international organisations, bilateral development agencies, private (insurance) companies, etc.

Contact and further information

For information on the application process, registration and acceptance of foreign degrees and university transfers, please contact our

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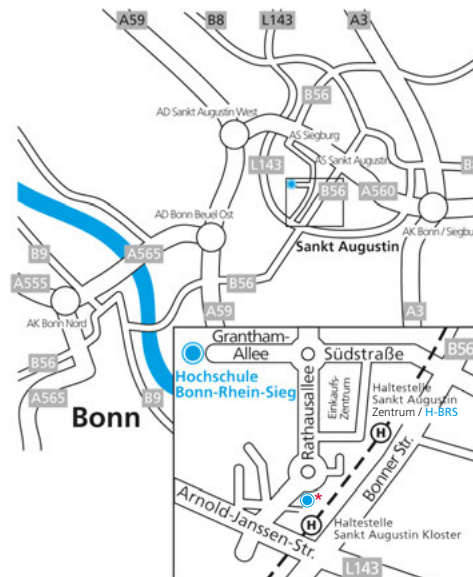
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International
Master's Degree Programme

Analysis and Design of Social Protection Systems

Accreditation by AQAS

Degree
**Master of Arts
in Social Protection**

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Target group and objectives

Target group

The master's programme is designed for an international audience. It invites students from various countries of origin who are interested in advancing the development of social protection systems and participating in an academic, interdisciplinary and intercultural exchange. The on-campus and online courses offer highest possible flexibility, without compromising on support and network-building.

Objectives

The master's programme **Analysis and Design of Social Protection Systems** offers an interdisciplinary and in-depth study of social protection systems. Graduates will be able to design and sustain systems that are effective, affordable and flexible enough to meet future socio-economic challenges.

We want our graduates to

- gain deeper insights into the constitutive elements, driving forces and instruments of social protection systems, covering low-, middle- as well as high income countries
- know how to use different methods of analysis for designing and reorganising social protection systems
- have a solid understanding of how to institutionalise and sustainably finance social protection systems
- be comfortable using state-of-the-art management methods to implement social protection interventions effectively and efficiently
- establish an interdisciplinary and interinstitutional network of national and international experts

For more information, please visit:
www.ma-socialprotection.de

Overview

Start

Winter semester (September)

Duration

3 semesters (18 months)

Language of instruction

English

Credits

90 ECTS + up to 30 additional ECTS can be awarded for relevant practical experience, additional online courses or extracurricular activities

Tuition fee

The study programme is tuition free; however, in Germany students are required to pay a semester contribution of around 265 per Semester, which includes a 6 month public transportation ticket and other benefits.

Learning organisation

A combination of on-campus phases and distance-learning with an internet-based teaching and learning platform

Schedule

| Pre-Courses | 1 st Semester | 2 nd Semester | 3 rd Semester |
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| August - September Online and on-campus | September - February On-Campus | March - August Online | September - February Online and 2-weeks on-campus |
| Bridge courses in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Statistics • Academic Writing • German language | M1: Comparative analysis of social protection systems M2: Social protection policy instruments and design options M3: Analysis for social protection design M4: Social protection financing and modelling M5: Research methods M6: Simulation and evaluation | M7: Social protection governance M8: Social protection management M9: Social protection reforms M10: Specialisations in Vulnerability, Return to Work, Health, Old age, Climate Change, or Migration | Master's Thesis |

Admission

Application criteria

To be admitted to the degree programme, students are required to provide evidence of

- a bachelor's degree from a relevant academic field such as economics, political and sociology sciences, public policy, law, health, education, international relations
- a minimum of 6 months of professional experience in social protection or any related field (incl. unpaid internships)
- English proficiency, with a minimum level of 560 pbt / 220 cbt / 83 ibt (Toefl test) or equivalent.

Application process

Interested applicants should fill in the online application form.

The examination committee decides on the award of places and informs the applicants in a timely manner. For a definitive offer of a place of study, successful applicants are required to send in certified copies of the original degrees and certifications.

Application deadline

March 31 for the following winter semester