

MSc Social Protection – Schedule Winter Semester 2026/2027

Time	Week 1 September / October					Week 2 October					Week 3 October					Week 4 October				
	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri
08:30 - 10:00	28	29	30	1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23
10:15 - 11:45		M1.1	M1.1	M1.1	M1.1		M2.1	M2.1	M2.1			M2.1	M2.1	M2.1			M2.1	M2.1	M2.1	
12:45 - 14:15		M1.1	M1.1	M1.1			M1.2	M1.2				M1.2	M1.2				M1.2	M1.2		
14:30 - 16:00		M1.1	M1.1	M1.1			M1.2	M1.2				M1.2	M1.2				M1.2	M1.4		

Time	Week 6 October					Brussels Excursion – tbc	Week 7 November					Week 8 November					Week 9 November				
	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri		mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri
	26	27	28	29	30		2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20
08:30 - 10:00		M2.1	M2.1				M2.3	M2.3	M2.3			M2.3	M2.3	M2.3			M2.2	M2.2	M2.2		
10:15 - 11:45	M1.4	M2.1				M1.4	M2.3	M2.3	M2.3		M1.3	M2.3	M2.3	M2.3		M1.3	M2.2	M2.2	M2.2		
12:45 - 14:15	M1.4	M1.4				M1.4	M1.4				M1.3	M1.3	M2.3			M1.3	M1.3	M2.2			
14:30 - 16:00	M1.4	M1.4				M1.4	M1.3				M1.3	M1.3				M1.3	M1.3				

Time	Week 10 November					Week 11 December					Week 12 December					Week 13 December				
	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri
08:30 - 10:00	23	24	25	26	27	30	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18
10:15 - 11:45	M1.3		M1 Final Submission Deadline			M2 Exam (in-class)*	Skills Week				M4.1	M4.1	M3.2	M4.1		M4.1	M4.1	M3.2	M4.2	
12:45 - 14:15	M1.3										M4.1	M4.1	M3.2	M4.1		M4.1	M4.1	M3.2	M4.2	
14:30 - 16:00	M1.3										M3.1	M3.3 **	M4.1			M3.1	M3.3 **	M4.1		

Time	Week 14 December					Week 15 December					Week 16 January					Week 17 January				
	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri
08:30 - 10:00	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15
10:15 - 11:45	M4.2	M4.2	M3.2									M4.2	M3.2	M4.2		M4.3	M4.3	M3.2	M4.3	Excursion Rhein/ Sieg Area – tbc
12:45 - 14:15	M4.2	M4.2	M3.2									M4.2	M3.2	M4.2		M4.3	M4.3	M3.2	M4.3	
14:30 - 16:00	M3.1	M3.3 **	M4.2									M3.1	M3.3 **	M4.2		M3.1	M3.3 **	M4.3		

Time	Week 18 January					Week 19 January					Week 20 February					Week 21 February					Week 23 February
	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	
08:30 - 10:00	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	28
10:15 - 11:45	M4.3	M4.3	M3.2	M4.4		M4.4	M4.4	M3.2					M3.4	M3.4					M4 Exam (in-class)*	M4 Final Submission Deadline	
12:45 - 14:15	M3.1	M3.4 ***	M4.3			M3.1	M3.4 ***	M4.4					M3.4	M3.4	M3.4				Semester closing		
14:30 - 16:00	M3.1	M3.4 ***	M4.3			M3.1	M3.4 ***						M3.4	M3.4	M3.4						

M 1.1	Social Protection Systems: Constitutive Elements // Prof. Dr. Maria Klara Kuss
M 1.2	Social Protection Systems: Driving Factors // Prof. Dr. Maria Klara Kuss
M 1.3	Comparative Social Protection Analysis // Prof. Dr. Maria Klara Kuss
M 1.4	International Social Protection Policy // Prof. Dr. Maria Klara Kuss

M 2.1	Economics of Social Protection // Prof. Dr. Simona Helmsmüller
M 2.2	Risk assessment // Prof. Dr. Markus Loewe
M 2.3	Public Finance // Prof. Dr. Masouso Chirwa

M 3.1	Contributory Schemes // Prof. Dr. Markus Loewe
M 3.2	Social Transfers // Brian Mathebula
M 3.3**	Social Services // Prof. Dr. Deepta Chopra
M 3.4***	Promotional Measures // Prof. Dr. Andrea Salvini

M 4.1	Statistics // Prof. Dr. Simona Helmsmüller - tbc
M 4.2	Econometrics // Prof. Dr. Simona Helmsmüller
M 4.3	Evaluation // Prof. Dr. Simona Helmsmüller
M 4.4	Demography // Prof. Dr. Simona Helmsmüller

* The exact times of the M2 & M4 exams (in-class) are yet to be confirmed as they depend on availability of rooms.

** Please take note of the time slots for the M3.3 course (taught online via WebEx), as they differ from the regular course times: 13:45- 15:15 & 15:30-17:00

*** The M3.4 sessions on January 19 and January 26, 2027 will take place online via WebEx. The remaining sessions will take place on campus from February 2 - 4, 2027.