International Relations: Global Governance and Social Theory
Master
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Description of the Study Program
The substantive focus of the MA International Relations: Global Governance and Social Theory is the analysis of governance beyond the nation state. This research topic is examined from a political science perspective, and within the context of enduring processes of globalization and increasing cross-border activity. This emphasis on the governance perspective and the explicit integration of general social theoretical questions in the context of social and political change is a unique feature of the MA in International Relations. Students will participate in a small, relatively specialized, and academically rigorous, all English degree program. The degree is accredited by the German accreditation agency ACQUIN.

The program is offered jointly by Jacobs University Bremen and the University of Bremen. The University of Bremen is a public institution and one of Germany’s youngest and most active research universities. Jacobs University was founded in 1999 as the first private international research university in Germany. The language on campus is English. Both universities have particularly strong positions in the field of international relations and political science. The study is thus linked to an attractive research environment.

Admission Criteria and Requirements
To be considered applicants need to provide:

- A proof of a bachelor’s (or master’s) degree or its equivalent in international relations, political science, sociology, or a similar area of study worth 180 credit points (CP) according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) (or equivalent). Students whose degree is pending may apply nonetheless if they have completed a large part of their studies (corresponding to at least 120 CP).

- A transcript of undergraduate courses and grades with a GPA equivalent to 2.3 or better in the German grading system.

- A proof of proficiency in English at the level of C1 (Common European Framework) or higher. A minimum score of 95 (TOEFL internet-based), 575 (TOEFL paper-based), 230 (TOEFL computer-
based), 945/180/180 (TOEIC), or 6.5 (IELTS) is accepted as equivalent, and so are the Cambridge Certificates in Advanced English (CAE) or of Proficiency in English (CPE) (Grade C). Students who earned their university entrance qualification ("A levels") in English or their bachelor’s or master’s degree in an all-English program are exempted from this requirement (assuming they provide the corresponding document as evidence).

- An essay explaining why they are choosing this program and what their research interests are ("letter of motivation").
- An English summary (1,000 words) of their bachelor’s or master’s thesis. If the thesis is not yet finished an English exposé of the thesis or an English (summary of a) term paper on a topic related to the program may be provided instead.
- A current CV including information on their educational and work history, publications (if any), language abilities, and extracurricular interests.

Admission of applicants whose degree is pending at the time of application is conditional on their providing the completed, final transcript no later than two weeks after the courses have started as well as the bachelor’s certificate by 31 December of the same year.

Expected Interests and Qualifications
We seek graduate students who have strong records of academic performance as undergraduate students and take a keen interest in theory-oriented, methodologically rigorous research in international relations.

Occupational Fields and Career Opportunities
Upon completion of the MA program students may choose to continue on the PhD track in Bremen (or elsewhere) or pursue a career in non-academic occupational fields such as political institutions, public administration, non-governmental organizations, or in the private sector.
Curriculum and Contents of Program

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During the course of study students will take three courses from each of four fields, amounting to a total of 12 courses for the MA program. Each course is worth 7.5 ECTS credit points. The MA thesis is worth 30 ECTS credit points. The annual credits to be collected are 60 ECTS points.

Contents

The content of this program includes theory and practice of governance beyond the nation state and their analysis in relation to political, historical, economical, legal as well as philosophical viewpoints. Furthermore, this program will introduce students to advanced research methods to enable them to analyze problems of international governance.

Major Fields

The core of the program of studies is composed of four main fields:

1. Theories and Issues of Global Governance
This field focuses on basic theories and themes of international relations and governance including issues of international security and international political economy.

2. Changing Context of Global Governance

The second field highlights broader processes of political change which impact international and transnational cooperation including state transformation and the legalization of world politics.

3. Theorizing Social Order and Change

Covering classical as well as contemporary social theory, as well as normative theory of world politics, this component aims to provide a theoretical framework for understanding and evaluating issues of governance.

4. Methodology

In order to provide students with the techniques to conduct up-to-date research, the program offers courses on advanced qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as on research design and the logic of scientific research.

**Internship and Study Abroad**

An internship is not obligatory, but possible. The same holds for a semester abroad.

**Modes and Language of Instruction**

Teaching takes place in seminars, in the context of which scholarly texts are discussed, presentations are given, and term papers are written.

The program is taught completely in English.

**Start, Duration, and Term Schedule of the Study Program**

The master program is a two year course, composed of four semesters and starting in the winter semester. In contrast to the regular semester dates at the two cooperating universities, the winter term starts in early October and ends in mid-January. The spring term starts in early March and ends in mid-June. Advanced students may join the program in the summer semester subject to vacant places.
Degree
Master of Arts (M.A.)

Faculty
The faculty is presently composed of 15 professors and lecturers.

Capacity
The student intake is currently limited to 20.

Costs
There is no tuition, but students are required to pay a semester contribution (winter semester 2017/18: 321,42 €). The semester contribution covers the costs for the so-called semester ticket, which allows students to use public transport in Bremen and the Northwest of Germany for free.

Application and Admission
Applications for the MA International Relations are submitted online. The deadline for regular applicants is 1 February; applicants seeking recognition as advanced students have to apply no later than 15 January.

For details see www.ir-bremen.de/ma-international-relations-admissions

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