

POLITICAL SCIENCE @ TÜBINGEN

The Institute of Political Science

As part of one of the oldest universities in Germany, the Institute of Political Science stands for **innovation and quality in research and teaching**. Our research and teaching are theory-driven, problem-oriented, and focus on the **topics of democracy, development, and peace**. In our view, outstanding research and excellent teaching go hand in hand.



The University of Tübingen

Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. These have been the guiding principles for both research and teaching at the University of Tübingen since it was founded in 1477. The University is one of Germany's **oldest and most respected**. It provides an **optimal environment for learning and teaching**. The modern University Library, the Language Learning Center, the interdisciplinary Studium Generale forum, and the University Sport Center offer a wide range of opportunities. The University's motto speaks for itself: **attempo – I dare!**

The town of Tübingen

Tübingen does not have a University, Tübingen is a University: young, creative, open, innovative. The beautiful, historic **old town**, its picturesque location on the **Neckar River** and the excellent opportunities for outdoor activities are at the heart of the high living standard that the city offers.

Town and University

Inhabitants: around 90.000

Students at the University: around 27.000

Staff: around 450 professorships and 12.000 employees

REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION

With a completed higher education degree (e.g. Bachelor) with a final grade of at least **'good'** (2.5 or better) ...

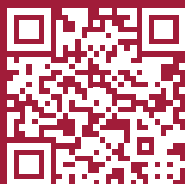
- in **political science** or
- in **another social science** with a minor in political science or
- in **European Studies**, including political science elements
- and a sufficient knowledge of **Englisch and German** (level B2)

... there's nothing standing in your way for your studies here in Tübingen. We look forward to your application!

The annual application deadline is **June 15 for the following winter term**. Please visit our **webpages** for full information concerning the study programme, the Institute, and the application process.



VISIT OUR WEBPAGES



Study programme MADRE
<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/madre>



The Institute
<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/pol>

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE IN EUROPE

Master of Arts

New structure of study programme

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Institute of Political Science



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TOPICS & PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

You want to get to know the European Union in its entire complexity? You want to learn more about recent developments in the European Union Member States? Then the Tübingen Institute of Political Science is an excellent choice!

The 2-year degree programme 'Democracy and Governance in Europe' (MADRE) focuses, first, on the functioning and development of the institutions of the European Union and the comparison of EU Member States' political systems and cultures (Comparative Politics). Second, it places emphasis on the so called vertical integration between the Member States and the European Union (European Integration Research). The programme will give you detailed knowledge of European politics, the mechanisms of policy making, and factors influencing cooperation at the European level. You will gain a thorough understanding of the complexity of 'multi-level governance' and the knowledge and skills to employ both established and innovative theories and concepts for analysis.

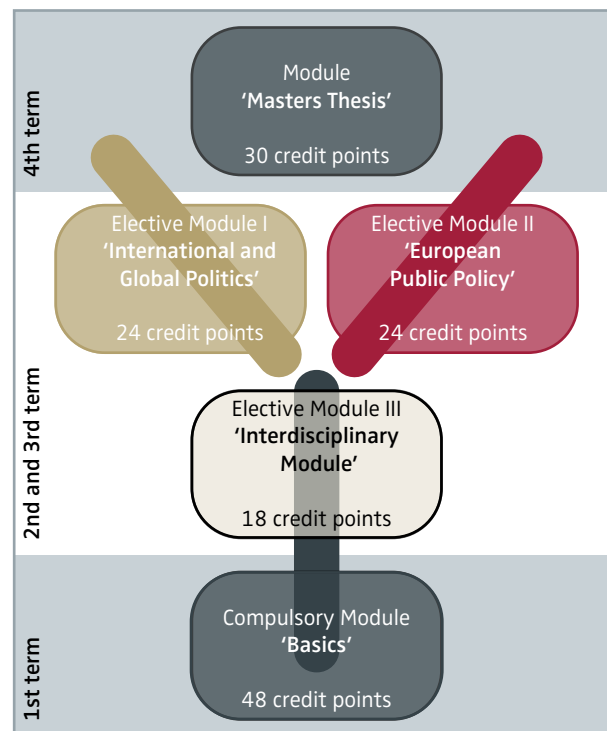
Practical application is an important element of the programme. By focusing on ongoing developments in the European Union and its Member States, you acquire the knowledge and skills required to work in national administrations or in European institutions, in civil society organisations, in civic education, in political consultancy, and in private enterprises. By covering a range of political science theories in your studies, you will also be well equipped to pursue an academic career in a university PhD-programme or in European research organisations.

The programme also offers numerous opportunities that may come to serve as the first step of your future career. You will get the chance to meet practitioners in guest lectures and talks at the Institute, on field trips or via internships. Taking the opportunity to go abroad to one of our renowned partner institutes (e.g. Sciences Po in Paris and Aix-en-Provence, McGill in Montreal, Georgetown in Washington D.C. or MGIMO in Moscow) or to acquire additional language skills can further strengthen your international profile.

Topics

Democratic governance in the EU, political systems of the European Union and its Member States, political economy of the Eurozone, integration theory, gendering the EU, social policy in the EU

NEW STRUCTURE: THE Y-MODEL



INDIVIDUAL STUDY OPTIONS

Following a Y-structure (see above), the new 'Elective Modules' offer the opportunity to individually prepare you for your vocational field of choice. According to your interest, you can specialise in certain theoretical and empirical aspects of European research. You can choose to focus on 'The EU's Role in International and Global Politics' or on 'European Public Policy' with an emphasis on social policy. In the 'Interdisciplinary Modules' you can deepen your knowledge in interdisciplinary European Studies (Sociology, History, Law, and Economics) or choose to enhance your language skills.

The Institute

Students at the Institute: more than 1.000

Staff: 6 professorships, 3 senior lecturers, 18 lecturers and researchers

Vision: Learning together

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

The Master programme 'Democracy and Governance in Europe' offers you a holistic political science approach to European Studies. The programme distinguishes itself from more interdisciplinary orientated study programmes by emphasising depth instead of width. Focusing on political science methods and approaches, we help you gain in-depth understanding of the analytical concept of 'multi-level governance' and strong comparative method skills. You learn to combine the horizontal perspective on Member States and the vertical analysis of integration – with special focus on democracy and governance. You will engage with the normative implications of governance and the relationship between democracy and the economy, with a critical eye to issues of gender.

Compulsory Module: 'Basics'
M1 Power and authority in political systems – theoretical and methodological perspectives
M2 Theoretical foundations of legitimacy and integration in EU governance
M3 Political economy of the EU and national democracy
M4 Future development of European integration
Elective Module I: 'International and Global Politics'
M5 The EU in the international political economy
M6 Europe's role in International Relations
M7 Issues in international governance
Elective Module II: 'European Public Policy'
M8 European social policy in the 21st century
M9 Policy fields in the multi-level system
M10 Participation of public and private actors in European politics
Elective Module III: 'Interdisciplinary Module'
M11 Legal foundations of European integration
M12 Interdisciplinary contributions to European Studies
M13 Research methods in the social sciences
M14 Professional skills development
M15 Field trip
M16 Internship

Start of degree programme: each winter term

Application deadline: June 15 for each year of study

Regular duration of study: 4 semesters encompassing 120 ECTS-Points

Teaching languages: English and German