

WHY STUDY WITH US?

Aside from belonging to an interdisciplinary department committed to its students, there are several reasons for studying with us:

- innovative and interactive teaching methods and exam formats
- opportunity to work in small groups with plenty of prospects for knowledge exchange among peers
- extracurricular activities including excursions and brown bag lunches
- collaboration with experienced and internationally renowned practitioners and academics from high-ranking institutions
- located in a vibrant region with many international and regional social protection actors, and only a stone's throw away from the cultural hubs of Cologne and Bonn

Objectives

The Master's programme "Social Protection" offers an interdisciplinary and in-depth study of social protection systems. Graduates will be able to analyze and reform 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- and high income countries
- know how to use different methods of analysis for designing and re-organizing social protection systems
- have a solid understanding of how to institutionalize and sustainably finance social protection systems
- be comfortable using state-of-the-art management methods to implement interventions effectively and efficiently
- establish a network of national and international experts

Career Prospects

Graduates will have career prospects in a wide variety of sectors, i.e. as policy planners, managers and advisers in ministries and government agencies, social security institutions, NGOs, international (development) organisations, private insurance companies and many more.



AT A GLANCE

Degree

Social Protection – Master of Science (MSc)

Location of study

Sankt Augustin

Language of instruction

English

Start of the programme

Winter semester (first week of September)

Duration

Four semesters; three semesters upon recognition of work experience

Credits

120 ECTS

Tuition Fee

None – Semester contribution:

www.h-brs.de/en/d5/fees

Learning organisation

Combination of on-campus and online learning phases, using an online learning platform and interactive teaching formats

Application Period

January 15 - March 31 (non-EU), May 31 (EU)

More information:

www.h-brs.de/en/social-protection

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Social Protection Master of Science (MSc)



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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 the highest possible flexibility, without compromising on support and network-building.

Admission criteria

To be admitted to the degree programme, students are required to fulfill the following criteria:

Previous Studies: Bachelor's degree from a relevant academic field such as economics, politics, law, administration, health, education, social science, psychology and international relations/development or other subjects if at least 15 ECTS have been accumulated in courses related to social protection

Relevant Work Experience: At least 5 months of work experience (including unpaid internships or voluntary work) in a field related to social protection

English Proficiency: English proficiency at C1-level

Entry examination: Having successfully passed the entry exam

Application process

1. Visit the website to get acquainted with the programme.
2. Visit a virtual open day of the programme (announced on the website).
3. Collect your application documents.
4. Fill in and submit the online application.

The examination committee decides on admission to the programme and informs the applicants timely after the application window has closed.

Application window

January 15 - March 31 (non-EU applicants)
May 31 (EU applicants)

Funding options

Students finance themselves through various sources, ranging from savings and scholarships to student jobs. A limited number of fully-funded scholarships is awarded by the DAAD as part of the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme. Applications are accepted in the year prior to the programme start.



„The programme team is dedicated to providing students with a smooth study experience and equipping them for a career in the highly topical field of social protection in the best possible way - we are very happy to advise and plan for this!“

Prof. Dr. Esther Schüring
Professor for
Social Protection Systems

CURRICULUM

Semester	P.	1.	2.	3.	4.
Module	August to September online and on-campus	September to February on-campus	March to August online	September to February online	March to August online
	Bridge courses in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economics• Statistics• Academic writing• German language	M01: Comparative Analysis of Social Protection Systems	M05: Social Protection Financing	M11: Practical term	M12: Master's Thesis
		M02: Foundational Skills	M06: Groups in Focus (Electives) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children/Youth• Elderly• Migrants• People with Disability• Family• Working Population		
		M03: Social Protection Policy Instruments	M07: Social Protection Management		
		M04: Quantitative methods	M08: Social Protection Reform	M09: Research Methods	M10: Studium Generale

P. = Precourses

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„The course is super relevant to our society today and allowed me to learn first-hand from stellar experts in the industry, leading to a truly holistic professional development. Combining different formats, interactive teaching methods, and a practical semester, the course has equipped me with the skillset I need.“

Ms. Sayanti Sengupta (India), Independent Consultant/Technical Advisor, UNICEF, ILO, Red Cross Climate Center. Batch 2018/19



„The program offered me the possibility to build on my existing grants management and NGO experience and scale up the type of projects I work on. Now I help manage multi-million Euro grants to support humanitarian aid projects in seven East African countries.“

Mr. Paul Snyder (USA), Program and Awards Officer, East Africa, International Rescue Committee, Germany. Batch 2020/21



„While the programme was incredibly multicultural, it was also pleasantly intimate. This gave the lecturers the opportunity to put the students' previous educational experiences into context and accommodate them where appropriate. It made me feel seen - not just as a statistic - and for us international students, that's a rarity.“

Ms. Abigail Sitsope Sepenu (Ghana), PhD Student: Interdisciplinary Social Research, Trent University, Canada. Batch 2020/21



„As a DAAD scholarship recipient, the scholarship represents a vote of confidence for those who want to contribute to the development path of their home country. This opportunity enabled me to focus on my studies and dedicate myself to the curriculum.“

Ms. Luiza Valle (Brazil), 2022 Social Protection Statistics Intern, International Labour Organization (ILO), Switzerland. Batch 2021/22