

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:

- Work in small groups with plenty of opportunities for learning and exchange among peers
- Collaborate with a network of experienced and internationally renowned practitioners and academics from high-ranking institutions
- Explore an interesting region with a vibrant cultural life and many social protection actors

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 re-organising 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

CAREER PROSPECTS

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.



AT A GLANCE

Degree

Master of Arts in Social Protection (M.A.)

Location of study

Sankt Augustin

Application window

January - March of each year

www.h-brs.de/en/application

Language of instruction

English

Credits

120 ECTS

Duration

4 Semester - Students with more than 11 months relevant work experience in social protection have the possibility to shorten the study duration to 3 semesters

Tuition Fee

The study programme is tuition free. However students in Germany are required to pay a semester contribution of around 285 Euro per semester, which includes a 6-month public transportation ticket and other benefits.

Learning organisation

A combination of on-campus and e-learning phases with an online teaching and learning platform

More information:

www.ma-socialprotection.de

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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, inter-disciplinary and intercultural exchange. The on-campus and online courses offer flexibility, without compromising on support and network-building.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

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

- Previous Studies:** a bachelor’s degree from a relevant academic field such as business administration, economics, politics, law, administration, health, education, social science, psychology and international relations/development.
- Relevant Work Experience:** Proof of at least 5 months of work experience (incl. unpaid internships) in a field related to social protection.
- English Proficiency:** If the applicant is neither a native speaker nor has completed a previous degree programme in English, s/he needs to provide proof of English proficiency, with a minimum level of C1 according to the common European framework of reference for languages.
- Entry examination:** Having successfully passed a two-hour online entry examination in the area of social policy.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested applicants should fill in the online application form and take the online test on one of the specified dates. The examination committee decides on admission to the programme and informs the applicants after the application window has closed. For a definitive offer of admission, successful applicants are required to send in certified copies of the original degrees and certifications.



“The master’s programme provided me with the needed academic and practical skills to be able to design and implement robust social protection programs geared towards inclusive national development and poverty reduction.”

Mr. Abraham Alex Otoo, Staff of Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana, Batch 2016/17

“One of the most interesting aspects of the master’s programme is that it is highly oriented towards practice, while keeping a strong background in research and other related academic aspects. It was an extraordinary opportunity to meet and engage with the best experts in the sector as well as to be informed about the latest developments and recent trends in social protection.”

Ms. Cristina Santos, Social Protection Specialist, UNICEF Angola, Batch 2016/17

CURRICULUM

Semester	P.	1.	2.	3.	4.
Module	online and on-campus	on-campus	online	2-weeks on-campus	online
	Bridge courses in <ul style="list-style-type: none">EconomicsStatisticsAcademic writingGerman language	M01: Comparative analysis of social protection systems M02: Social protection policy instruments and design options M03: Analysis for social protection design M04: Social protection financing and modelling M05: Research methods M06: Simulation and evaluation	M07: Social protection governance M08: Social protection management M09: Social protection reforms	Practical term	Master thesis
			M10: Specialisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Climate ChangeHealthMigrationOld AgeReturn to workVulnerabilityImplementation of Cash Transfer Programmes		

P. = Precourses



The „Social Protection“ Team