

# International Security Management

Degree	<b>Master of Arts (M.A.)</b>
Type of study	<b>Full-time study</b>
Standard period of study	<b>4 semesters</b>
Commencement of studies	<b>Summer semester (1 Apr)</b>
Credits (ECTS)	<b>120</b>
Language of instruction	<b>English</b>
Department / Central Institute	<b>Department of Police and Security Management</b>

## Degree programme

### Online consultation

From January 2023 we offer a monthly consultation online for those who are interested in M.A. International Security Management on the last Friday of each month from 12.30 p.m. to 13.30 p.m. (German Time). We offer our online consultation once a week on Friday from September to December.

- [Meeting room](#)  
Code: 955359

International Security Management is a multi-disciplinary study programme covering the increasingly important and complex international aspects of security.

This full-time English-language programme provides an interdisciplinary survey of security-related topics with a special focus on political science / international relations, criminology, law, psychology, risk and crisis management, policing studies, IT security, and economics. It combines theoretical aspects of international security studies with practical applications, such as risk, crisis, and disaster management; the protection of critical infrastructure; and quality assurance in the security sector. These issues are all taught in context, with a focus on professionalism, human rights, and accountability. Class attendance is mandatory.

The Master's degree programme is open to graduates of Bachelor's degree courses in any academic discipline related to security, with a preference for students with a Bachelor's degree and/or practical experience in the areas of security studies / security management, international relations, international law, public administration, criminology, policing studies, or IT security. Strong English language skills (including academic writing) are required. We recommend C1 as minimum level.

- [Further information on the master's programme International Security Management](#)

## Professional field

Graduates of the degree programme International Security Management are awarded the internationally-accepted qualification »Master of Arts« (M.A.) The degree programme qualifies graduates to assume management roles in

## Information for prospective students

### Student Counselling Services

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- [Contact form](#)
- [On-site consultation](#)

### Degree Programme Coordinator

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commercial and state security organizations, as well as to shoulder demanding security tasks in nationally and internationally-active companies and state agencies, NGOs and aid organizations.

Graduates of this degree course will also be qualified for the higher levels of German public administration (in accordance with the joint decision of the Innenministerkonferenz and the Kultusministerkonferenz).

## Degree structure

The Master's degree programme consists of four consecutive phases: an introductory phase serving to focus and extend students' existing theoretical understanding and practical skills is followed by a specialization phase with elective topics. The third semester is dedicated to an internship, in which students can apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical context; this serves as preparation for management responsibilities. The fourth semester is a research semester, in which students attend a research seminar and colloquia whilst writing their Master's thesis.

Teaching is seminar-based. Particular importance is placed on the use of case studies to extend the students' theoretical understanding.

## Course contents

- Module 1: Research and Methodology
- Module 2: Globalisation, Security Challenges & Governance
- Module 3: International Management of Risks and Crises
- Module 4: Organisation, Leadership and Economics of Security Management I
- Module 5: Normative Theories, Ethics and Accountability in International Security Management I
- Module 6: Crime Control in a Global Environment
- Module 7: Organisation, Leadership and Economics of Security Management II
- Module 8: Information, Knowledge Protection and Cybersecurity
- Module 9: Normative Theories, Ethics and Accountability in International Security Management II
- Module 10: Current Issues in International Security Management
- Module 11: Elective A **or** Elective B: Electives to be defined every year (e.g. Transport Security; Terrorism; Pandemics)

## Admission requirements

- University degree (min. 180 ECTS)
- English language skills: Level B2 (a minimum score of 6.5 in ALL the categories)
- letter of motivation (in English)
- Curriculum Vitae (in English)

## Application procedure and deadlines

**Applicants with a degree from a German university:**

Management

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- [Detailed profile](#)

Please, apply through our [platform](#)  
01.10.-15.12.

**Applicants with a degree from a university abroad:**

Students with a Non-German Bachelor degree apply at [uni-assist e. V.](#)  
01.10.-15.12.

**Accreditation**

Programmakkreditiert durch den Akkreditierungsrat

**Fees and grants**

Tuition fees	<b>None</b>
Semesterfee	<b>ca. € 300 per semester (incl. local transport semester ticket)</b>