



University of Hamburg
Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)
Cooperation Network (KoFrieS)

Call for Applications for “Peace and Security Studies” (M.A.)

Degree:	Peace and Security Studies, Master of Arts
Standard period of study:	4 semesters (or 2 semesters)
Credit points:	120 ECTS (or 60 ECTS)
Languages:	German and English
Time required:	Full-time, part-time on request
Type of study:	Attendance study (with digital elements)
Start:	1 October (winter semester)
Places:	25–30 students
Application period:	15 February to 31 March
Selection process:	April–May
Admission notice:	From 9 June

Are you interested in the connections between peace research and security policy? You want to learn more about strategies for avoiding or reducing violent conflicts and what conclusions politics should draw from this? You have practical experience and want to acquire further knowledge and competencies?

Join our two-year master's programme Peace and Security Studies and study at one of the leading research institutions in Germany. For this, a degree with 180 ECTS is required. After admission, it is possible for applicants with 240 ECTS to apply for a two-semester curriculum. The master's program is the only program in Germany to date that combines questions of security policy and security research with a peace studies perspective.

The master's programme gives you an overview of the social science foundations of peace research and security policy. You will learn about current conflicts in individual regions of the world, concrete aspects of peacekeeping, disarmament and foreign policy.

The curriculum combines research-oriented learning with hands-on skills in an interdisciplinary environment. We cooperate with academic institutions from Germany and abroad that have a thematic proximity to the work of the IFSH. You will learn from experts in the field of social sciences, law, humanities, ethics and natural sciences. Studying Peace and Security M.A. will be a unique educational experience and prepares you to work in international environment.

The variety of topics in this course of study is reflected in the diversity of its students, who hail from countries all over the world and have diverse academic backgrounds as well. Small study groups promote intensive exchange and create a personal atmosphere. The study program is free of charge.

Another special feature of the program: In addition to the scientific basics, you will gain an insight into the concrete work of institutions and research facilities.

For this purpose, you will have the opportunity to observe at one of our national and international cooperation partners as part of the integrated internship. In addition, there are several excursions, e.g. to Brussels and Vienna. There, the students see the work of international organizations such as NATO, EU, OSCE and UN on site. Career-preparatory events such as media training or the alumni association's job exchange complete the program.

The program offers you a solid preparation to work in peace studies research, at an NGO, an international organization, in the media or in the diplomatic service.

University graduates from all disciplines are eligible to apply. They should have an interest in peace and security policy issues and, ideally, have already worked in the field, done an internship or volunteered.

The Peace and Security Studies program (MA) has been successfully conducted since 2002 by the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) in cooperation with the Faculties of Economic and Social Sciences, Law, Humanities and Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences of the University of Hamburg. In addition, renowned teaching and research institutes from Germany and abroad are involved in the program as partners of the cooperation network ["Peace Research and Security Policy" \(KoFrieS\)](#).

The application documents are to be submitted exclusively via [the STiNE portal of the University of Hamburg](#). Please also note the [Application Information MPS of the University of Hamburg \(PDF\)](#)! (Bewerbungsinformationen, only available in German)

Before applying, please read the information on admission requirements, living and studying Hamburg, scholarships and accommodation of the University of Hamburg [here](#).

Inquiries regarding the application procedure may be sent first to:

E-Mail: Studiengangsverwaltung@ifsh.de; Tel: +49 (0)40 866 077-10

Website: <https://ifsh.de/en/teaching/mps/applications>

ADMISSION M.A. “PEACE AND SECURITY STUDIES”

Online Application (application period: 15 February – 31 March)



APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- | Application for admission
- | Letter of motivation (form)
- | Tabular Curriculum Vitae
- | Certificate of general higher education entrance qualification or certificate of an equivalent school-leaving qualification
- | University or university of applied sciences degree certificates (min. 180 ECTS)
- | Proof of German and English language skills
- | Proof of relevant professional activity or internships or voluntary work in the content area of the degree programme (optional)

Selection Process (April – May)



THE SELECTION PROCESS TAKES PLACE IN TWO STAGES:

1. Ranking according to documents:
 - a) Grade of higher education entrance qualification,
 - b) Grades of university degrees,
 - c) Work experience,
 - d) Letter of motivation and curriculum vitae
2. Further selection process for selected applicants consisting of essay and interview for final ranking.

Admission (admission notice from 9 June)



Online-Enrolment (within 7 days after notification of admission)

ENROLMENT DOCUMENTS:

- | Enrolment application
- | Health insurance certificate
- | Proof of higher education entrance qualification and academic degrees
- | If applicable, further documents
- | Payment of semester contribution (includes ticket for public transport)