

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

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

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| Degree: | Master of Arts, “Peace and Security Studies” |
| Duration: | 1 year /two semesters |
| Start: | Always in the winter term (1st of October) |
| Working language: | German and English |
| Application period: | December 15, 2018 until March 15, 2019 (incoming post date!) |

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?

In our one-year master's program, you will receive an overview of the social science foundations of peace research and security policy. In addition, ethical, international law, economic and scientific issues are dealt with. It is about current conflicts in individual regions of the world, concrete aspects of peacekeeping, disarmament and foreign policy.

The program also distinguishes itself through its interdisciplinary and international orientation. Students and lecturers from different disciplines and countries of origin bring in different perspectives and approaches. Small learning groups encourage intensive exchange and create a personal atmosphere.

Another special feature of the program: In addition to the scientific bases you gain insight into the concrete work of institutions and research facilities. So, in your second semester, you have an internship at one of our partner institutes and gain practical experience by supporting their research work. In addition, there are several excursions, e.g. to Brussels and Vienna. There, students look at the work of international organizations, such as NATO, EU, OSCE and the UN, on the ground. Career preparation events, such as media training or the job fair of the Alumni Association, complete the program.

Thereby, the degree program offers you sound preparation for subsequently working in peace research, in an NGO, in an international organization, in the media or in the diplomatic service.

University graduates of all disciplines can apply. They should have an interest in peace and security issues and, ideally, have already worked in this area.

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).

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Required documents

1. *Online application form*, a printed and signed version of which should be sent, together with a photo, via ordinary post.
2. *Curriculum vitae*.
3. *High School Diploma/Leaver's certificate* qualifying for university (German "Abitur" or the equivalent).
4. Certification of an honors *degree from a German or foreign university* (field of study **not** specified), further academic degrees and, if applicable, *relevant internships and work experience*.
5. *240 credits* (ECTS) (usually through a four-year course in *any* discipline). Should 240 points not have been achieved, there is also the possibility of receiving additional credits for, e.g., relevant work experience, internships, extra-curricular training, upon request.
6. Proof of *good knowledge of German and English*. German language proficiency demonstrated by: DSH, TestDaF or equivalent (B2 / C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). English proficiency demonstrated by: TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent (B2 / C1 from CEFR required). Only applicants who are native speakers of German or English are not required to show proof of language proficiency.
7. If possible, *further documentation* from which special qualification for the course can be determined (e.g., letters of reference or proof of a grant).

All certificates and other documentary evidence must be provided in German or English. Translations must be officially certified. Only complete applications received on time will be accepted. The cover letter should be handed in with the complete postal address, e-mail address, home number and mobile phone number. For further information please consult the Study Regulations.

Please send your application to:

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Detailed information about the study program, scholarships and the application process:
<https://ifsh.de/en/teaching/mps/applications/>