

# Peace and Security Studies (M.A.)

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# General Information on the Master's Program

- **four-semester program** from 2022/23 onwards if you bring a 180 ECTS Bachelor degree – or a one year track if you bring 240 university credits (ECTS) as possible exception.
- Information on **whether your foreign degree is recognized in Germany and with how many years/credits** can be found on the platform of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany: **anabin** (<https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html>). If you cannot find your degree program there, please contact anabin directly.
- Most of the answers to your questions about application requirements and documents can be found in English and German in our **call for applications** on our homepage (<https://ifsh.de/en/teaching/mps/applications>). Application form of the University of Hamburg is only available in German!
- **Application deadline** 1. Feb to 31. March 2022. **Digital application via the Uni Website/STiNE Portal**. **Digital interviews & essay in second application phase by IFSH.**

# General Information on the Master's Program

- First program of this kind in Germany: 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- Practice-oriented program
- Trans-and interdisciplinary of the program (natural sciences, political science, ethics, humanities, law)
- Internationality of the program, but: German *and* English skills needed!

# Goals and contents of the study program

## — Participants

- Highly qualified graduates from national or foreign universities of all disciplines and academically trained practitioners

## — Course Contents

- Theory-based education in the areas of peace research and security policy
- Practical application of research methods

## — Objectives of the Program

- Preparation for
  - Professions in scientific peace research and teaching
  - Careers in (inter)national organizations, administrations, firms, ngo's, media etc.

# At a Glance

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

# 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 M.A. “Peace and Security Studies”

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 HVV ticket)



# Model Study Plan „Peace and Security Studies“ for 4 Semesters

## SEMESTER

## MODULES

1

- Module 1 (12 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Basics and Methods of Peace and Conflict Research
- Module 2 (8 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research
- Module 5 (10 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Security and Peace

2

- Module 1 (6 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Basics and Methods of Peace and Conflict Research
- Module 2 (6 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research
- Module 3 (6 ECTS) *Practice Module*  
Practice-oriented Learning  
(e.g. Brussels/Vienna excursion, Rhetoric course)
- Module 4 (6 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Security Studies
- Module 5 (6 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Security and Peace

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- Module 3 (14 ECTS) *Practice module*  
Practice-oriented Learning (internship and e.g. media training)
- Module 4 (16 ECTS) *Specialization Module*  
Security Studies

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- Module 6 (30 ECTS) *Final module*  
Master thesis

# Model Study Plan „Peace and Security Studies“ for 2 Semesters

## SEMESTER

## MODULES

1

Module 1 (6 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Basics and Methods of Peace and Conflict Research

Module 2 (8 ECTS) *Basic Module*  
Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research

Module 4 (10 ECTS) *Profile Module*  
Security Studies

Module 5 (6 ECTS) *Profile Module*  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Security and Peace

2

Module 3 (14 ECTS) *Practice module*  
Practice-oriented Learning (internship)

Module 6 (30 ECTS) *Final module*  
Master thesis

# Curriculum of the Master of Peace and Security Studies (4

Semester	Basic Modules (32 ECTS)		Practice Module (20 ECTS)	Profile Module (38 ECTS)	
	Module 1: Fundamentals and Methods of Peace and Security Research  (1.-2. Sem.) 6 SCH / 18 ECTS	Module 2: Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research  (1.-2. Sem.) 5 SCH / 14 ECTS	Module 3: Practical Learning  (2.-3. Sem.) 4 SCH / 20 ECTS	Module 4: Security Studies  (1.-3. Sem.) 8 SCH / 22 ECTS	Module 5: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peace and Security  (1.-3. Sem.) 7 SCH / 16 ECTS
1	<b>1 Lecture Fundamentals</b> (6 ECTS) ● ✓ <b>1 Lecture Methods</b> (6 ECTS) ●	<b>1 Main Seminar</b> (6 ECTS) ● ✓ <b>1 Tutorial</b> as Block Seminar (2 ECTS) ●		✓ 1 Seminar (6 ECTS) ● ✓ <b>2 Tutorials as Block Seminar</b> (2 ECTS each = 4 ECTS) ●●	✓ <b>3 Tutorials</b> ●●● as Block Seminar or 1 Lecture / Seminar (6 ECTS) ●
2	✓ <b>1 Research Seminar</b> (6 ECTS) ●	✓ 1 Follow-up Seminar (6 ECTS) ●	✓ <b>1-2 Field Trips e.g. to Vienna and Brussels</b> (4 ECTS) ● ✓ 1 Tutorial as Block Seminar e.g. Course on Communication Skills (2 ECTS) ●	✓ 1 Seminar (6 ECTS) ●	✓ 1 Seminar (6 ECTS) ●
3			✓ Internship (10 ECTS) ● ✓ Internship Report (2 ECTS) ● ✓ 1 Practical-based Seminar e.g. Media Training (2 ECTS) ●	✓ <b>3 Tutorials</b> ●●● as Block Seminar or 1 Lecture / Seminar (6 ECTS) ●	✓ <b>2 Tutorials</b> ●● as Block Seminar (2 ECTS each = 4 ECTS)
4	<b>Modul 6: Final Module (30 ECTS)</b> Master's Thesis (4. Semester) ●				

● = graded module examination; ● = ungraded semester performance; **highlighted dark-blue**: Courses have to be taken at the defined semester = cannot be shifted/postponed; **highlighted blue**: Only offered during winter semester; **highlighted light-grey**: Only offered during summer semester.

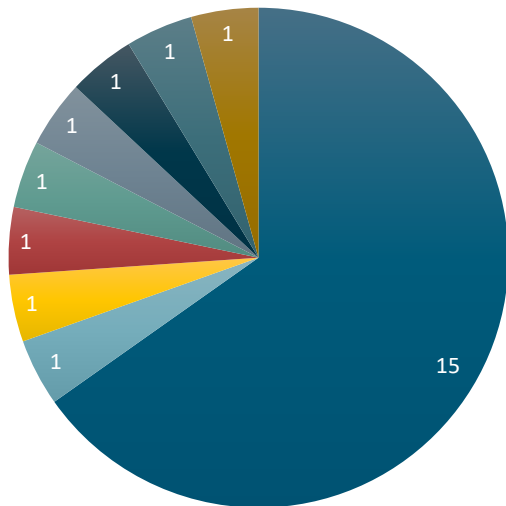
# Curriculum of the Master of Peace and Security Studies (2 Semester)

Semester	Basic Module (14 ECTS)		Practice Module (7 ECTS)	Profile Module (16 ECTS)	
	Module 1: Basics and Methods of Peace and Security Research  (1.-2. Sem.) 2 SCH / 6 ECTS	Module 2: Normative Issues in Peace and Security Research  (1.-2. Sem.) 3 SCH / 8 ECTS	Module 3: Practical Learning  (2. Sem.) 7 ECTS	Module 4: Security Studies  (1. Sem.) 3 SCH / 10 ECTS	Module 5: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peace and Security  (1. Sem.) 3 SCH / 6 ECTS
1	✓ 1 Lecture (6 ECTS) ●	✓ 1 Main Seminar (6 ECTS) ● ✓ 1 Tutorial as Block Seminar (2 ECTS) ●		✓ 1 Seminar (6 ECTS) ● ✓ 2 Tutorial as Block Seminar (2 ECTS each = 4 ECTS) ●●	✓ 3 Tutorial as Block Seminar or 1 Lecture / Seminar (6 ECTS) ●●●
2			✓ Internship (5 ECTS) ● ✓ Internship Report (2 ECTS) ●		
<b>Modul 6: Final Module (23 ECTS)</b> ● Master's Thesis (2. Semester)					

● = graded module examination; ● = ungraded semester performance

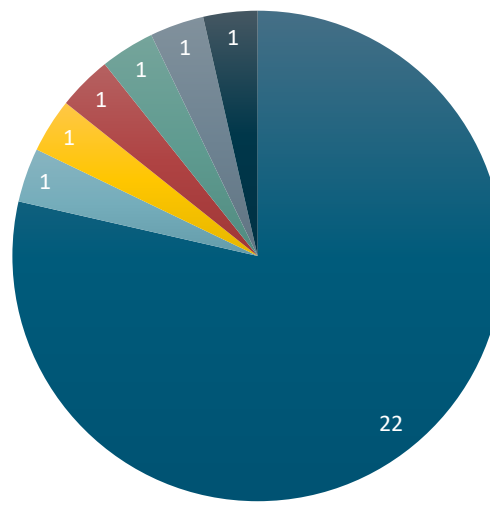
# Nationalities of the students

**18TH YEAR  
2019/2020**



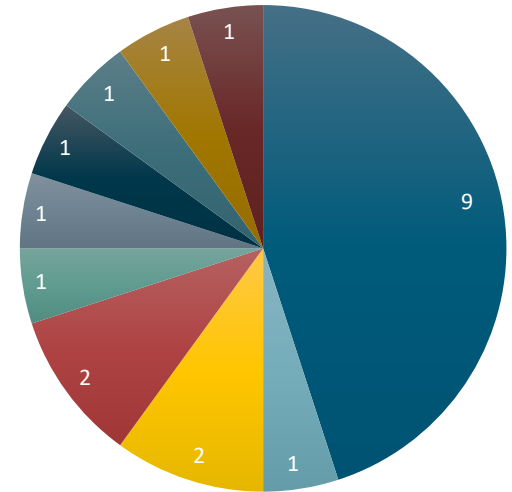
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**19TH YEAR  
2020/2021**



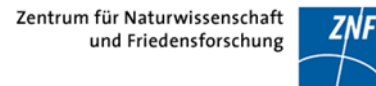
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 ■ Portugal  
 ■ Turkey

**20TH YEAR  
2021/22**



■ Germany  
 ■ Great Britain  
 ■ Japan  
 ■ Austria  
 ■ Russia  
 ■ Egypt  
 ■ Ireland  
 ■ Colombia  
 ■ Pakistan  
 ■ Syria

# Cooperation Network Peace Research and Security Policy (KoFries)



# Peace and Security Studies



Universität Hamburg

## Peace and Security Studies

M.A. (Master of Arts)

Subjects: Sociology, Law, Political Sciences, Peace and Conflict Studies

M.A.  
Degree

60, 120  
ECTS

15-30  
No. of places



English & German  
Language



**Winter semester: 31 Mar** ⓘ

Application Deadlines



**1 - 2 Years (starting: Winter semester)**

Duration



**Free**

Tuition Fees (per semester)

Starting  
Winter semester

Mode of admission:

Local admission restriction ⓘ

Application:

directly at the University ⓘ

Study mode:

On campus

Check: <https://www.mygermanuniversity.com/master/peace-and-security-studies/1543>

# Five Reasons to choose this Master's Program

A photograph of a peace symbol sculpture made of colorful blocks, mounted on a wall. The sculpture is a circular ring with a vertical bar and two diagonal bars forming a 'Y' shape. The blocks are in shades of red, yellow, green, and blue. The background is a clear blue sky.

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## A unique master's program

This one of a kind program in Germany teaches important knowledge about international peace and security policy, combined with a broader view from other areas such as international law, peacekeeping and conflict, peace research in the natural sciences, peace ethics, and political security economics.

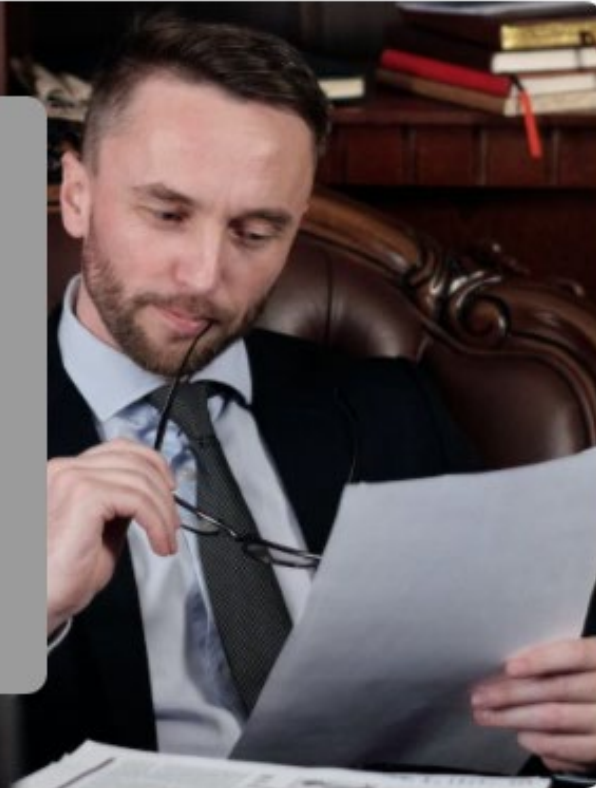


# Five Reasons to choose this Master's Program

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## Brilliant career prospects

After completing this master's program, you'll have the skills required to continue an academic career in research or teaching in the field of peace and security. This program will prepare you to work in national and international organizations, public administrations, professional associations, private companies, and the media.



# Five Reasons to choose this Master's Program



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## Gain practical experience

During the Practice Module of this program, you can spend 10-12 weeks at one of the partner institutes (KoFrieS - Cooperation Network for Peace, Research and Security Policy) for an internship.

# Five Reasons to choose this Master's Program

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## Study at a “University of Excellence”

Universität Hamburg is one of Germany’s largest universities and the largest education and research institution in northern Germany. The university was successful in the Excellence Strategy of the Federal and State Governments and was chosen as one of ten “Universities of Excellence”.

# Five Reasons to choose this Master's Program

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## **Benefit from field trips to main German and international institutions**

As part of the program, students take part in field trips to different institutions such as the Bundestag in Berlin, the OSCE in Vienna, or the European Parliament in Brussels.

## Useful Links for Applicants

- [STiNE – Das Studieninfonet](#), University of Hamburg
- [Master's programs](#): international prospective students, UHH
- [Master of Peace and Security Studies](#) (M.A.), IFSH





## **Peace and Security Studies (M.A.)**

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