



# Master's Degree Programme M.A. International Sport Development and Politics



### General Introduction

The German Sport University Cologne offers nine consecutive Master's programmes, which complement and deepen scientific knowledge. On completion, the students are awarded either the internationally recognised title of Master of Arts (M.A.) or Master of Science (M.Sc.).

Each programme has a regular duration of four semesters in which 120 credit points must be gained. The programmes are accredited as full-time, on-site degrees and have a limited number of participants. At present 30 places are available per degree course. The intake is once per year in the winter semester.

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### The Master's Programmes at the German Sport University Cologne

- M.Sc. Sport Management
- M.Sc. Sporttourismus und Erholungsmanagement
- M.A. Rehabilitation, Prävention und Gesundheitsmanagement
- M.A. Sport- und Bewegungsgerontologie
- M.A. Sport, Medien- und Kommunikationsforschung
- M.Sc. Human Technology in Sports and Medicine
- M.Sc. Exercise Science and Coaching
- M.Sc. Psychology in Sport and Exercise
- M.A. International Sport Development and Politics

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### German Sport University Cologne

The German Sport University Cologne combines qualified teaching and international research of the highest level. It is the only university in Germany that is dedicated exclusively to the world of sport and exercise science. All aspects of the exciting field of sport and exercise science are studied in detail at 20 institutes, four affiliate institutes and nine academic centers.



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Master's Degree Programme  
**M.A. International Sport Development and Politics**

The *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* combines sport sciences with humanities, social sciences and economics. The programme aims at a comprehensive understanding of structures, actors and conflicts in sport and physical activity. It contributes in particular to an international focus on sport including transnational and comparative dimensions. The programme is highly research oriented and fosters problem-solving abilities as well as methods for understanding and analysing sport.

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**Target Group**

The *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* targets graduates with a background in sport studies or a related degree in politics, sociology or economy. Having practical experience with and in sport is considered helpful. Considering the interdisciplinary nature of the master programme, it is in principle open to applicants from other disciplines.

**Qualification Targets**

The study programme addresses a set of five key competencies:

- 1) It is highly research oriented,
- 2) it provides a broad scope of professional orientation,
- 3) it stimulates internationalisation,
- 4) it acknowledges diversity and
- 5) it ensures methodological and analytical skills leading to independent knowledge acquisition.

**Study Programme**

Divided into 12 modules, the curriculum features basic, advanced and specialized courses that enable a progressive learning process. Courses are taught by the staff of the Institute of European Sport Development and Leisure Studies, the Institute of Sport History and other Departments at the GSU.

1st Semester: Fundamentals and Topics of Sport Development, Measurement and Evaluation, International Sport Governance, Olympic Movement and its Management

2nd Semester: Sociological and Legal Aspects, Sport Economics, Research Project, Field Trip to Brussels

3rd Semester: Sport for Development, Sport Politics: Values, Frameworks and Institutions, Sport Politics: Comparative and International Sport Structures and Processes, Sport Politics: Past, Present and Future Fields of Challenges for Sport Development

4th Semester: Master Thesis

Details of the degree structure and content in the study plan and module handbook can be found under:

[www.dshs-koeln.de/studydocuments](http://www.dshs-koeln.de/studydocuments)

**Career Perspectives**

Graduates of the *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* are well-equipped for leading positions in all kinds of national and international sport clubs and organisations, governments and administrations, NGOs, social agencies and commercial enterprises. Graduates are also qualified for further academic research pursuing a doctoral degree.

The *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* degree allows for consecutive postgraduate studies earning a doctor's degree.

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**Admission Requirements**

The following requirements apply to the *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics*:

- completion of an undergraduate degree in a related field of study (>180 credit points according to ECTS)
- proof of ability (above-average final grade of either 2.5 or higher in the German system or B according to ECTS)
- certified English language proficiency (see homepage for TOEFL and IELTS scores)
- Passing the physical aptitude test is not an admission requirement.

To apply for the *M.A. International Sport Development and Politics* as well as to get more details about the admission criteria regarding the eligibility of undergraduate degrees and required credit points please see the following link:

[www.dshs-koeln.de/master-dev](http://www.dshs-koeln.de/master-dev) > Admission requirements

**Application**

- only for the winter semester
- online application
- electronic application for admission is complemented with additional documents (PDF upload)
- Application Deadline:  
 31st of May (Non-EU) & 15th of July (GER & EU)

For further information please see:  
[www.dshs-koeln.de/master-dev](http://www.dshs-koeln.de/master-dev) > Application