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Study in Fulda – in the heart of Germany

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Central campus square



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Human Rights Studies in  
Politics, Law and Society

Master of Arts (MA)

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### Fulda University

- 8 academic departments and 60 study programmes
- 170 professors, 125 academic and research staff and 250 support staff
- 9,500 students
- 1,250 international students

### The city of Fulda

- Historic city founded in 744 with picturesque old town
- Only 50 minutes by train from Frankfurt
- A high quality of life, good, low-price accommodation and an ideal study environment

### Costs

- ↳ **Tuition fee:** The University is funded by the state, students pay no tuition fees.
- ↳ **Enrolment fee:** approx. €300 per semester including the semester ticket for public transportation in and around Fulda
- ↳ **Cost of living:** €700–€800 per month, including rent, health insurance (€90 per month), depending on living standard
- ↳ **Job opportunities:** There are good job opportunities in the nearby Rhine-Main area, which is one of the strongest employment regions in Germany. Teaching assistantships can be offered to good students.

### Five reasons to study at Fulda University

- ↳ **1. Strong research focus:** Fulda University is the first university of applied sciences in Germany authorised to award doctoral degrees.
- ↳ **2. Strong international focus:** six international Master's programmes, three international Bachelor's programmes and a variety of short-term programmes
- ↳ **3. Application orientation:** strong links to business and industry and excellent job opportunities for graduates on the German and global labour markets
- ↳ **4. Campus university:** easy to make friends and readily approachable professors and staff
- ↳ **5. Central location:** Fulda is an historic town with a picturesque baroque district, half-timbered houses and cobbled streets. In the very heart of Germany, it is only 50 minutes from Frankfurt, three hours from Berlin or Munich and two hours from Hamburg or Cologne. The town offers a safe environment and has a population of 68,000.
- ↳ **... last but not least:** Fulda's campus is one of the most attractive in Germany. Based on student votes, it ranks among the top five!



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## Human rights and the global society



International student groups

“My graduate studies in Fulda not only gave me a unique opportunity to focus on areas I was really interested in but also strengthened my critical thinking skills and opened up a vast spectrum of career options.”

David Alejandro Muñiz Hernandez, PhD student from Mexico



Group work is often encouraged

## Content

The new international Master’s degree programme in Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society (MAHRS) is a social science-based and interdisciplinary graduate programme that looks at human rights issues from various perspectives.

During their first year, students will examine the history, development and institutionalisation of human rights. Additionally, students acquire substantial expertise in social sciences methodology and legal argumentation. Human rights will be related to social change, cross-cultural interaction and communication. The second year starts with a ten-week internship that can be completed in Germany or abroad.

Afterwards, students specialise in two of the following areas: business and work and human rights, migration and human rights or (digital) communication and human rights. Cross studies will bring participants together with students from other graduate programmes and foreign languages can be studied throughout the programme.

In their Master’s thesis, which will be supervised by two members of the department, students work on a research topic developed during their studies or their internship.

## Programme structure

MAHRS is aimed at German and international graduates with a first degree in social sciences, politics, law, communication, philosophy, social work or economics. Approximately 70% of the classes will be taught in German, and 30% in English.

Therefore, good skills in both languages are required. Thirty students can be admitted to the programme each year.

The standard programme duration is four semesters (two years), with an internship undertaken after the second semester in an

organisation, institution, public authority or company that is relevant to human rights or actively involved with human rights issues.

The programme consists of eleven modules. The Master’s thesis is written in the fourth semester. The academic title of Master of Arts (MA) is awarded after all modules have been successfully completed.

## Schedule – Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society

Semester 1 ↘ 25 ECTS	Semester 2 ↘ 30 ECTS	Semester break	Semester 3 (choose 2 out of 3) ↘ 40 ECTS	Semester 4 ↘ 30 ECTS
History and Theory of Human Rights ↘ 10 ECTS	Legal Argumentation in Human Rights / Institutions and Enforcement ↘ 10 ECTS		Compulsory elective module: (Digital) Communication and Human Rights ↘ 10 ECTS	Master’s thesis
Social Scientific Methodology ↘ 10 ECTS			Compulsory elective module : Migration and Human Rights ↘ 10 ECTS	
Human Rights and Social Change ↘ 10 ECTS	Global, Regional and Local Communication and Understanding ↘ 10 ECTS		Compulsory elective module: Human Rights in Business and at Work ↘ 10 ECTS	Exam preparations seminar and oral examination  ↘ 5 ECTS
Internship / Follow-Up ↘ 20 ECTS				
Cross Studies ↘ 5 ECTS				

## Special offers for international students

- ↘ **Projects**
  - Preparatory courses for international applicants
  - Career service for international graduates
- ↘ **Services**
  - Orientation week prior to the start of the programme, including pick-up service at Fulda train station
  - Accommodation service for all students from abroad; costs of accommodation vary between €300–€400 per month. For more information see: [www.hs-fulda.de/io](http://www.hs-fulda.de/io)

## Admission requirements

- ↘ **Bachelor’s degree or equivalent in social sciences, politics, law, communication, philosophy, social work or economics**
- ↘ **Good English and German language skills (TOEFL iBT 79 and DSH-1)**