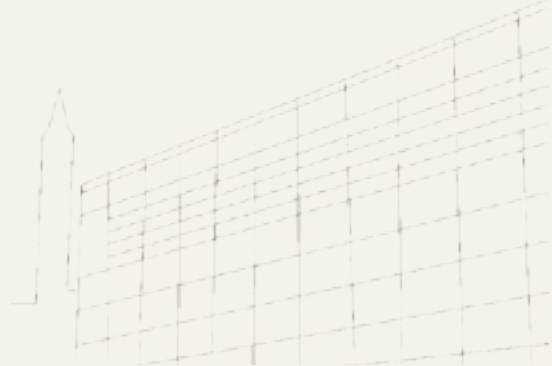




International Relations:
Global Governance and Social Theory
Master



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Description of the Study Program

The substantive focus of the MA International Relations: Global Governance and Social Theory is the analysis of governance beyond the nation state. This research topic is examined from a political science perspective, and within the context of enduring processes of globalization and increasing cross-border activity. This emphasis on the governance perspective and the explicit integration of general social theoretical questions in the context of social and political change is a unique feature of the MA in International Relations. Students will participate in a small, relatively specialized, and academically rigorous, all English degree program. The degree is accredited by the German accreditation agency ACQUIN.

The program is offered jointly by Jacobs University Bremen and the University of Bremen. The University of Bremen is a public institution and one of Germany's youngest and most active research universities. Jacobs University was founded in 1999 as the first private international research university in Germany. The language on campus is English. Both universities have particularly strong positions in the field of international relations and political science. The study is thus linked to an attractive research environment.

Admission Criteria and Requirements

The master's program is currently (winter semester 2019/20) subject to **restricted admission** and a selection procedure: both the procedure and selection criteria are specified in the admission regulations. The following information is based on the admission regulations of June 15, 2016. Please note that no responsibility can be accepted for the correctness of the admission requirements and be aware that the requirements may change from year to year. For further information regarding the admission requirements and the admission procedure see the program website www.uni-bremen.de/mair as well as the master portal www.uni-bremen.de/master.

To be considered applicants need to provide:

- A proof of a **bachelor's (or master's) degree or its equivalent in international relations, political science, sociology, or a similar area of study** worth 180 credit points (CP) according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) (or equivalent). Students whose degree is pending may apply nonetheless if they have completed a large part of their studies (corresponding to at least 120 CP).
- A transcript of undergraduate courses and grades with a **GPA equivalent to 2.3** or better in the German grading system.
- **A proof of proficiency in English at the level of C1** (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEF) or higher unless the last academic degree was obtained from a university in which the primary language of instruction was English. Information on language certificates accepted as proof of C1-Level can be found at www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/EngZert
- A **letter of motivation** (max. 2 pages) stating the applicant's reasons for wishing to be admitted to the master's program International Relations.
- An **English summary (1,000 words) of their bachelor's or master's thesis**. If the thesis is not yet finished an English exposé of the thesis or an English (summary of a) term paper on a topic related to the program may be provided instead.
- A current **CV** including information on their educational and work history, publications (if any), language abilities, and extracurricular interests.

Admission of applicants whose degree is pending at the time of application is conditional on their providing the completed, final transcript no later than two weeks after the courses have started as well as the bachelor's certificate by 31 December of the same year.

Information on the required application documents (official certification, translation, health insurance, language certificates, etc.) can be found at www.uni-bremen.de/en/master/faq/

Expected Interests and Qualifications

The program is meant for students who have strong records of academic performance as undergraduate students and take a keen interest in theory-oriented, methodologically rigorous research in international relations.

Occupational Fields and Career Opportunities

Upon completion of the MA program students may choose to continue on the PhD track in Bremen (or elsewhere) or pursue a career in non-academic occupational fields such as political institutions, public administration, non-governmental organizations, or in the private sector.

Curriculum and Contents of Program

Curriculum

	Theories and Issues of Global Governance	Changing Context of Global Governance	Theorizing Social Order and Change	Methodology
1st Semester	Actors, Institutions, and Global Governance	International History	Modern Social Theory	Research Design
2nd Semester	International Political Economy	Transformations of the State	Social Theory and International Relations	Advanced Quantitative Methods
3rd Semester	War and Peace	Legalization and International Law	Normative Theories of International Order	Advanced Qualitative Methods
4th Semester	MA thesis MA Thesis Seminar			

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The content of this program includes theory and practice of governance beyond the nation state and their analysis in relation to political, historical, economical, legal as well as philosophical viewpoints. Furthermore, this program will introduce students to advanced research methods to enable them to analyze problems of international governance.

Major Fields of Study

The core of the program of studies is composed of four main fields:

1. Theories and Issues of Global Governance

This field focuses on basic theories and themes of international relations and governance including issues of international security and international political economy.

2. Changing Context of Global Governance

The second field highlights broader processes of political change which impact international and transnational cooperation including state transformation and the legalization of world politics.

3. Theorizing Social Order and Change

Covering classical as well as contemporary social theory, as well as normative theory of world politics, this component aims to provide a theoretical framework for understanding and evaluating issues of governance.

4. Methodology

In order to provide students with the techniques to conduct up-to-date research, the program offers courses on advanced qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as on research design and the logic of scientific research.

During the course of study students will take three modules from each of the four fields. Each module is offered in a small and a large version worth 6 and 9 ECTS credit points, respectively. Students will take one half of the modules in the small and the other half in the large version, thus obtaining 90 ECTS credit points in the four fields. The MA thesis, which is written in the fourth semester, is worth 30 ECTS credit points.

Internship and Semester Abroad

An internship is not obligatory, but possible. The same holds for a semester abroad.

Typical Learning Formats and Language of Instruction

Teaching takes place in seminars, in the context of which scholarly texts are discussed, presentations are given, and term papers are written.

The program is taught completely in English.

Start, Duration, and Term Schedule of the Study Program

The master program is a two year course, composed of four semesters and includes 120 CP/ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). It is starting in the winter semester. Advanced students may join the program subject to vacant places. In contrast to the regular semester dates at the two cooperating universities, the **winter term** starts in early October and ends in mid-January. The **spring term** starts in early March and ends in mid-June.

Degree

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Faculty

The faculty is presently composed of 16 professors and lecturers. For detailed information see www.uni-bremen.de/mair/faculty

Number of Students in the First Semester

Female: 15, male: 8 (as of winter term 2018/19)

Fees and Accommodation

Students are required to pay a **semester contribution** (winter semester 2019/20: 382.67 Euro) covering use of public transportation in Bremen and the Northwest of Germany. For current information see www.uni-bremen.de/en/semester-contribution. After fourteen semesters of study in an EU- or EEA-country or after reaching the age of 55, students have to pay an additional fee of 500 €. Information about long-term study fees is available at www.uni-bremen.de/en/tuition/

General information about the **city of Bremen** can be found at www.bremen.de. Students who move to Bremen for the first time receive 150 € as a welcome gift. Assistance in finding **accommodation** is provided at www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/campus/housing/

Application and Admission

Applications for the MA International Relations are **submitted online**. For details see www.uni-bremen.de/mair/admission

Application Closing Dates

Winter semester: February 1 (“beginners” and “advanced applicants”)

Summer semester: January 15 (only “advanced applicants”)

Applications for the first semester are only possible for the winter semester.

Advanced applicants can apply for both the winter and the summer semester.

If your previous bachelor’s degree course has not been completed by the application deadline, it is nonetheless possible to apply provided you have earned at least 120 ECTS out of a total of 180 credit points. For preliminary admission, all other requirements must be fulfilled. If your application is successful, you will have to provide evidence of having obtained your bachelor’s degree no later than two weeks after the beginning of the master’s program.

Applying as Advanced Applicant

Advanced applicants (“Fortgeschrittene Bewerber”) are applicants who have successfully completed courses in another relevant MA program which are recognized by the selection committee as equivalent to MA International Relations seminars worth 10 credit points or more. In addition, they meet the requirements that apply for regular applications (appropriate prior degree, minimum GPA, etc.) (see above). Evidence of the 10 transferable ECTS credit points must be submitted by the end of the application deadline.

Applications are to be submitted online via the Master Portal of the Admission Office under www.uni-bremen.de/master. The online application system is activated about 8 weeks before the application deadline. Applicants who wish to be given priority due to special hardship are required to use the relevant form provided online by the University of Bremen. Successful applicants are notified of all documents required for enrollment as well as the deadlines for their submission in the letter confirming their admission.

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Contact and Advisory Services

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University services

www.uni-bremen.de/consultation

Service and information for international students

(accommodation, jobs, finances, language learning, visa, health insurance)

www.uni-bremen.de/studentstatus

www.uni-bremen.de/offers-international-students

www.uni-bremen.de/student-finances

Advice on visa matters and social security

www.inneremission-bremen.de/beratungen/internationale_studierende/

www.uni-bremen.de/bsu (see menu: Ausländerangelegenheiten)

Student Representatives (Faculty-Level)

<https://politik.stugen.de/>

**Student Representatives (University-Level): General Students'
Committee (AStA)**

Services include: Advice on BAföG student grants, social counseling, and childcare

AStA-Etage, Studentenheim (StH)

www.asta.uni-bremen.de/asta-services/

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Mo, Di & Do 9–12 Uhr

Mi 14–16 Uhr

Zusätzliche Termine für Berufstätige und Auswärtige
nach Vereinbarung