

M.Sc. in Sociology and Social Research

at the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

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What to expect in this presentation?

1. Why Sociology and Social Research (at UoC)?
2. Information on the Master's programme in Sociology and Social Research
3. Admission requirements

Why Sociology & SR (at UoC)?

- Cologne is a center of sociology in Germany and internationally -> Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (ISS)
- Long tradition: founded in 1918 and the oldest institution of sociological research in Germany
- „Cologne School“: Groundbreaking role in promoting and developing quantitative methods in the social sciences since the 1960s
- Theory-driven (quantitative) empirical research



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Why Sociology (at UoC)?

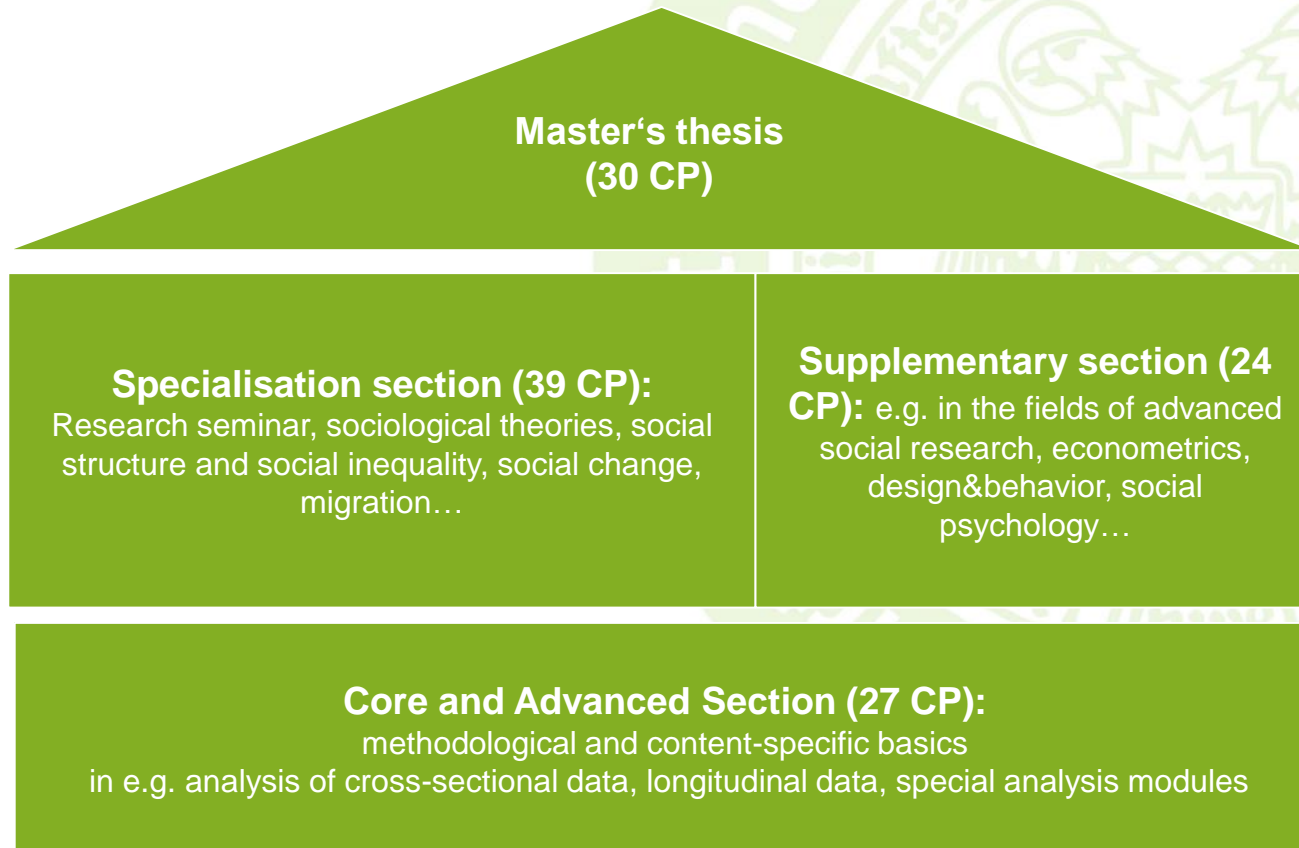
- Advanced courses in empirical methods and statistics (data collection and data analysis)
- 2-term Research seminar within the Specialisation section credited with 15 CP
- Opportunity to transfer credits achieved abroad within the Supplementary section (12 or the full 24 CP in this category)
- Degree: M.Sc.



Why Sociology (at UoC)?

- Offers opportunity to future PhD-studies
- Many opportunities for practical experiences in private and public research institutes
- Key qualifications in data collection and analysis that are demanded and rewarded on the labor market (e.g. in market and opinion research, (inter)national statistics offices, research institutions)
- Several opportunities for spending time abroad www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/international.html

M.Sc. Sociology and Social Research: Structure



Example: Specialisation section

Group	Module	ECTS	CC/EC	Required ECTS	
				15	39
Specialisation Sociology and Social Research	Specialisation module research seminar Sociology	15	CC	15	39
	Specialisation module Sociology I	6	EC	24	
	Specialisation module Sociology II	6	EC		
	Specialisation module Sociology III	6	EC		
	Specialisation module Sociology IV	6	EC		
	Specialisation module Sociology V	6	EC		
	Specialisation module Sociology VI	6	EC		
	Special Aspects of Social Sciences	6	EC		

Specialisation module I: Sociological Theories

Specialisation module II: Social Structure and Social Inequality

Specialisation module III: Comparative Social Research

Specialisation module IV: Markets, Institutions and Organisations

Specialisation module V: Social Change

Specialisation module VI: Family, Education and Migration or Special Aspects of Sociology & SR

Programme timeline

October-March

April-September

October-March

April-September

M.Sc. in Sociology and Social Research

semester 1

semester 2

semester 3

semester 4

semester 3 or 4
abroad
(optional)

- Module catalogue includes a sample study plan:
<https://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/downloads/download-master/downloads-master-po15/>

Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree (finished or at least earned 80% of the required degree CP)
- **Overall grade** of at least **2.7** (German grade)
- At least **30 CP in the field of Sociology**
- At least **18 further CP in quantitative methods in Social Sciences or Empirical Social Research**, within these credits **at least 9 CP in Statistics** have to be included
- **Only DMP:** Very good intercultural and social skills and relevant practical experience is desirable for this programme

Language requirements

- **English level B2**, e.g. TOEFL 87 ibt
- **DMP:** English level C1, e.g. TOEFL 100 ibt

Selection criteria for Sociology & SR

Bachelor grade
(1,0 - 2,7 German
grade system)

Last year's
score: 2,7

- The procedure is based on the grade earned in the Bachelor's degree
- If the number of applicants meeting the admission criteria exceeds the number of places available for this course of study, a selection procedure is initiated for the purpose of ranking these applicants
- Admission results of the last admission procedures can be found here:
<https://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/degree-course-offer/master/masterbewerbung/master-verfahrensergebnisse/>

Application process Sociology & SR

April –
15th June

- Apply online: www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/degree-course-offer/master/masterbewerbung/
- Applicants with a degree acquired abroad must also apply postal: uni-assist.de/online/uni-koeln

End of July -
August

- First admission process: selected applicants will receive their admission letters.
- Enrolment in Cologne

Sociology as Double Master's programme

- DMP „Demography and Social Inequality“
- Cooperation with **Groningen University** in the Netherlands
- Focuses on:
 - demographic change,
 - population dynamics and
 - the challenges faced by modern societies due to increasing life expectancy, decreasing birth rates and migration
- One year abroad, one year at the UoC
- **Two Master's degrees**

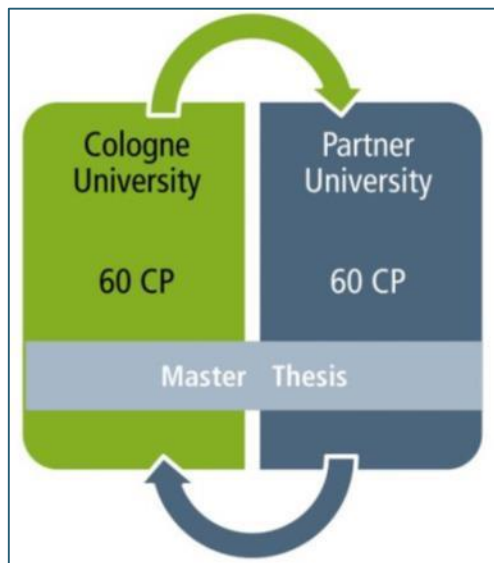


Sociology as Double Master's programme

- Two year's integrated programme:
- One year at the University of Cologne – one year at the partner university



Graduate with two degrees from both universities



- ✓ Set a special focus in your study
- ✓ Get to know another study culture and meet people from all over the world
- ✓ Gain international expertise and get access to an additional working market



Sociology as Double Master's programme

Entry Requirements

- ✓ Very good Bachelor's degree
- ✓ English at level C1
- ✓ Intercultural and social skills as well as relevant practical experience desirable

Application deadline

- ✓ Deadline at the University of Cologne: 15 May

Programme timeline Sociology as DMP

October-March

April-August

September-
January

February-July

semester 1

semester 2

semester 3

semester 4



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First year

Second year

**Master of Science
 in Sociology and Social Research**
 (60 ECTS)

**Master of Science
 in Population Studies**
 (60 ECTS)

Master's thesis

Cologne

Groningen

Application process Sociology as DMP

Application deadlines:

- For applicants with a German bachelor's degree or a bachelor's degree from the University of Groningen: 15 May 2017
- For applicants who have not acquired their bachelor's degree in Germany or at the University of Groningen: 1 May 2017
- Applicants that are shortlisted after assessment of the written application will be invited for a personal interview to the University of Cologne in June
- If your application for the Double Master's Programme has not been successful, your application may still be considered for the regular M.Sc. in Sociology and Social Research at the University of Cologne



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