

## MASTER PROGRAMME PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

### Applicants with a Foreign Degree

Applicants with a **foreign degree** have to submit their applications via [uni-assist](https://www.uni-assist.de/en/) (<https://www.uni-assist.de/en/>) **between mid-April** and the 15th of July of the respective year of admission.

**Important:** The PACS Master's degree always starts in the winter term. For this reason, you can only find PACS in the uni-assist system when the application phase for the winter term starts!

On this page you will find information about the [admission requirements](#) ([#Requirements](#)), the [application process](#) ([#Procedure](#)) and a [checklist](#) ([#Checklist](#)) for your application. If you still have questions, please have a look at the [PACS FAQ page](#) (<https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/FAQs.html>) or contact us at [pacs@ovgu.de](mailto:pacs@ovgu.de). (<mailto:pacs@ovgu.de>.)

Maybe you can apply for the Helmut-Schmidt-Program? Check [here](https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Helmut_Schmidt_Programme898.html) ([https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Helmut\\_Schmidt\\_Programme898.html](https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Helmut_Schmidt_Programme898.html)) to see if you are eligible for the scholarship.

### Previous Studies

- ▶ Bachelor's degree, university degree, or equivalent degree from a state or nationally accredited institution, a master's degree or a state examination in social or cultural sciences.
- ▶ Average grade of "good" GPA (German system: 2.5 or better) with a total of at least 180 ECTS.
- ▶ The responsible examination board decides on the admission and possible further requirements for studying in Magdeburg.

### Applicants from outside the Social Sciences

- ▶ At least 30 ECTS of the degree must come from social science classes (seminars / lectures in sociology, anthropology, ethnology, political science and social science methods)
- ▶ The areas of the degree from the social sciences must be completed with at least a "good" GPA.
- ▶ If you are unsure if you have 30 ECTS in social sciences, send a current outline of your courses to the PACS Study Program Advisor

### Language Certificates

- ▶ Candidates must demonstrate a level of **English equivalent to C1** in accordance with the Common European Framework Reference for Languages. The certificate has to be available at the time of application.
- ▶ We accept the following language certificates:
  - ▶ UNICert III
  - ▶ IELTS (7.0, 7.5, 8.0)
  - ▶ Cambridge (CAE of 180 or more)
  - ▶ TOEFL iBT (95-120), CBT (263-300), PBT (627-677), ITP Level 1 (627-677)
  - ▶ TOEIC Listening and Reading Test (945-990), TOEIC Speaking Test (180-200), TOEIC Writing Test (180-200)
  - ▶ telc C1 certificates
  - ▶ Pearson PTE Academic
  - ▶ Due to the current situation, we are again accepting the **TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition** and the **IELTS Indicator** certificate
- ▶ If you have obtained a university degree in an English-speaking programme in Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand, the US, Ireland or Canada we may be able to accept that as proof of English proficiency.

### International Experience

- ▶ Applicants must demonstrate at least three months of relevant work or study experience abroad.

### Letter of Motivation

- ▶ Applicants have to submit a letter of motivation in English (600-750 words), with the following information:
  - ▶ Explanation of the choice of programme and place of study

- ▶ Intended focus of study
  - ▶ Presentation of previous experiences relevant to PACS (studies and if necessary beyond this)
  - ▶ Intended career paths after completion of your studies
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### **Step 1: Assemble your documents**

- ▶ Look closely at the uni-assist website to see what documents you need!
- ▶ Obtain certified copies of your documents and certificates
- ▶ If necessary, organize official translations of your documents into English or German
- ▶ Make copies of your documents!

### **Step 2: Submit your application online**

- ▶ Register with the online portal my uni-assist
- ▶ Upload your documents to my uni-assist.
- ▶ Submit all online applications electronically

### **Step 3: Pay the processing fees**

- ▶ Uni-assist is unable to process your application before you have paid the handling fee.

### **Step 4: Send all certified documents as hard copies**

- ▶ Information can be found here
- ▶ uni-assist e.V. - 11507 Berlin - GERMANY

### **Step 5: Finish all of this before July 15th**

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- ▶ Letter of motivation (3 pages in English)
  - ▶ Curriculum vitae (in English)
  - ▶ Educational certificates (Bachelor's certificate or proof of similar degree)
  - ▶ Transcript of courses, respective ECTS and grades (at least 180 ECTS needed for the overall degree)
    - ▶ Proof of at least 30 ECTS within the field of Social Science
  - ▶ Proof of English language proficiency on C1-level
  - ▶ Proof of relevant academic or professional experience in a foreign country of 3 months or more
  - ▶ **uni-assist might ask for additional documents. Please always double check to see what you need for the application (more info here)**
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