



## Applicants with a Foreign Degree

Applicants with a **foreign degree** have to submit their applications via uni-assist (<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 will find information about the admission requirements (#Requirements), the application process (#Procedure) and a checklist (#Checklist) for your application.

You can also check Helmut-Schmidt-Program here (</fktf-p-898.html>) to see if you are eligible for the scholarship

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### 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. If the first degree is not yet completed, at least 150 CP must have been achieved at the time of application.

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 and/or cultural sciences classes (seminars/lectures/methods, etc.).

The areas of the degree from the social sciences must be completed with at least a "good" GPA equivalent to 2.5 or better as per the German system.

### Language Certificates

Candidates must demonstrate a level of **English equivalent to C1** in accordance with the Common European Framework of 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 USA, 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: Finish all of this before July 15th

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Letter of motivation (three 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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**Decisions on successful applications are made based on the submitted documents. The PACS Master's programme starts in the winter term of the academic year only.**

**Please be aware that we will not reply to any email that contains in part or in whole pre-screening requests, for example requests concerning the eligibility of previous studies or experiences, evaluation of your transcripts of records or study certificates, or the assessment of any application documents/qualifications.**

**Please also be aware that we do not offer individual consultancy regarding the application procedures, familiarity with the study programme, or any other general questions regarding your stay and study in Germany.**

**Should any questions arise concerning the application procedure via uni-assist, please contact the Student Registration Office. Questions that concern the study programme itself and are not answered on our website or in the FAQs can be sent to [pacs@ovgu.de](mailto:pacs@ovgu.de). Please be aware that Emails that contain answered questions on our website will most probably be disregarded. In case you have not received an answer to your inquiry within one week please revisit our website and check the information again.**