

## MASTER PROGRAMME PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

### Applicants with a National Degree

Applicants with a German degree have to submit their applications via myOVG (<https://myovgu.ovgu.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces>) between mid-May and the 15th of July of the respective year admission.

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>).

Did you graduate outside of Germany? Please find more information about the application process here (<https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Applicants+with+a+Foreign+Degree.html>).

### 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" - 2.5 or better with a total of at least 180 ECTS. If the first degree is not yet completed, at least 1 CP must have been achieved at the time of application.

### 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" grade equivalent to 2.5 or better according to the German system.
- ▶ The responsible examination board decides on the admission and possible further requirements for studying PACS.

### 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, in addition to your German degree, you have obtained a university degree in an English-speaking programme in Austria, Great Britain, New Zealand, the USA, Ireland or Canada we may be able to accept that as proof of English proficiency. Please contact us if you are unsure.

### 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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Please check the ›website of the Campus Service Center (<https://www.ovgu.de/onlinebewerbung.html>) to get detailed and current information on the application procedure. The following steps give you a brief overview of the application process:

1. Register in the application portal ›myOVGU (information on the registration can be found › here )
  2. Conduct the online application
    - ▶ Add a new application by clicking "Bewerberantrag hinzufügen" on the main page
    - ▶ Click on "Antrag abgeben" at the end to enter your application into the system
  3. Send the signed document "Antrag auf Zulassung" and all required documents by postal mail to the university (all documents must be received by the 15th of July)
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- ▶ Letter of motivation (3 pages in English)
  - ▶ Curriculum vitae (in English)
  - ▶ Educational certificate (Bachelor's certificate or proof of similar degree)
  - ▶ Transcript of courses, respective ECTS and grades (at least 150 ECTS at the time of application; 180 ECTS needed for 1st 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
  - ▶ **Please refer to this page to see what other documents are necessary for the application**
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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 myOVGU, 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.**
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