

# International Organisations and Crisis Management

## STUDY INFORMATION

The Master International Organisations and Crisis Management is a unique study programme. It combines International Relations, International Organizations, and Crisis Management studies to prepare you for your career in international affairs. In tailored classes taught by expert scholars, you will learn about the goals, tasks, structures, and norms of international organisations. As part of our truly international student body, you will become familiar with the possibilities and limits of international crisis management in violent conflicts, food crises, pandemics, survival migration, financial crises, natural disasters, and other transboundary crises. We address how international organisations respond to these crises, what problems of effectiveness and legitimacy may arise in the process, and how, sometimes, this plunges international organisations into crises themselves.

## KEY FACTS

Degree  
Master of Arts

Duration  
4 Semesters

Credits/ECTS  
120

Teaching language  
English

Tuition fee  
None

Semester contribution  
€ 272,80

Start of studies  
Winter semester

Application deadline  
April 1 through April 30  
for the following winter term

Part-time possible  
Yes

Institutions  
Faculty of Social and  
Behavioral Sciences;  
Institute of Political Science





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### Programme summary

The programme comprises two main tracks: a Disciplinary Core Track and a Supplementary Track.

1. The Disciplinary Core Track consists of compulsory courses that impart key competences in the fields of international organisations and crisis management. It also includes a practitioner's seminar, a study trip to the headquarters of international organisations and a summer school on crisis management.
2. The Supplementary Track consists of Interdisciplinary and Language Studies. As part of the Interdisciplinary Studies track, you can choose courses from other areas of Political Science and related disciplines (e.g. Law and Economics) at our university and our partner universities in Erfurt, Halle and Leipzig. In the Language Studies track you will learn a language of your choice that is relevant for working in international organisations. International students who do not speak German well are encouraged to learn German. Whether you focus more on languages or on interdisciplinary studies is your decision to make.

The third semester takes place at one of our international partner universities. A stay at partner universities in Germany is also possible, especially for international students. A two-month internship is also planned for this semester. The fourth semester is reserved for the Master's thesis.

### Special features

The programme is, among others, characterized by the following special features:

- a focus on international organisations and international crisis management that is unique in Germany and very rare in Europe;
- a semester abroad in a pertinent Master's programme at one of our international partner institutions in places such as Budapest, Haifa, Nijmegen, Rhode Island and Tampere or at one of our partner universities in Germany;
- a study trip to international organisations in Geneva, Rome or other headquarter locations in Europe;
- a summer school with alternating formats such as workshops and simulations on topics like peace ethics, minority rights and climate change;
- language courses that improve your proficiency in a foreign language of choice and that prepare you for a career in a multi-lingual environment;
- interdisciplinary courses that enable you to complement your studies by choosing classes from a great variety of related disciplines, ranging from Law, Economics, History and Applied Ethics to Arabic and Caucasus Studies
- an internship, ideally during your stay abroad, in an international organization, a ministry, a think tank or similar.





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### Career opportunities

Our Master in International Organisations and Crisis Management prepares you for a wide range of attractive careers focusing on international affairs. These include international governmental and non-governmental organisations, national and regional ministries and administrations, international and national think tanks, the media, industry and economic associations and universities.

### Admission requirements

#### Undergraduate degree or equivalent

For this Master's programme you need an undergraduate degree (Bachelor with 180 credit points) or an equivalent first professional qualification that meets the following requirements:

1. You have acquired at least 90 credit points in the field of Political Science and an overall grade of 1.5 (approx. »very good«) or better.
2. You have acquired at least 20 credit points from classes focused on international relations or international organizations.
3. You have acquired at least 15 credit points in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods.
4. You have completed at least one job-oriented internship in international relations or international organizations or studied one semester abroad.

If you do not sufficiently meet any of these requirements, but your overall grade is at least 2.3 (approx. »good«) and your studies, curriculum vitae and motivation indicate a particular fit for our programme, you may also be admitted upon consideration of the following factors:

- The scope and grades of the courses, which are particularly relevant for our Master's programme, as well as the final thesis of your first academic qualification;
- your international experiences as they relate to our programme;
- your practical experiences and additional qualifications, which may be relevant for our programme; and
- your individual areas of interest and reflections on the content and requirements of our Master's programme, as indicated in your letter of motivation and your curriculum vitae, which inform us about your background, knowledge and skills as well as your personal goals and your capacity to study successfully.

The acquisition of credit points in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods can be made up as early as possible and at the latest by the 4th semester.

#### Language requirements

This master's programme requires the following language proficiency: English language proficiency at level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).





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### Application documents

**CV:** Your CV should have a tabular form, containing key information on your school record and academic career.

**Motivation letter:** A motivation letter should not exceed the size of two DIN A4-pages and normally, it should contain information on your motivation for taking up this course of studies. You should elaborate on the following essential questions: Why do you desire taking up this specific course of studies? What are—in your opinion—the main features that this course of studies excels in? Which features of this course have inspired your application? Why Jena?

**University entrance qualification certificate:** Please upload at the online application system your university entrance certificate/school leaving certificate. Usually, this means the school graduation diploma (German »Abitur«), i.e. the diploma that makes you eligible for studies at an University or other institution for higher education. Be mindful of the fact that here, we do not need any University diploma but a High School diploma!

**Previous university degrees earned:** All previous University degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, etc.) if available before the application deadline—if not, please make a note of the anticipated date of issue of your degree certificate. Please upload your University degree or the most actual, detailed transcript of records/ mark sheet of all semesters available to you, should you

not hold your degree certificate at the time of application. The main document is the degree/ transcript based on which you apply for the master programme.

**Detailed transcript of records:** Detailed transcript of records/ mark sheet of your first, subject-specific university degree, with which you are applying for the Master's programme (minimum requirement is the transcript/mark sheet up to the semester before the last). This transcript **MUST** contain an overall cumulative grade point average or average mark. You need at least 140 credits (ECTS) by the time you apply.

**Proof of relevant work experience:** Should you have obtained subject-specific work experience, you can upload corresponding certificates in order to support your application.

**Proof of subject-specific practical experience:** Should you have obtained subject-specific practical experience (e.g. by internships etc.), you can upload corresponding certificates in order to support your application.





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**Proof of language proficiency:** You have to submit the following proof of language proficiency: Proof of language proficiency in English at level C1 following the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

The following certificates are recognized as proof of your language skills:

- Cambridge Certificate (Advanced)
- IELTS – International English Testing System (7.0–8.0)
- TOEFL Test
- TOEFL – Internet-based (95)
- TOEFL – Paper-based (637)
- TOEFL – Institutional Testing Program (543–626)
- TOEIC Test (945–990)
- BULATS – Business Languages Testing Service (75–89)

Temporary certificates are accepted up to a maximum of four years after the date of acquisition.

Evidence is not required for students whose mother tongue is English.

You are invited to submit further proofs of your language skills, especially with regard to the language that you want to learn in the programme (also German for international students).

## Additional application documents for international students

**Translation of foreign/external application documents:**

Every mandatory application document from foreign/external countries must also be available in either English OR German translation. Such a translation has to be conducted by officially acknowledged/ sworn translators or translation offices.

**Proof of grading system:** External/foreign degree certificates/ transcripts of records must contain information on the grading system (= description of the maximum grade possible and the minimum passing grade) used at the respective University.

**Certificate APS:** Applicants with degrees from India, Vietnam or China must submit the original APS-certificate issued by the German Embassy.

**University entrance exam:** Applicants from the following countries must submit a certificate of their university entrance examination/college entrance examination:

- Iran (College entrance examination certificate or certificate of pre-university course/year)
- Republic of Korea/South Korea: SAT (Scholastic Ability Test)
- People's Republic of China: College entrance examination certificate (»Gaokao«)

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## UNIVERSITY LOCATION

### The History of the University

In 2008, Friedrich Schiller University Jena celebrated its 450th anniversary. Founded as an academic school by Prince-Elector Johann Friedrich the Magnanimous of Saxony in 1548, it was raised to the status of university by Emperor Ferdinand I in 1557 and opened as such in **1558**.

Here are some interesting facts: Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz was a student of the scientist Erhard Weigel in Jena 1663. **Friedrich Schiller** was a professor of history at Friedrich Schiller University Jena between 1789 and 1799. At the same time **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**, the then State Minister of Saxe-Weimar, supported Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena extraordinarily. He spent a lot of time in Jena.

Jena was the centre of classical German philosophy, hosting among others: Johann Gottlob Fichte (1794–1799), Friedrich-Wilhelm Joseph Schelling (from 1798), Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1805–1807). Numerous renowned German poets, writers and dramatists studied at Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Johann Christian Günther, Friedrich Gottlob Klopstock, Matthias Claudius, Friedrich Hölderlin, Novalis, Julius Mosen, Clemens Brentano, Gerhard Hauptmann, Kurt Tucholsky).

World-famous pedagogues such as Christian Gotthilf Salzmann, Friedrich Wilhelm August Fröbel, **Peter Petersen (Jenaplan-Schule)** studied or taught in Jena. Johann Wolfgang Doeberiner (Professor of Chemistry, 1810–1849) made the first

steps to order the chemical elements by means of his »triads«. **Ernst Haeckel** (Professor of Zoology, 1834–1909) was the most distinguished representative of evolution theory in Germany and coined the term »Oecologie« (ecology).

The physicist Hans Busch (Professor of Applied Physics, 1922–1947) worked on electron optics and developed the basic principles of electron microscopy. The Jena psychiatrist and neurologist Hans Berger (Professor, 1906–1938) developed the diagnostic method of electroencephalography (EEG).

The optician and mechanic **Carl Zeiss**, the physicist **Ernst Abbe** and the glass chemist **Otto Schott** formed an impressive collaboration at the end of the 19th century, a unique example of cooperation between science and industry that has been shaping the profile of scientific research at Friedrich Schiller University Jena to this day.

#### UNI JENA IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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## The City

The city of Jena is brought to life by a fascinating combination of a historic, intellectual past, a delightful countryside, and innovative international research and industry, as well as a youthful student life. This rich variety creates a unique backdrop that gives this small lively city its special charm.

### Jena's academic and intellectual development

Jena has been one of the most famous places to study in Germany since the founding of its university, the »Alma Mater Jenensis«, in 1558. At the end of the eighteenth century, thanks to its close connection to the nearby royal seat at Weimar and support by the poet and minister Goethe, the city on the Saale went through its classical period, during which it developed into the most important intellectual centre in Germany.

### Jena's economic development

In the second half of the nineteenth century, Jena developed into an industrial city thanks to the work of the three scientific and economic giants Carl Zeiss, Otto Schott and Ernst Abbe. Their co-operation led to the creation of the world-famous Zeiss company and the Jena »Schott und Genossen« glassworks. This effective cooperation between research institutes and economic enterprises has proved its value all the way up to the present day and justifies Jena's exceptional reputation as a high-technology location.

### Jena's modern cultural scene

In addition to museums of technology, science, literature, and art history, there is also an attractive modern cultural scene in Jena. For example, the annual »Kulturarena« open-air festival attracts international stars to Jena and there are plenty of individual, top-class events among the wide range of performances at the Jena Theatre (Theaterhaus), Jena Art Society (Kunstverein), and Jena Philharmonic Orchestra.

### Jena's countryside

The traditional, innovative city is built by the middle reaches of the Saale river. The Saale valley at Jena is shaped by a host of monuments to its cultural history and is connected to many great names from history as well. Along with its many sights, the city, nestled in an almost Mediterranean landscape with limestone hills up to 400 metres high, has a variety of cycle paths and a charming area for rambling.

## ABOUT JENA

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Federal state  
Thuringia

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Altitude  
143 m above sea level

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Population  
> 110 000

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website  
[jena.de](http://jena.de)

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