

Admissions

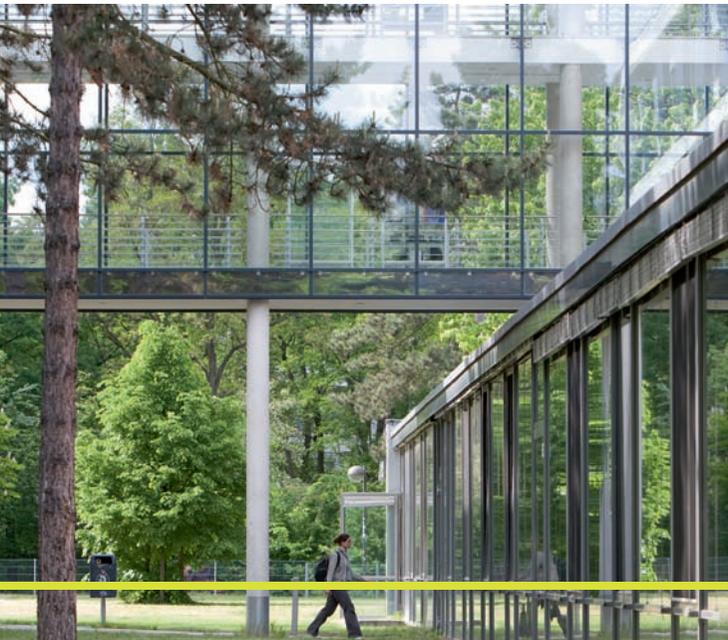
The Master's Program is aimed at graduates with a B.A. in media and communication studies or related social sciences.

Requirements:

- University degree with at least 60 ECTS in the field of media and communication studies (including at least 10 ECTS in research methods)
- Proof of language proficiency in German and English

International Focus

The university supports international students before and during their stay in Berlin. A special online portal (www.distributed-campus.de) helps students with preparations before they arrive in Berlin. Many courses in the program emphasize international issues and perspectives. M.A. students can spend the third semester abroad. The Institute for Media and Communication Studies and other departments at the university assist applicants in finding and applying for possible exchange programs.



Application Procedure

The program always starts in mid-October (winter semester). Applications are accepted between April 15 and May 31 for the program that begins later that year. Freie Universität Berlin screens applications from prospective foreign students for non-German, general university qualifications through uni-assist (for more information, visit: www.uni-assist.de).

Fees

There are no tuition fees. Students only have to pay the general enrollment fees of approx. 250 euros per semester, which include a semester ticket for public transportation.

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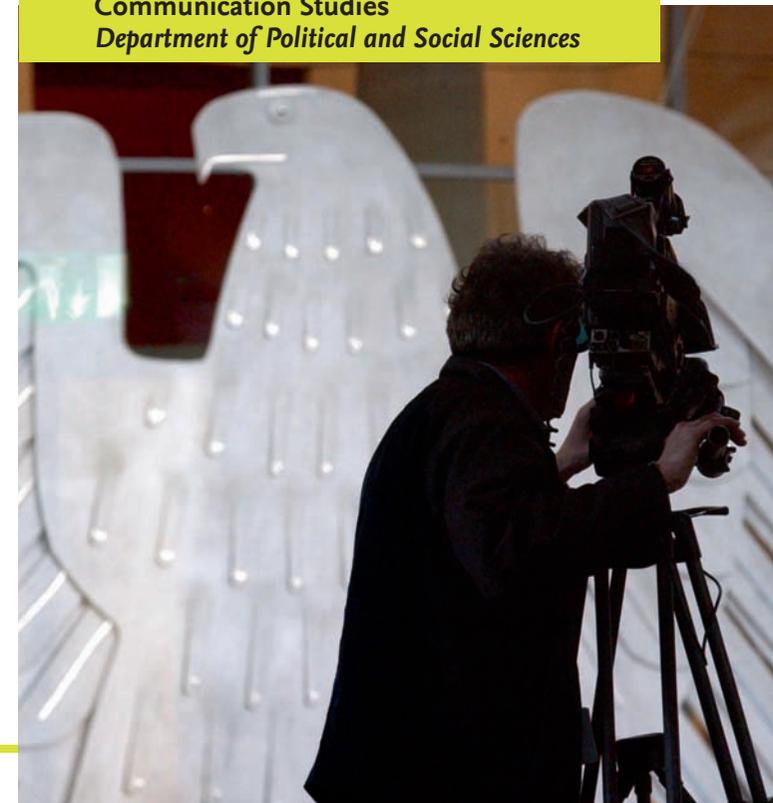
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Master's Program Media and Political Communication

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Department of Political and Social Sciences





The M.A. Program

The Master's Program in Media and Political Communication attracts outstanding B.A. graduates in media and communication studies from all over the world. The program provides students with the analytical and methodological competencies necessary for understanding and researching political communication in an ever-changing media world.

The courses cover diverse aspects of political communication with a strong focus on international and comparative perspectives.

About the University

Freie Universität Berlin is a leading research institution. As one of only nine German universities that have met all requirements of the national Excellence Initiative in 2007, the university receives additional federal funding for institutional development and future strategies.

Freie Universität Berlin is a comprehensive university with 15 departments and central institutes offering over 100 programs in all subject areas. Academic departments span the humanities, social and political sciences, business and law, natural sciences and medicine.

Berlin – Capital and Media Location

Berlin, as the capital of Germany, is home to many important political institutions and media organizations. The location offers ample opportunities for problem-oriented research and hands-on experience. Courses taught by adjunct faculty with close ties to media and political institutions allow students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios.

Moreover, Berlin is an ideal place for gaining professional experience through optional internships at various relevant organizations and companies.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Master's Program in Media and Political Communication are qualified to work in both, academic and applied teaching and research environments. The program also prepares them for leadership positions in the media and other organizations involved in political communication. Additional career options are in the areas of media policy, political consulting and political education.

Goals and Content

The aim of this theory-driven and research-oriented Master's Program in Media and Political Communication is to provide students with analytical expertise in the complex interaction of communication, media and politics. Focal points:

- Political communication and media
- Political communication management
- Political journalism
- Media policy and regulations

Students may also enroll in classes at the Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin.

Research and Methodological Competency

The program provides students with the analytical and methodological competencies necessary for understanding and researching political communication in an ever-changing media world. The courses cover a broad range of topics relating to media and politics including latest research on international political communication and advanced empirical methods. Students are also encouraged to conduct their own research projects.

Curriculum

Degree: **Master of Arts (M.A.)**

Duration: 4 Semesters

The Master's Program consists of six modules that are spread over three semesters. During the fourth semester, students concentrate on writing a Master's thesis, attending a research colloquium and defending their thesis in an oral examination. Courses are taught in German and English (about 25%).

Semester 1 (winter term)	
History and culture of political communication	Methods of political communication research
Semester 2 (spring term)	
Structures and governance of political communication	Political journalism
Semester 3 (winter term)	
Political communication management and public affairs	Theories and findings of political communication research
Semester 4 (spring term)	
Master's Thesis (incl. Colloquium & Oral Examination)	

Starting Point for Ph.D. Studies

This M.A. Program serves as an excellent preparation and qualification for moving on to Ph.D. studies.