JOINT MASTER

COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY AND WELFARE
„COSOPO“

- **Joint Master of the partner universities:**
  Johannes-Kepler-Universität Linz (JKU)
  University of Tampere (UTA, Finnland)
  Myoklais-Romeris-University, Vilnius (MRU)

- **Aims and Contents**
  - Qualify students to conduct research in the field of social policy and the welfare state in an international context
  - Provide expert knowledge on welfare state theories and models
  - Focus on welfare regimes in the international context as well as on certain policy fields (e.g., family policies)
  - Intercultural competences and international experience
BASIC CONDITIONS.
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- **Duration**: 4 semesters
- **Work load**: 120 ECTS credit points
- **Programme offer**: every 2 years
- **Current programme**: 6th programme WS 2018 to SS 2020
- **Teaching language**: English
- **Degree**: MSSc (Master of Social Sciences)
  academic degree granted by home university (JKU)
  additional Joint Master Diploma signed by all partner universities
- **Costs**
  student union fee: 19,20 (by 2018)
  common tuition fee (depends on studies duration and citizenship)
  travel costs and accommodation (Intensive Programmes!)
REQUIREMENTS

- **Disciplinary Background:** Bachelor Degree (or similar) or Diploma in Social Sciences (e.g., Social Economics, Sociology, Political Sciences..)

- **Research methods:** Knowledge of research methods of social sciences at Bachelor’s level.

- **Interest in and knowledge of social politics and welfare state:**

- **Language requirements:** English level C1 (Common Europ. Framework)
  - Language courses taken at European universities at level C1 or higher (graded with A and no online-based courses)
  - TOEFL (90 internet, 575 paper), IELTS (6.5 with no ind. <6.0), Cambridge Certificate (Advanced)
  - Bachelor Degree/Secondary Education Certificate from following countries: AUS, GB, USA, New Zealand
CLASS & COURSES.
TEACHING METHODS

- „Intensive Programmes“ (IP) at the partner universities
  At the beginning of each semester, participation in person
  1st sem.: Vilnius, Lithuania (2nd half of September 2018)
  2nd sem.: Tampere, Finland
  3rd sem.: Linz, Österreich

- Distance learning: e-learning-instruments and platforms (e.g. Moodle, video-sessions)

- Book Examinations (self-responsible learning and tasks)

- Internship (120 hours + Internship Report)
## STRUCTURE

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- **I**: Introduction to Master‘s Thesis Writing
- **C**: Theoretical Approaches to Social Policy and Welfare
- **N**: National Systems of Welfare Production
- **R**: Research Areas of Social Policy
- **M**: Empirical Research Methodology and Methods
- **P**: Internship
- **MT**: Master‘s Thesis (+Seminar)
ADMISSION PROCESS

- Two-Step Process:

  - Step 1: Pre-selection based on the content requirements and after receiving application by the academic board

  - Step 2: Admission to the studies programme based on the formal requirements by the JKU's studies administration
STEP 1: APPLICATION

- Application Deadline: **March, 31st, 2018**

- Application process

  - Submission of your **complete** application by **31st March at the latest**.

  - Check of your application documents and pre-selection of the applicants considering your preconditions and the programme resources.

  - Positive decision 😊:
    - **Official Letter of Acceptance** by **15th April** at the latest
    - **Attention**! This is NOT the formal admission to the JKU’s studies programme → go further to Step 2

  - Negative decision 😞: **Information on Refusal** (a little bit later)
STEP 1: APPLICATION

- **Application documents** consisting of:
  - Application Form (Please find it online: [www.jku.at/gespol/cosopo > How Do I Apply?](www.jku.at/gespol/cosopo))
  - Letter of Motivation
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Bachelor Certificate or Diploma (orig. Language + translated to English or German)
  - Transcripts or Records (Bachelor/Diploma)
  - Proof of your English Skills (C1)
  - Current passport photo
  - Copy of your passport
STEP 1: APPLICATION

Hand it your complete application

By post to:
Institut für Gesellschafts- und Sozialpolitik
(z.H. Sandra Pfister)
Altenbergerstraße 69
4040 Linz
AUSTRIA

or in person (HF 302 WITH notification in advance)

or hand it in at our secretary (please see www.jku.at/gespol for information on the office times)
STEP 1: APPLICATION

FAQ # 1: „I haven‘t got a Bachelor Degree by 31th March..“ A) „..as I will finish my studies by end of the summer semester“ or B) „..as I have not been handed out my Certificate for bureaucratic reasons“

Solution:
Ask your university/academic institution for the issue of a A) Late Bachelor‘s Degree or B) „Temporary Diploma“ and we will be able to admitt you on condition of late submission direct and immediate after issue of your Certificate (but with September 2018 at the latest)

FAQ # 2: „I haven‘t got a proof of my English skills yet“

Solution:
temporary judgement of your English skills by us if so: admission on condition and late submission of a proof of your English Skills until September 2018 at the latest.
STEP 2: ADMISSION

- After having received a letter of acceptance
- Admission to the Master studies COSOPO:
  - 1. Online registration of personal information in advance (before heading to the admission service)
  - 2. Enrollment to the programme by the admission service (national students) or request for the enrollment (international students)
- Further information on the formal admission
  - https://www.jku.at/studieren/studium-von-a-z/zulassung/zulassung-master/
  - personal (www.jku.at/zus/)
  - By mail zulassung@jku.at or admission@jku.at
LET'S GET STARTED...
PROGRAMME START

- Welcome Day at the beginning of September 2018
  - The invitation to the welcome day will be attached to the letter of acceptance and you will get a reminder by mail
  - Issue 1: Getting to know JKU and each other
  - Issue 2: Problems, questions..
  - Issue 3: Talking about the Intensive Programme

- Intensive Programme
  - Programme starts with the IP in Vilnius (2nd half of September 2018)
  - Accommodation: Guest house or on your own
  - Flight: on your own (but I will give you information on my flight if it would be convenient for you to join)
FURTHER INFORMATION.
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■ For general information on the COSOPO programme: www.jku.at/studium/studienarten/master/ma-comp-welfare/

■ More detailed information on the application: www.jku.at/gespol/cosopo > How do I apply?

■ Further questions and contact: cosopo@jku.at
  Personal consultation (please fix a date in advance: cosopo@jku.at)
  Phone: +43 732 2468-7174
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION.