



During the academic year 2019/2020, we do not offer the part-time option for the master's programme Empowerment Studies.

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**Faculty of Social Sciences
and Cultural Studies**

Master of Arts

Empowerment Studies Full-Time | Part-Time

Profile

The term 'empowerment' means the (re-)establishment of self-determined control over the circumstances of one's own life and living environment. Individual empowerment competences and political resources of joint enforcement intertwine and are interdependent.

The profile of the social-scientific master's programme Empowerment Studies is based on human rights and an understanding of political empowerment. The study programme combines a theoretic perspective and the analysis of social power structures with methods of political intervention.

Specialisations

Political empowerment leads to different analyses and political reactions depending on the social contexts. To respond to this broad field, the study programme provides the option to specialise in development policy or social policy. For the specialisation in social policy, courses focus on the context in Germany and comparable societies. The specialisation in development policy concentrates more on the situation in the global south or the context of north-south relations. In development policy, we use the blended learning approach. The higher level of flexibility also makes it attractive for professionals planning to study next to their job. Your physical attendance is required only for several block courses. Most of the programme takes place online (e-learning). Regardless of the specialisation, you also have the option to study part-time.

Please note: The language of instruction is mainly German.

Career Options

The master's programme Empowerment Studies is based on a human rights approach and critical reflection. It qualifies you for positions in Germany or abroad, which focus on

- analysing problems of human coexistence,
- developing solutions based on the empowerment concept and
- influencing social change aiming for emancipation.

In addition, the degree qualifies you for doctoral studies and, thus, for an academic career.

Possible professional fields or employers include, for example:

- community-orientated social work
- sociopolitical organisations, such as trade unions or charities
- international NGOs
- organisations involved in development cooperation

SYLLABUS

FULL-TIME SEMESTER 1

- Professional competences
Human Rights 1
Social Theories and Theories
of Political Action
Empowerment 1
- Methodological competences
Political Decision-Making and
Political Intervention 1
Propaedeutics – Social Sciences
Methods of Applied Social
Research

SEMESTER 2

- Professional competences
Human Rights 2
Empowerment 2
- Methodological competences
Political Decision-Making
and Political Intervention 2
Fundamentals of Social
Management 1
Study Research Project

SEMESTER 3

- Methodological competences
Fundamentals of Social
Management 2
- Thesis
- Colloquium

PART-TIME SEMESTER 1

- Professional competences
Human Rights 1
Social Theories and Theories
of Political Action
Empowerment 1
- Methodological competences
Propaedeutics – Social Sciences

SEMESTER 2

- Professional competences
Human Rights 2
Empowerment 2
- Methodological competences
Fundamentals of Social
Management 1

SEMESTER 3

- Methodological competences
Political Decision-Making and
Political Intervention 1
Methods of Applied Social
Research

SEMESTER 4

- Methodological competences
Political Decision-Making and
Political Intervention 2
Study Research Project

SEMESTER 5

- Methodological competences
Fundamentals of Social
Management 2

SEMESTER 6

- Thesis
- Colloquium

Further Information

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Information on all events (in German only):
www.hs-duesseldorf.de/zsb_veranstaltungen

