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 theoretical perspective and the analysis of social power structures with methods of political intervention.

Political empowerment leads to different analyses and political reactions depending on the social contexts. To respond to this
broad field, the study programme addresses various approaches to political empowerment and provides the option to specialise in different areas.

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

Admission Requirements

Please check if you meet all requirements for admission to the study programme. Further information: empowerment-studies.de/en
TOPICS AND MODULES

MES 1  Human Rights
MES 2  Social Theories and Theories of Political Action
MES 3  Empowerment
MES 4  Political Decision-Making and Political Intervention
MES 5  Fundamentals of Social Management
MES 6  Methods of Applied Social Research
MES 7  Thesis
MES 8  Colloquium

Please note: We are currently restructuring the MA Empowerment Studies. Please check our website for updates: empowerment-studies.de/en.
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