Sociology @ Tübingen

To study in Tübingen means ...
- getting first-hand research experience
- optional specialization in migration, education and life course
- optional specialization in study gender – body – knowledge
- optional specialization in social inequality and institutions
- choice between several methods
- personal mentoring from your first to your last semester
- working in small seminar groups and excellent support
- the atmosphere of the idyllic historical city center of Tübingen

The University of Tübingen
Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen’s guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. Its institutional strategy has been selected for funding under the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany’s eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence.

The University’s excellence in research offers optimal study conditions to students who come to Tübingen, combined with the opportunity to pursue individual interests along the way. The attractive study environment is reinforced by many additional services, such as the Language Learning Centre, interdisciplinary lectures in the Studium Generale and the state-of-the-art University Library. The University motto speaks for itself: Attempto – I dare!

Sociology with a Focus on Empirical Social Research
Master of Arts

Curriculum

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* Options are: (M4.1) migration, education and life course; (M4.2) gender – body – knowledge; (M4.3) social inequality and institutions.

** In case of a semester abroad the Master’s thesis may be written abroad.
The Master’s program in Sociology with a focus on empirical research at the Department of Sociology of the University of Tübingen provides an excellent research-oriented further qualification in Sociology.

Priorities are:
- practical research expertise through applied research projects
- concentration on quantitative and qualitative empirical research methods
- specialization in key areas of research at the Department

Program Profile
To impart practical research competences, the guided research project is the core of the M. A. program: together with a team, students conduct an empirical study which provides them with the opportunity to apply their learned skills in practice. Topics of previous research projects have for example: Family policies and parenthood, flight and migration, subjective effects of social inequality.

In addition to advancing skills in quantitative and qualitative empirical research methods in small groups, the M. A. program offers opportunities of specialization in the following key research and teaching areas:
- Migration, education and life course
- Gender – Body – Knowledge
- Social inequality and institutions

Elective subjects from other disciplines supplement the chosen areas of specialization and aim to broaden students’ horizon regarding interdisciplinary research.

Students complete their degree with the Master thesis in which they apply empirical research methods to investigate an empirical or theoretical sociological research problem of their own choice. Accounting for an international orientation, classes taught in English will be offered every semester, and we support students planning a term abroad (preferably during 4th semester).

Career perspectives
In your study program, you gain analytic, methodological and labor market-related competencies in combination with practical experience which helps you to enter attractive professional fields. Popular fields include teaching and research, market and opinion research, public administration (e.g. urban planning, organizational consulting), culture and media sector, international organizations, associations and political parties, professional or scientific education and training. Regarding your career orientation, you will be supported by platforms of alumni students as well as individual advisory services and job application training by members of the Internship Office and the Career Service. With an above-average degree you will have the chance to apply for a PhD-program.

Degree Program Profile

1st Semester
So-M1: Analytical and interpretive foundations
Contemporary theory discourse (2 SWS, 6 CP)

2nd Semester
So-M2: Advanced methods of social research
Seminar + Tutorial (2+2 SWS, 6+3 CP)

3rd Semester
So-M4.1/So-M4.2/So-M4.3
Field of study: specialization (2 SWS, 6 CP)

4th Semester
So-M6: Elective subject: sociology in relation to other disciplines (12 CP)

M6: Exam Module
M. A.-Colloquium (2 SWS, 1 CP)

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Application and Admission

The Master’s program Sociology with a focus on empirical social research begins annually in winter semester. Currently, an average of 20 students are accepted to the program every year. Requirement for admission is a BA degree in Sociology (GPA 2.3 or above), another relevant social science discipline or another comparable degree. Also, a German language proficiency level of B2 (or equivalent) is mandatory.

At a Glance
Degree: Master of Arts (M. A.)
Duration of study: standard study period 4 semesters
ECTS: 120 (major 108/elective subject 12)
Start: each winter semester
Application deadline: 15 July
Admission requirements: Bachelor in Sociology or a comparable subject; German language proficiency level B2 (or equivalent)

Application online:
www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/2048
Information for prospective students under:
www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/13