

MASTER IN SOCIOLOGY

MAJORS: INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP • POLICY AND MANAGEMENT • SKILLS LAB

60 ECTS CREDITS – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH – DEGREE: MASTER OF ARTS

COURSE CONTENT

The Master of Science in Sociology is a new and innovative English-taught programme at Ghent University, centered around three pillars: applied research, internationalisation and an advanced scientific approach to contemporary societal problems.

*What are the social conditions that constitute the fundamental causes of health and illness?
How can higher education institutions become more accessible?
Why have so many young Muslims joined Islamic State the past couple of years?
How are power and responsibilities formally and informally distributed within organisations?*

This programme addresses these and other contemporary social problems. Students gain a strong scientific approach that allows them to critically address such topics.

Sociological imagination is the ability to connect the things that happen to people (such as their success in education, their relationship with their parents and their well-being) to social characteristics (the way schools are organised, the divorce rate, the degree of social inequality).

To have this sociological imagination, a person must pull away from the situation and think from an alternative point of view.

Within the **Major International internship**, students are challenged to use their sociological imagination in real life contexts and take their expertise to the next level. During this experience, students confront theoretical learning with hands-on experience, characterised by social engagement.

Students who choose the **Major Policy and Management** immerse themselves in courses on human resources management, public administration, governance, change management and international development. This allows an individually tailored study programme based on personal interests and possible future career paths.

In the **Major Skills Lab**, students explore and develop applied skills to prepare for future careers through courses such as 'Dare to Venture', 'Business Skills' and 'advanced Academic English'.

This one-year master program is highly research based. Students gain a thorough understanding of advanced quantitative research methods and are challenged to apply these skills to answer sociological questions. Students write a master thesis and opt for an international internship or follow advanced policy-oriented applied courses.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Master of Science in Sociology focuses on three main parts:

- A solid, general formation in advanced sociological courses on health sociology, migration, education, policy and organisation and quantitative analysis, that will unravel the secrets of multilevel analysis.
- Students can choose an applied major in which practical skills are developed (International Internship, Policy and Management or Skills Lab). Students design their own trajectory based on their personal interest, future career prospects and ambitions.
- A research based master dissertation in which you perform your own quantitative or qualitative research, and write it up in a scientific paper. The master dissertation is supervised by a Ghent University professor. It can be done in combination with your internship (for instance through interviews of respondents during your stay abroad).

The first semester of the programme is fully dedicated to the core mandatory advanced sociological courses. From the start students begin preparing for their master dissertation or internship. This program is a one-year programme with a high pace but is feasible thanks to the gradual planning. By the end of the first semester, students should have taken all exams and can fully concentrate on their major and master dissertation. At the end of the second semester the course Social Dynamics of Policy and Organisation helps to digest the experiences developed during the thesis research, the internship and the other courses.

If you want to combine your master's degree with a teacher's degree, then there is the option of following an 'Educatieve master' instead of the above described master. The 'Educatieve master' however is a Dutch taught programme. More information can be found on www.ugent.be/educatievemaster.

CAREER PERSPECTIVE

Sociology graduates are highly appreciated by employers for their combination of thorough insights in society, research expertise, communication and project management skills. Sociology graduates from Ghent University start an academic career (as PhD students or research fellows) or work in NGO's, governmental organisations (on themes such as health prevention and radicalisation) and research agencies (such as market research). The programme prepares you for work on scientific projects in academia, governmental organisations or research institutes. You will be able to research social phenomena such as social inequality, gender differences, quality of labour, democratisation of higher education, migration or health and risk behaviour. Our programme also prepares students for future careers as policy advisors or project managers in human resources, journalism or education.

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TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

Rechtstreeks:

- Ba sociologie
- Ba politieke en sociale wetenschappen, afstudeerrichting sociologie
- Ba politieke wetenschappen en sociologie, afstudeerrichting sociologie
- Ba Social Sciences

Via schakelprogramma: (59 studiepunten)

- Ba sociaal werk
- Ba gezinswetenschappen
- Ba orthopedagogie
- Ba pedagogie van het jonge kind
- Ba toegepaste psychologie
- Ba journalistiek

Via schakelprogramma: (67 studiepunten)

- (ander) professioneel bachelordiploma en de corresponderende diploma's van vóór de bachelor-master-structuur

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (17 studiepunten)

- Ba/Ma psychologie
- Ba/Ma pedagogische wetenschappen
- Ba/Ma communicatiewetenschappen

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (22 studiepunten)

- Ba/Ma criminologische wetenschappen

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (29 studiepunten)

- Ba/Ma politieke wetenschappen
- Ba/Ma bestuurskunde en publiek management

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (33 studiepunten)

- Ba/Ma van de faculteit Economie en Bedrijfskunde (met uitzondering van bestuurskunde en publiek management)

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (42 studiepunten)

- Ba/Ma geschiedenis
- Ba/Ma geografie

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (55 studiepunten)

- (ander) academisch bachelor- of masterdiploma en de corresponderende diploma's van vóór de bachelor-master-structuur

TAAL

De schakel- en voorbereidingsprogramma's worden in het Nederlands gedoceerd. Je voldoet aan de taalvoorwaarden voor de masteropleiding op basis van je Vlaams diploma.

PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

Studieprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

> faculteiten > opleidingstypes > ga naar de opleiding van je keuze

Voorbereidende initiatieven

Er is een online Basiscursus Statistiek beschikbaar als voorbereiding op de statistische vakken in het schakel- en voorbereidingsprogramma. Meer informatie op www.studiekiezer.ugent.be. Selecteer de opleiding en je vindt toelichting en praktische details onder de rubriek 'Vlot van start'.

Alternatieve trajecten

Het schakel- en voorbereidingsprogramma kan ook deeltijds gevolgd worden en dus gespreid over 2 jaren. Dat maakt het gemakkelijker om de studies bijvoorbeeld met werken te combineren. Werkstudenten die nog meer spreiding wensen, kunnen een geïndividualiseerd studietraject aanvragen bij de traject-begeleider van de faculteit.

Wie meent in aanmerking te komen voor vrijstellingen kan voor deze procedure terecht op www.ugent.be/ps/vrijstellingen.

Infomomenten

Masterbeurs

www.ugent.be/masterbeurs

Infosessie

24 april 2019, 15 u. tot 17.30 u., Campus Aula, Aula, Voldersstraat 9, Gent (doorlopend infobeurs)
www.ugent.be/nl/studeren/masteropleidingen

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

You are eligible for this program if you hold a relevant Bachelor degree. This includes bachelors in sociology or a solid background in social sciences, including social science methodology. Students who hold a Bachelor of Social Science (or equivalent) from a non-Belgian University, are admitted based on an evaluation of the content of their previous studies. The Study Programme Committee will make the final decision whether to accept the application or not. The Study Programme Committee can decide that students need to follow a preparatory course, for instance for students who hold another diploma of bachelor or master than mentioned. This preparatory course only exists in Dutch.

LANGUAGE

More information regarding the required knowledge of English:
www.ugent.be/language/requirements

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue
> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

Application deadline

- for students who need a visa: 1st of March
 - for students who do not need a visa: 1st of June
- www.ugent.be/deadline

Enrolling institution

Ghent University

Tuition fee

More information is to be found on:
www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

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