Criminal Justice, Governance and Police Science

Master 1-Fach

Englischsprachiger Studiengang

Homepage: http://www.macrimgov.eu
Program start
At January 1st

Target Group
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Requirements
This international advanced extra-occupational program is in particular open to applicants with:

- a successful completion of a university/college degree (BA, BSc and MA, MSc or equivalent) degree in the program relevant subject areas (240 CPs*);
- at least one year of relevant practical experience after graduation;
- an excellent knowledge of the English language (further info here).

Students gain 60 credit points during the course, and must have obtained already 240 credit points prior to the program. Applications from outside the European Union will be evaluated and assessed accordingly. Any lacking CPs can be gained through additional attainments. This may also be through recognition of attainments achieved at other universities, special training programs or a certain amount of work experience in years.

Goals and Focal Points
The international Master’s program in Criminal Justice, Governance and Police Science focuses on international security and justice perspectives, raising awareness and facilitating a broader foundation for better decision-making in the future with regards to the following topics:

- Peace-making and peace-keeping efforts in post-conflict and transitional countries;
- Establishing rule of law, human rights standards and sustainable security;
- Capacity building in the law enforcement and criminal justice sector;
- Development personal skills of professionals working within the corresponding field of security and justice;
- Supporting NGOs and civil society in their functions to monitor and evaluate democratic police work and criminal justice based on human rights standards.

Considering the reality of an on-going unstable world and growing concerns within the international community on finance, economy, energy and security one might assume that the need for practices in the field of criminology, criminal justice, governance and police science will only increase. As the program is labor market oriented, it provides a well-thought-out balance between theory and practice supported by on-the-job experienced lecturers in one of the three program pillars as well as its modules and its settings in different countries.
Our distance-learning system enables students from around the world to interact within the course. Our goal is to provide a virtual environment in which students develop their skills by learning from each other and exchanging experiences and expertise they bring to the table from their respective fields of profession. Emphasis is laid upon avoiding prescription, but encouraging analysis so that students can retain their autonomy and select the proper course of action after mature reflection on firm foundations of reason and evidence. The purpose of the program is to challenge students by presenting diverse and often divergent analytical perspectives, and encourage awareness for this diversity.

**Study curriculum**

The international Master’s program in “Criminal Justice, Governance and Police Science” is a two-year distance-learning course:

The study curriculum offers eight unique modules, which allow you to experience recent groundbreaking developments in criminal justice, governance and police science with particular focus on international security and justice perspectives. After the completion of all modules, students will be able to proceed with their Master’s thesis in term 4.

Module 1: Global Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
Module 2: Human Rights for Police and Justice Officials  
Module 3: International Peacekeeping  
Module 4: Critical Assessments of Applied Empirical Research Methods  
Module 5: Security and Governance in the European Union  
Module 6: Governance of Security  
Module 7: State and International Core Crimes and the Emerging Global System of International Criminal Justice  
Module 8: Key Qualifications for Future Leaders

The purpose of the selection of modules is to encourage reflection by students. Rather than prescribing what should be done, the emphasis will be upon encouraging students to reflect upon what has been done, why it was done and upon evaluating its effectiveness. This is a vitally important function, since practical professional knowledge will only emerge from practitioners’ critical reflection on their practice and a willingness to share those reflections. The foundations for this consciousness lie in a professional education that stimulates self-criticism.

Students will learn how to apply human rights and international rule of law standards within the wider framework of international security and justice, and how to use concepts and methods from different academic and scientific fields in transitional and post-conflict situations. Thanks to the existing academic network and close ties with practitioners and institutions related to (international) security, law enforcement and justice, students will have the opportunity to learn from outstanding experts on an international level.

After successful completion of the program the degree “Master of Criminal Justice, Governance and Police Science” will be obtained.
Tuition fees

The Master’s program is exclusively funded on the basis of tuition fees to cover expenses for administration, examination fees, materials, ITC requirements, virtual conferences and lectures. As a German public university we reinvest all tuition fees in our program for the benefit of our students.

- For information on tuition fees, please contact tuitionfees(at)macrimgov.eu

How to apply

For application information, please see
https://vmits0151.vm.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/macrimgov.eu/index.php/how-to-apply

The application package should contain:

- Letter of motivation explaining why you are interested in our program (max. 400 words);
- Curriculum Vitae or use the following application form;
- Degree certificates and transcripts of grades from a university or college;
- All means to indicate your current level of English are accepted (e.g. completion of English-taught degrees, significant work experience with English as the main working language etc.). We accept as well English proficiency demonstrated by TOEFL (550-600 paper, 215-250 computer and 93 internet) or IELTS (6-7) certified test results.
- Written proof of at least 1 year working experience i.e. employer’s reference, letter of recommendation, certificate of employment etc.

The complete application package should be sent to application(at)macrimgov.eu and/or via the online-application tool (as PDF-attachments only!).
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International Master’s Program in
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Occupational Fields
The occupational field for graduates with this Master’s degree covers a wide range of options, in particular in the areas of (international) security and justice.

- This includes criminal justice institutions (e.g. penal systems, probation service, courts etc.), for capacity building in the law enforcement (in particular police), public administration and social services, journalism etc.
- Since this program is based on the identified requirement from the field of international assistance programs, the UN, EU, AU, their subordinate organizations and other IOs, NGOs and national or local representatives, it suits everybody who is involved or would like to be involved in such fields.
- Most of these international assistance programs as well as IOs and or NGOs operate in fallen states, where government and governance are lacking and public administration/services aren’t sufficient available. The program intents to provide practically oriented people who can support these post conflict/transitional countries within any assistance program.

More Information
You will find more information at the web-site
http://vmrz0183.vm.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/macrimgov/index.php

Allgemein:
- Allgemeine Informationen zur Master-Bewerbung an der Ruhr-Universität:
  www.rub.de/zsb/master.htm
- Master-NC-Werte an der Ruhr-Universität
  (Ergebnisse werden jeweils nach Abschluss des Verfahrens veröffentlicht):
  http://www.rub.de/studierendensekretariat/studium/bewerbung_zulassung/master_archiv.html.de
- Broschüren der Zentralen Studienberatung der Ruhr-Universität rund ums Studieren
  www.rub.de/zsb/service/download.htm
- Akademisches Förderungswerk (Wohnen, BAföG und mehr)
  www.akafoe.de/
- International Office der Ruhr-Universität
  www.international.rub.de/intoff/
- Career-Service der Ruhr-Universität
  www.rub.de/careerservice
- Hochschulteam der Arbeitsagentur Bochum
  www.rub.de/zsb/stud-beratung/h-team.htm

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