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**Target Group:** The Master of Arts in PMP is primarily aimed at students with a Bachelor’s degree in business administration, political science, legal studies, political economy, sociology or media studies and communications. Students with a Bachelor’s degree in another subject may be admitted under special consideration.

**Program Structure:** The degree, with a total of 120 ECTS, consists of a basic study course (1st year) followed by an in-depth study course (2nd year). It is possible to complete the second year at a partner university. The master’s thesis can be combined with an internship.

Minor in “Public Administration” for Political Science and Sport Science Master’s Students

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