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MS Teams Drop-In Session (join anytime between 18:00-19:00)

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTA3MTA3ODQtZGI0Yi00NjM3LThlNzktNDI4NzRhMjM0ZGJm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f787e345-d874-4f5b-8b8f-d2c14a60f178%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2235dfd238-d7b1-4c3d-b34a-53c8b3dcb166%22%7d

Academic Credit Point Option

Entry requirements

- None

Application

- Send email to iss.casc@unibw.de

Workload

- 5 000-word research paper
- You will receive the paper requirements from the Academic Coordinator

Fees

- 300 EUR admin fee

Everything else

- Receive 5 ECTS from the University of the Bundeswehr Munich – fully accredited, valid worldwide

M.A. Applied Strategy and International Security

Cooperation between the University of the Bundeswehr Munich and the University of Plymouth

Entry requirements

- A good honors degree (first or second class) or equivalent.
- Other qualifications accompanied by substantial experience in an appropriate field may also be considered.
- Non-standard applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants who do not possess the appropriate Higher Education qualifications may be admitted based on previous professional experience, skills, and motivation.
- IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent.

Application

- Submission of application documents through University of Plymouth website
- https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/ma-applied-strategy-and-international-security

Workload

- 180 CATS / 90 ECTS

Fees

- 9 250 GBP
- no discounts for GCMC alumni

Everything else

- 100% remote participation possible
- An annual hybrid research workshop, (f2f) and (VTC), will unite academics and students to explore contemporary security threats and their respective MA dissertations.
- Students will receive their degree from the University of Plymouth, with the certificate acknowledging the partnership with Bundeswehr University Munich.
- Study concentrations include:
    - Security Management & Organizations
    - Maritime Security Strategy
    - Security, Risk & Resilience
    - Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism

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M.A. International Security Studies Program

The M.A. ISS program combines the practical approach with an academic background, which sets our graduates apart from regular "international security" students.

Entry requirements

- Completion of a typically four-year higher education degree accrediting a competence level equivalent to 240 ECTS points[1] (Technical Degree (Diplom), Master's or Bachelor's Degree, or an equivalent domestic or foreign qualification usually requiring four years of full-time studies)
- At least two years' qualified professional work experience
- A certificate of English language proficiency (CEFR Level B2) [not for native speakers]
- Successful completion of an admission interview

Application

- Submission of application documents and verification of eligibility
- Invitation to an admission interview (also via video conference)
- Offer of a seat in the program and enrollment via Firm Acceptance-Form (legally binding agreement)

Application Documents

Applications must include the following documents; all forms can be found here: www.casc.de/miss

- ☐ Duly completed Application Form (Available in the download section)
- ☐ Certified copy (German or English) of higher education qualification certificate (High School Diploma)
- ☐ Certified copy (German or English) of university degree certificate (incl. transcript of records and Diploma)
- ☐ Documents (German or English) attesting at least two years of qualified professional work experience
- ☐ Certificate of English language proficiency (CEFR Level B2[2])
- ☐ A letter of motivation (The applicant should explain why he or she is interested in this specific program and how he sees it contributing to his or her further career)
- ☐ A Curriculum Vitae *(bio)* listing all study courses hitherto completed by the applicant as well as a complete record of professional experience
- ☐ One letter of recommendation (preferably from a former professor or supervisor)

Workload

- 60 ECTS

Fees

- 14 800 EUR
- 2 500 EUR discount for PCSS alumni

[1] Equivalent to level 6 of the German Qualification Framework. https://www.dqr.de/dqr/en/the-dqr/dqr-levels/level-6/level-6_node.html

[2] For more information see: https://www.nato.int/structur/recruit/info-doc/language-test-equivalence-table_final2013.pdf

Everything else

- Students can study full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months).
- The new full-time cohort starts in September 2025;
- Applications for the full-time cohort are due May 31st 2025.
- Students need to find accommodation for their stay here in Garmisch for all resident courses. MISS students are self-funded and do not receive housing or meals from the Marshall-Center
- There are no scholarship programs from the University's side, but you can apply for one at other institutions (like https://www.kas.de/en/ or https://www.daad.de/en/)
- The modular handbook can be found here: https://publicwiki.unibw.de/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=46499081
- The examination regulations can be found here: https://publicwiki.unibw.de/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=49610985

Program Structure

- Two Modules hosted by the GC Marshall Center (one of them can be PCSS)
- Four Modules taught by the University of the Bundeswehr Munich
- All modules will be taught at the GCMC in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- During GCMC courses, MISS students are part of a bigger group of participants (around 80 from all over the world) and these courses follow a practitioner – approach with ample time to socialize and discuss best practices with peers from other parts of the world.
- The UniBw courses are taught to a very small group (just the MISS students, max. 15) to allow for a deep dive into the academic theories /international humanitarian law/ etc.

Time Commitment

- GCMC: Program on applied security studies (PASS) – around 9 weeks
- GCMC Study Concentration (4-5 weeks):
  - Program on regional and security studies (PRSS)
  - Countering transnational and organized crime (CTOC)
  - Program on terrorism and security studies (PTSS)
  - Program on cyber security studies (PCSS)
  - Seminar on Irregular Warfare/Hybrid Threats (SIWHT)
- UniBw Elective (8-10 days):
  - Security and Development
  - Transnational Governance
- UniBw: Theory and Methods (5 days)
- UniBw: Transnational and International Conflict (5 days)
- UniBw: International Humanitarian Law (5 days)

Academic Directors

Prof. Dr. Ralf Roloff (GCMC) and Prof. Dr. Carlo Masala (UniBw Munich)