

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

SPACE FOR COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY AND WELFARE.



What is your understanding of justice? Why is there more inequality in the USA than in Scandinavia? As a student in the COSOPO Master's degree program, you will focus on learning more about the socio-political challenges of our time.

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Comparative Social Policy and Welfare (COSOPO).

You will conduct research in social policy fields and welfare state systems from a comparative perspective, immersing yourself in these theories and concepts. All of this makes you an expert in the production and distribution of social wealth.

The COSOPO Master's degree program enables you to independently conduct research, provide consulting services and system development in an international context. You learn to develop solutions to meet the socio-political challenges of the future.

YOUR BENEFITS

Unique program: become an expert in European social policy in just four semesters.

Applied distance learning methods means you are free of time and location constraints.

Opportunity to acquire international experience and improve language skills.



Educational Objectives, Career Prospects.

What You Will Learn

Your goal is to be able to independently conduct research as well as provide consultation services and help develop the broad field of social policy.

- You learn to deal critically with socio-political issues.
- You will advance your expertise in welfare state theories, models and fields as well as in social science methods and methodologies.
- Your comparative analyses will be based on international, European and regional levels.
- You will hone your intercultural skills, enabling you to collaborate effectively on an international level.

Career Prospects

The COSOPO program is a unique opportunity to not only address various socio-political affairs, but drive advancement at different levels forward. Doors are open in the following areas of research and management:

- Research fields in social and economic sciences
- Applied research and social analysis
- Domestic, European and international organizations and collaborations
- Social policy projects and programs
- NGO's and non-profit organizations
- Public and civil service
- Media and public relations



Master's Degree Program.

Program Structure

The Master's degree program requires completing courses totaling 120 ECTS credits.

	ECTS Credits
Conceptual Approaches to the Comparative Study of Welfare Production	20
National Systems of Welfare and Society	15
Empirical Research Methodology	15
Electives on Well-Being and Welfare Production in a Globalizing World	20
Practicum / Internship	5
Academic Writing	5
Master's thesis, incl. seminar	40

Admission Requirements

The COSOPO Master's degree requires students to have an academic background in the field as well as complete a two-stage application procedure to officially be admitted to the program (including submitting an application to the institute). You must have:

- A Diploma or Bachelor's degree in a field of social sciences, economics or business, or a comparable academic degree program
- Sound background and knowledge of methodology in social sciences
- C1 level of proficiency in English (such as TOEFL/IELTS)

You must apply in advance for admission to enroll in the COSOPO Master's degree program. See jku.at/ma-cosopo for detailed information.

KEY FACTS

Degree

Master of Social Sciences (MSSc)

Duration

4 semesters

ECTS

120 credits

Language

English (C1 Level)

Program Begins

WS 2024/25
(every 2 years)

Application Deadline

See: jku.at/ma-cosopo

Location

Linz & Tampere

Program

Full-time

Advanced Degree Programs

- Doctorate Degree Social Sciences, Economics & Business

Academic Advising.

The JKU in a Nutshell

Over 23,000 students are enrolled at the JKU, making it Upper Austria's largest institution for research and higher-level education. Students can choose from over 100 academic degree programs in law, business, economics, social sciences, engineering and natural sciences, computer sciences, education, and medicine. You benefit from a unique campus environment and a low student-to-faculty ratio.

Dates and Deadlines

See: [jku.at/deadlines](https://www.jku.at/deadlines) for important dates and deadlines (such as the start/end of the semester, admissions deadline, holiday schedule, and lecture free days)

General Information

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