

Childhood Studies and Children's Rights MA

Facts about Childhood Studies and Children's Rights MA

- Location: Stendal, Germany
- Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Duration: 4 semesters
- Application deadline: Regular Students 15. September, via uni-assist: August 15, for international students: 31 May
- Admission requirements: Proof of a German-recognized higher education entrance qualification
- Accreditation: Carried out by the quality system of Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences
- Semester fee: EUR 318,80
- Total ECTS: 120 ECTS (ca. 30 ECTS per Semester)
- Semester start: October 1 (winter) / April 1 (summer); ends: March 31 (winter) / September 30 (summer)
- Lecture period: mid-October to early February / mid-April to mid-July (total of 14 weeks)
- Teaching language: Mainly German, some courses may be taught in English
- German language skills: Goethe Certificate C2, DSD II (language diploma of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs) or DSH II (German language test for university admission), TestDaF (at least 16 points & at least level 3 in the sub-tests), TELC German C1 University or ÖSD C2 (Austrian German Certificate) or passing the assessment test at a university preparatory course

Central content of the study programme

- Childhood Studies as a multidisciplinary field grounded in the sociology of childhood
- National and international children's rights
- Methods and techniques of childhood and children's rights research, including ethical and legal issues in research *with* and *about* children
- Childhood Studies and transdisciplinary perspectives on the implementation of children's rights
- Didactics in Childhood Studies and Human Rights Education
- Reflection on concepts of heterogenization from the perspectives of gender and diversity studies
- Fields of action in children's rights in families, early childhood education and care centers
- Social pedagogical methods and fields of practice, child and social law
- Project and change management
- Professional profiles and career paths in Childhood Studies
- Master's seminar, Master's thesis, and Master's colloquium

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION:

- Check visa requirements [here!](#)
- International Office [website](#)
- [Info for regular students](#)
- [Info for exchange students](#)
- Country-specific recognition info: [DAAD Database on Admission Requirements](#) or [anabin](#) portal (available only in German)
- Apply via [uni-assist!](#)
- Info about the [study program](#)
- [Information in German](#)

CAREER PERSPECTIVES:

- Provider institutions in the education, care, social, and health sectors
- National or international (children's rights) organizations (NGOs)
- Multipliers/trainers for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its implementation
- Research and teaching (e.g., on participation, children's rights, child poverty in municipal, regional, national, and global comparison)

Curriculum for the Master's Programme Childhood Studies and Children's Rights MA

1. Semester	Foundations of Childhood Studies: – Childhood Sociology as the Leading Discipline of Childhood Studies – Childhood Studies as a Multidisciplinary Field 8 hrs/week 12 ECTS*	Introduction to Children's Rights: – National and International Children's Rights – Case Study Work 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Methods and Techniques in Childhood and Children's Rights Research: – Ethical and Legal Issues in Research About and With Children – Research Methods and Techniques; Results of Childhood Studies 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Reflective Practice in Childhood Studies: – Lecture Series – Jour Fixe 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS
2. Semester	Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Children's Rights: – Competencies in Childhood Studies – Perspectives on Children's Rights Practices – Professional History I – Childhood Studies 6 hrs/week 10 ECTS	Didactics in Childhood Studies and Human Rights Education: – Communication in Local Networks – Collaboration with Institutions and Teaching Children's Rights to Children 4 hrs/week 10 ECTS	Training Diversity – Reflection on Concepts of Heterogenization: – Training Concepts in Diversity and Intersectionality (Compulsory Seminar)*: • Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Competence, and Gender Trainings • Diversity Management and Diversity Trainings 4 hrs/week 10 ECTS	*Students choose 1 out of 2 courses
3. Semester	Fields of Action of Children's Rights: – Children's Rights in Family, Kindergarten, and School – Children's Rights in Youth Welfare and Youth Work 6 hrs/week 10 ECTS	Project / Change Management: – Project Development and Controlling – Diversity Leadership and Team Building (Contents and Advisory Competence, Mediation Methods, Leadership Competences) 4 hrs/week 10 ECTS	Professionalization: – Professional History II – Childhood Studies Career Profiles and Paths – Social Pedagogical Methods and Fields of Action, Children's and Social Law 4 hrs/week 10 ECTS	
4. Semester	Master's Thesis – Master Seminar – Master's Thesis with Defense 2 hrs/week 30 ECTS			

*hrs/week: study time per week at h²