



empirical and quantitative methods

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Apply for the PhD program in *Political Science, Psychology or Sociology*

The Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences invites applications for its PhD program in Social Sciences starting September 2013. PhD scholarships are available.

The University of Mannheim hosts one of Europe's most highly rated schools of social sciences (QS World University Ranking) offering a unique research environment.

The PhD program at the School of Social Sciences is offered by the Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences (CDSS), which is part of the interdisciplinary Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS) and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative.

The program provides graduate training to prepare students for successful academic careers at research universities and institutes. Doctoral students find a variety of specialized courses which are taught by an internationally renowned faculty. The permanent staff consists of more than 35 professors and is regularly joined by visiting professors and outside speakers that present and discuss current research work.

Members of the CDSS are leaders in initiatives and at institutes such as the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, the Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS), the Central Institute of Mental Health (ZI), the SFB 884 and the Otto-Selz-Institute.

□ Program structure

The program offers training in three fields of specialization:

- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

The program is designed to be completed within 3 years of full-time study. Each field of specialization has a course program that provides students with the background to engage in **independent and professional research and publication**. Students can choose from a variety of electives offered by the CDSS or the Centers for Doctoral Studies in Business (CDSB) and Economics (CDSE).

The CDSS and the School of Social Sciences of the University of Mannheim are renowned for their quantitative and analytical orientation. Over the recent years, the CDSS has established an impressive track record of placing its PhD graduates into academic and non-academic positions. CDSS students have published their research in numerous leading journals.

□ Financial support

Admitted PhD students receive 3 years of funding which are usually coupled with research or teaching assistantships in the 2nd and 3rd year. Office spaces, research, conference travel and IT support are provided.

□ Admission

Applicants should have a Master's degree in the social sciences or a related discipline and a strong background in quantitative methods. We also admit exceptional candidates with a Bachelor's degree.

TOEFL scores are required for admission.

Deadline for applications:

Early: Feb 15, 2013

Regular: Apr 15, 2013

Start of the program: Sep 2013

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