

## The Program at a Glance

### Program duration

Students typically complete the program full-time in 4 semesters or, for working individuals, part-time in 6 semesters.

### Degree

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

### Start of the program

Students will be expected to begin the program in the winter semester.

### Prerequisites

- A bachelor's or higher degree is required. Students from different disciplinary backgrounds (political science, comparable social sciences, or engineering/natural sciences) are welcome to apply but some social science or political science training will be helpful.
- As the language of instruction is English, students must demonstrate English language proficiency.
- Admission to the program is based on a competitive selection process.

### Fees

[www.tum.de/en/studies/fees-and-financial-aid](http://www.tum.de/en/studies/fees-and-financial-aid)

### For further information, please visit

[www.hfp.tum.de/en](http://www.hfp.tum.de/en)

## Contact

### Questions about the program (including application process)

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## Master of Science

Hochschule für Politik München  
TUM School of Governance

## Politics & Technology



*Bringing Politics and Technology Together*

## A Unique Profile: Bringing Politics and Technology Together

The new Master's program offers an exciting new approach to the study of politics and policy in an age of major technological and economic changes. The program is intended for students willing to take on the challenge of addressing big questions, eager to think “outside of the box” and excited about working across disciplines.

In the program, students will learn advanced methodological tools and analytical skills, diverse theoretical approaches, and normative perspectives that can be applied to understanding the governance of new and existing technologies as well as pressing political and policy questions related to democratic and global governance, climate change, energy transitions, international trade and finance. Students will examine the causes of problems and analyze different policy solutions and instruments.

### Program Content

Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foundational courses (to be determined in consultation with a mentor)</li><li>• Politics and technology overview seminar</li><li>• Methodology class (advanced qualitative methods, computational methods or parametric statistics)</li><li>• Courses from a concentration module</li></ul>
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Courses from a concentration module</li><li>• Cognate courses in other departments</li></ul>
Semester 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Courses from a concentration module</li><li>• Cognate courses in other departments</li><li>• Practical training</li></ul>
Semester 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master's thesis</li></ul>

## Areas of Concentration

Depending on your background and specialization in political science, the program offers three areas of concentration:

- [Democracy in the Digital Age](#)
- [Global Governance, Ethics & Technology](#)
- [Governance of Big Transformations: Environmental, Social & Technological Aspects](#)

In each area of concentration, a variety of courses at the Hochschule für Politik München explore how technological innovations transform domestic, transnational, and international politics. Other courses examine the need and possibilities as well as the limits of democratic governance of technology at the local, national, European and global levels.

## Cognate Areas

There are rich course offerings in the 13 other departments of the Technical University of Munich to provide the students with multi- and interdisciplinary training in subjects such as digital economy, urban mobility and energy, economics and policy, social responsibility and corporate governance.

## Practical Training and Study Abroad

Students of the program will have the opportunity to pursue an internship, to study abroad, or to become involved in a research project with an advisor. This practical training enhances the career opportunities and may lay the groundwork for a Master's thesis.

## Mentorship

The faculty members of the Hochschule für Politik München are deeply committed educators. The Master's program includes a mentorship offering to assist students in developing the most appropriate field of study for their interests and in launching their career at the end of their studies.

## Career Prospects

Our Master's program gives students first-rate analytical and leadership skills. In this program which cuts across disciplines, students will gain outstanding skills for careers as analysts, communicators, managers, innovators and leaders at all levels of government and public administration, in the private sector, in think tanks, the media, domestic and international non-profit and non-governmental organizations.