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Global Political Economy of Sustainable Development

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc)

In cooperation with the Austrian Foundation
for Development Research (ÖFSE) and
the United Nations Industrial Development
Organization (UNIDO)

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Aims and objectives

With the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the concept of sustainable development will become the guiding framework for global development for the next decades. Based in the UN City Vienna, the master program aims at imparting policy-oriented knowledge and applied methods for design of sustainability policies on national and international level. The program has an interdisciplinary orientation and is based on a plural understanding of scientific approaches with respect to globalization and sustainability.

Target group

We welcome students with at least a bachelor degree in a broad variety of academic disciplines from all world regions, and a junior professional background in development, economic and financial policy, as well as in social and environmental policy.

Qualification profile and job opportunities

A solid but broad-based education in all dimensions of sustainable development and the opportunity to specialize in a variety of thematic areas prepare graduates to pursue careers in different professional fields, in particular in international organizations, government institutions, research organizations and NGOs. The graduates will have acquired strong analytical and conceptual skills that enable them to identify framework conditions for sustainable development and to develop policies in order to address social, ecological and economic problems in different contexts.



ULRICH BRAND,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
AND PROFESSOR
OF INTERNATIONAL
POLITICS, UNIVERSITY
OF VIENNA

“Our world is confronted with multiple crises. The challenges for realizing the social-ecological transformation envisioned by the UN Sustainable Development Goals are formidable. The master program will not only engage students in a critical rethink of prevailing modes of production and consumption, but offer them practical tools to design processes and policies to advance sustainable development.”

Admission requirements

- The minimum academic requirement for admission is a bachelor or other university degree equivalent to 180 ECTS as well as a professional experience of at least two years in a work area related to issues of sustainable development.
- Persons without an academic degree need to prove at least five years of work experience in a relevant field.
- Furthermore applicants are required to have an excellent command of English (Level C1).

Modules

MODULE	TITLE	ECTS	SEQUENCING
Core modules			
M1	Introduction to Sustainable Development	6	Semester 1
M2	Global Political Economy and Economic Development	6	Semester 1
M3	Global Political Economy of the State and Institutions	6	Semester 1
M4	Society-Nature Relations and Natural Resources	6	Semester 2
M5	Poverty, Inequality and the Social Dimension of Development	6	Semester 2
M6	Inclusive & Sustainable Industrial Development	6	Semester 1
M7	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	10	Semester 1
M8	Master Thesis Seminar	8	Semester 2,3
Optional modules (2 modules to be selected from list)			
M9a	Development Planning and Industrial Policies	6	Semester 2
M9b	International and Development Finance	6	Semester 2
M9c	Industrial Relations, Labour and Human Rights in a Globalizing World	6	Semester 2
M9d	Advanced Approaches to Socio-Ecological Transformation	6	Semester 2
M9e	Special Topics in Sustainable Development	6	Semester 2,3
Master Thesis		20	Semester 3
Thesis Defense		4	Semester 3
TOTAL		90	



LUDOVICO ALCORTA,
DIRECTOR ECONOMIC
AND STATISTICS
BRANCH, UNIDO

“UNIDO is at the forefront of implementing the new UN Sustainable Development Agenda. By focussing on the practical challenges for inclusive and sustainable industrial development, UNIDO is committed to making an essential contribution to the success of the new master program.”



WERNER RAZA,
DIRECTOR, AUSTRIAN
FOUNDATION FOR
DEVELOPMENT
RESEARCH (ÖFSE)

“At the heart of ÖFSE’s research agenda is the commitment to propose innovative policies for economic development that is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable. Engaging in a close intellectual cooperation with the new master program and hosting it at our premises, the C3 – Center for International Development, is an exciting prospect for us.”



SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

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Short Facts

Academic Degree	Master of Science (MSc)
Duration	3 semesters (full-time) or 5 semesters (part-time)
Units	90 ECTS
Language	English
Tuition fee	€ 14.500,-*
Start	Autumn 2017
Application deadline	May 31 st 2017

* subject to be approved by the Senate of the University of Vienna

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The University of Vienna is the oldest university in the German-speaking world and one of the largest in Central Europe. Thus, with more than 180 courses and about 94,000 students as well as staff of 9,700 employees, it is also the largest educational and scientific institution in Austria.

The university's Postgraduate Center offers a wide range of Advanced Postgraduate Programs. Students may choose from about 50 master programs, continuing education courses and certificate courses in the fields of »Education and Social Care«, »Health & Natural Sciences«, »International Affairs and Business«, »Communication and Media« and »Law«. In addition, the university offers tailor-made corporate programs targeted at the goals and specific needs of organisations.

All professional education programs of the University of Vienna are adjusted to the specific demands of professional life and aim at providing an interdisciplinary approach. Students will learn to understand how related scientific disciplines are interconnected with their specific fields of expertise. The Postgraduate Center is also active in the Austrian and international discourse on lifelong learning.

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