



Admission Requirements

Applications are welcome from highly motivated Master's graduates and pending graduates with an outstanding Master's degree relevant to one of the disciplines or research areas of the Graduate School.

Relevant degrees for admission to the Graduate School are, for instance, business administration, computer and information science, decision sciences, economics, mathematics, political science, psychology, public administration, sociology or statistics.

The **application deadline** for admission in October is **15th April**.

For further information, please visit:

– gsds.uni-konstanz.de/application/how-to-apply

The University

The University of Konstanz is one of Germany's Universities of Excellence. It is a role model for the integration of research into teaching. It is strong in research funding and is a truly international university, maintaining relations with 200 universities worldwide. The University's first-rate infrastructure includes its award-winning, 24-hour open library, state-of-the-art computer facilities and the provision of German and other foreign language courses.

Constance

Constance is one of Germany's choice destinations. Its unique setting on the shores of Lake Constance and the River Rhine, as well as its proximity to the Alps, Switzerland, Austria and France, make it the ideal location for study and leisure.

Contact

If you believe that our **Graduate School of Decision Sciences** meets your academic aspirations, then please do not hesitate to apply.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us.

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The Graduate School

Our Graduate School offers an ideal training and research environment for doctoral students concerned with decision making and its applications to important social science issues. It combines the perspectives of the various social science disciplines and gains from this interface a comprehensive understanding of human decision behaviour and its economic and political consequences. The three disciplines economics, political science and psychology constitute the main focus of the School. Our faculty also includes researchers from computer science, sociology and statistics.

The Graduate School of Decision Sciences is funded by the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments.

The Graduate School of Decision Sciences offers doctoral students a stimulating learning and research context, with a broad spectrum of courses and seminars, as well as an open and communicative academic environment.

Doctoral students benefit from our connections to a wide variety of national and international network partners. They also receive targeted career preparation to facilitate their entry into assistant professorships and postdoctoral positions at leading international research institutions or into top positions in the private or public sector.

The Graduate School is structured into four interdisciplinary **research areas**, between which various cross-connections exist.

Area A: Behavioural Decision Making

Researchers in this area specialise in behavioural economics, social/motivational psychology or cognitive psychology and explore the foundations of human decision processes and their applications.

Area B: Intertemporal Choice and Markets

Doctoral students specialising in this area analyse individual decisions over longer planning horizons and their market consequences are typical research applications in the fields of finance, labour and personnel economics, or macroeconomics.

Area C: Political Decisions and Institutions

Collective decisions are the keystone for research in political science and political economy. Doctoral students working in these fields typically combine formal modelling and advanced empirical strategies to study collective decision making.

Area D: Information Processing and Statistical Analysis

Issues of data generation and data analysis in the social sciences provide the research questions in this area, which comprises those researchers with a more methodological orientation.

Training Programme

In the first year of the Graduate School, students select one major research area and take courses totalling 18 ECTS in this area. In their selected minor research area, courses totalling 6 ECTS are taken. Furthermore, one doctoral seminar (7 ECTS) must be passed. In the second and third years, students take a further three doctoral seminars (each to the value of 7 ECTS).

In at least two of the seminars, a research paper must be produced. From the first year onwards, students are expected to regularly participate in research seminars at which they and faculty members present their research. The research seminars are offered jointly by several faculty members.

Year	Requirements	ECTS Credits
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Courses from the major research area– Course(s) from the minor research area– One doctoral seminar– Work on the doctoral thesis– Progress report at the end of the first year	18 6 7
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Two doctoral seminars– Work on the doctoral thesis– Two progress reports at six-month intervals	14
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– One doctoral seminar– Two progress reports at six-month intervals– Completion of the doctoral thesis– Disputation about the doctoral thesis	7 8
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