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MA LABOUR POLICIES AND GLOBALISATION 2025/26

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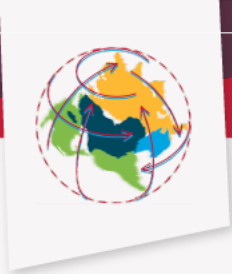


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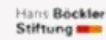
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MA LABOUR POLICIES AND GLOBALISATION

- MA LPG programme started in 2003/4
 - 300+ Alumni from more than 70 countries
- Study year 2025/26 will be the 22nd generation of students
- Joint degree programme in English offered at 2 German academic institutions:
 - University of Kassel - Faculty of Social Sciences (FB05) - Political Science Department
 - Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR) - Department of Business and Economics



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APPLICATION DEADLINES 2025/26

Applicants with international BA Degrees

The application period is from **20.12.2024 to 01.03.2025**. If you earned your degree outside of Germany, please submit your application via the Uni-Assist platform.

Applicants with BA Degrees from Germany

Applications are accepted annually from **June to September**. If you earned your degree in Germany, please submit your application via the **eCampus platform**.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Bachelor degree or equivalent in economics, law, pedagogy or social sciences.**
 - Total of 240 acquired ECTS credits.
 - In case you have earned less than 240 credits during your BA studies, it is still possible to get admitted to our programme. The admission will then be conditional on completing the missing credits during your MA studies by completing more courses or extending your studies by one or two semesters;
- **Knowledge of English language**
 - Equivalent to level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- **Advanced knowledge on issues of labour relations**
 - Practical experience in the representation of workers' interests.
- **A motivation letter (maximum 3 pages long) covering the following questions:**
 - How are your previous qualifications and your prospective professional aims and aspirations related to the Labour Policies and Globalisation programme?
 - What is your experience and knowledge in the field of labour relations?
 - Which challenges can you identify for trade union work in the context of a globalised economy and how can these challenges be researched (research proposal)?

LPG Examination Order:

https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/files/Studium/Alle-Studiengaenge/Master/Labour_Politics_and_Globalisation/English_LPG_Pr%C3%BCfungsordnung_vom_12._Juli_2023_website.pdf



DO I MEET THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

1. Carefully read the information materials

2. Guidance on preliminary suitability

Share documents per email with glu.germany@uni-kassel.de

Proof of engagement with labour issues (e.g., work certificate, reference letters, etc.)

Copies of BA degree and Transcript of Records including grades of prior and/or current studies at a university



STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Inform yourself about the eligibility to study at the programme

2. Submit your application documents via uni assist or eCampus for formal check (*processing time 6-8 weeks*)

3. If you pass the formal check, await the LPG Selection Committee's review (by June 2025).

Scholarship nominations are announced.

4. If admitted, begin enrollment and visa application (July–September 2025).

5. Start the LPG programme in October 2025



PROGRAMME TIMELINE 2025/26

| Month/Year | Activity |
|---|---|
| October 2025 | LPG Welcome Week |
| 13 October 2025 - 13 February 2026 | <u>Lecture period (Uni KS)</u> Seminars, workshops, excursions |
| <i>20 December 2025 – 11 January 2026</i> | <i>Winter semester break</i> |
| 16 February - 27 March 2026 | Six-week internship |
| Last week of March 2026 | Excursion to the ILO |
| April to September 2026 | Summer Semester (HWR) Seminars, workshops, Master Thesis + oral exam |



COST OF STUDYING AT THE MA LPG

Estimated monthly budget (Kassel Oct 2025 – Feb 2026)

| Item | Approximate Amount in Euros |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rent (for secured housing option) | 370 € |
| Health Insurance | 119-135 € |
| Broadcasting Fee | 18,36 € |
| Groceries / Supplies | 300-320 € |
| Cell Phone Airtime | 10 € -20 € |
| Eating Out / Entertainment | 110 € |
| Total (per month) | 927-973€ |

Note: budget for Berlin may be approx. 200 € more expensive

Additional costs (Oct 2025 – Sept 2026)

| Month | Purpose | Approx. in Euros |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Oct. 25 | University of Kassel semester fee (includes public transportation across Germany, access to the library, student discount in cafeteria etc.) | 356,82 € |
| Oct. 25 | Own Contribution (excursions, guest talks, extracurricular activities) | 1500 (€) |
| Oct. 25 | Deposit for student accommodation in Kassel | 400 € |
| Nov- Dec. 24 | Processing fees for the German residence permit | 110 € |
| Feb. /Mar. 26 | Internship (travel costs, higher rent, extra pocket money for high-cost locations in Geneva or Brussels) | 2.000 € -3.000 € |
| Feb. 26 | HWR Berlin semester fees (includes public transportation across Germany, access to the library, student discount in cafeteria etc.) | 335,64 € |
| Apr.- Sept. 26 | Student accommodation in Berlin | 450 € per month |
| Apr.26 | Deposit for student accommodation in Berlin | 1.000 € |
| TOTAL | | 8400 – 9400 € |



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Limited number of scholarships available for participants from the Global South.
- Scholarship usually:
 - 992 € per month
 - Travel to Germany and back
 - Costs during internship
 - Costs of health insurance in Germany
- The final decision is made by the funding institutions:
 - Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), UNI Global Union, Public Services International (PSI), International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), GLU Association, DAAD and similar.
- Nominations will be announced by June 2025.



MODULE STRUCTURE

Semester 1 - University of Kassel

Module 1: Processes of Globalisation
9 Credits

Module 2: Research Methods
8 Credits

Internship
8 Credits

25 Credits

Semester 2 - HWR Berlin

Module 3: Global Challenges to Labour
8 Credits

Module 4: Economic and Legal Responses to Globalisation
9 Credits

Master's Thesis
16 Credits

Oral Examination
2 Credits

35 Credits



GRADUATION





AFTER GRADUATION

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- Alumni research projects
- Alumni representatives
- GLU Online Academy
- Global Team of Trainers and Tutors
- GLU Working Papers
- Global Labour Column

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