

Call for Applicants:

Joint Master of Comparative Social Policy and Welfare 2014-2016

The Joint Master's degree programme in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare provides an in-depth education in comparative welfare state research and social policy analysis. The programme has a substantive focus on Social Policy in European countries, the European Union's social policy, and it provides a thorough education in qualitative and quantitative methodology as well as theoretical approaches to the comparative study of welfare state development. The programme's intercultural and interdisciplinary approach offers students a rich and valuable learning experience in an international environment.

Teaching and learning methods combine intensive periods of classroom instruction with innovative distance learning components (i.e. virtual lectures, IT supported organizations of education). Each semester starts with a two-week attendance period at one of the partner universities in Linz (Austria), Vilnius (Lithuania) and Tampere Finland. During the semester the courses are taught online, employing IT-based methods of instruction. Due to its strong distance-learning component, the Joint Master Programme in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare is uniquely suited for combining work and university studies.

The master's programme is offered jointly by three universities: the University of Tampere (Finland), the Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania) and the Johannes Kepler University Linz (Austria). Each partner university organises the application and admission process to the Master's programme separately.

The Johannes Kepler University Linz welcomes applications by mail or e-mail until Friday, April 12, 2014. Please, check the section ["How to apply"](#) at our website

<http://www.jku.at/gespol/content/e83045/e94688>

Admissions Requirements:

Students applying for the Joint Master's Degree Programme in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare must have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree programme or a Diploma degree programme in one of the Social Sciences (Political Science, Sociology, Public Policy, etc.), Economics and Business (Socio-Economics, Economics and Business, Business Administration, Economics), or have a degree in an equivalent area of study from a accredited Austrian or foreign post-secondary institute of education. A proof of a strong command of English is required.

See the curriculum at Johannes Kepler University Linz:

<http://www.jku.at/content/e262/e242/e2380/e2123/e2115>

Course descriptions: <https://lss.jku.at/studienhandbuch/curr/295>

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