TRAINING TOMORROW’S OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS

PhD Programs in Business, Economics and Social Sciences
Are you looking to work with like-minded people in an international academic environment? The Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS) at the University of Mannheim specializes in Business, Economics, and Social Sciences.

Profit from an internationally recognized teaching and training concept, and lay the foundations for you to become an independent researcher. Our focus is on empirical and quantitative methods and their application to Business, Economics, and Social Sciences. Conduct research in a unique environment across the program disciplines. Our courses are taught by respected faculty members and enhanced by our excellent libraries and resources. Take your research as far as your imagination allows and find your (academic) home in GESS and in Mannheim.

Our programs are organized in 3 centers:

- **Center of Doctoral Studies in Business (CDSB)**
  - Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Management, Marketing, Operations Management, Taxation

- **Center of Doctoral Studies in Economics (CDSE)**
  - Economics

- **Center of Doctoral Studies in Social Sciences (CDSS)**
  - Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
I really enjoy the scientific diversity and expertise of the GESS student body. It allows us to work closely together, to present our research to each other and exchange ideas.

HANNAH M. GRINGARD, CDSS
HOW TO APPLY

Apply via our online application portal for the September intake.

gess-application.uni-mannheim.de/portal
In-depth information is available on our web page.

Entry requirements

1 (Research-oriented) Master’s or excellent Bachelor’s degree in the respective field

2 Letter of motivation explaining why you want to join one of our programs

3 Two letters of recommendation from university professors

4 Test scores
   - Business Program: GMAT or GRE (preferably GMAT)
   - Economics Program: GRE
   - Social Sciences Program: TOEFL

5 Writing sample (e.g. a paper you have written during your studies)

Application period

Our online application portal will be open for five months from the beginning of November to March 31.

Early offer

If you would like to be considered for early offers, please complete and submit your application by

January 15 – for the program in Economics or
January 31 – for the programs in Business and Social Sciences.

Applications from candidates that are not accepted in the early round will be reconsidered with all other applications after the final deadline of March 31.
GESS AT A GLANCE

Nationality by region of current students

- 79% Europe
- 14% Asia/Pacific
- 3% Americas
- 4% Africa/Middle East

- 41% Female students
- 45 New students per year
- 26 Nationalities
- 151 Faculty members
- 256 Current students
- 235 Alumni
- 64 International guest professors presenting their latest research per semester
- 163 Alumni with academic positions
WHY UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM

Besides its striking location in Germany’s largest baroque palace, the university offers a stimulating and unique research environment. Benefit from the University’s extensive network both at home and abroad and start building your own network.

RESEARCH PARTNERS (selection):
- Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)
- GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
- Central Institute of Mental Health (ZI)

RESEARCH CENTERS (selection):
- Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
- Collaborative Research Center 884 „Political Economy of Reforms“
- Leibniz Science Campus Mannheim Taxation (MaTax)

A community of athletes and artists – discover a wide range of activities
The university offers more than 80 different sports activities and over 400 courses. Enjoy a fully equipped fitness center or a wide variety of ball, combat or watersports, yoga, and many more. You need a sports buddy? The Institute of Sports will help you find one.

Enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Join our university choir or the symphony orchestra. Both have a different concert program each semester.

All students are encouraged to gain international experience and to build their own international network through the extensive funding and research networks.

JUSTIN LEDUC, CDSE
MANNHEIM AT A GLANCE

The city of squares
A quick glance at the city map and you will realize why Mannheim is called the city of squares. This grid pattern inner-city layout stretches out from Germany’s largest baroque palace, the building that is home to the University of Mannheim.

Student night life
With more than 29,000 students, Mannheim has a lively bar and club scene for young people. Make sure to join the weekly Schneckenhofparty, a big favorite of every student, which takes place every Thursday in the palace.

Rich cultural offerings
With a wide range of museums, theaters, and cinemas, the city is recognized for its rich and well-established cultural sector. It also hosts an international film festival once a year.

UNESCO City of Music
Enjoy the lively music scene with numerous festivals and concerts. Mannheim has a strong commitment to music and pop culture and is home to the ‘University of Popular Music and Music Business’ as well as start-up companies, ventures and projects within the music industry.

Summertime along the rivers
Summer is the time to join Mannheimers for food and drinks in beergardens and beach clubs that are located along the Rhine and Neckar rivers. Or just bring your friends for a picnic and chill out along the river.

Population and diversity
With around 300,000 inhabitants Mannheim is one of the biggest cities in south-west Germany. Explore an open-minded and multicultural city. More than 44% of Mannheim’s inhabitants have an international background.

Public transport
Within the city and the wider region, you can reach almost every place easily by bus, tram, city train or train. And as a student you can benefit from the highly discounted ‘Semesterticket’.

Daytrips or weekend getaways
Close to the borders of France and Switzerland, Mannheim is the perfect base for travelers. Fancy a weekend in Paris? Take a train and you’ll be there in only three hours. Closer to home, enjoy the nearby Pfalz wine region or a day trip to the romantic city of Heidelberg.
Study in a baroque palace in the heart of Europe and join one of our 11 PhD Programs.

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