

MSc Pedagogical Sciences: Deafblindness

Which theoretical and methodological tools are useful to analyze communication between people with deafblindness and their communication partners? Which assessment procedures can be developed in order to evaluate cognition, interaction and communication? How can staff training improve tactile sign language acquisition?
These kind of questions are addressed in this Master's degree programme in Educational Sciences: 'Deafblindness'. It is an international programme within which you acquire theoretical and methodological skills enabling you to analyze and research development and learning of individuals with complex disabilities. You will be taught and supervised by international experts. This is the only master's programme in the world focussing on education and support of people with deafblindness.

Field of research

- domains for research are concentrated on the topics of development, learning, social participation, education and support of people with deafblindness
- research is also conducted in the field of people with deafblindness and additional disabilities, or in the field of people with sensory and multiple disabilities
- research lines are: social interaction and communication, sign language, embodied and tactile cognition, experiential learning and outdoor activities, sign language acquisition, quality of life, participation and identity

Course examples

- Introduction to Deafblindness
- Research Methods
- Internship (practical training and supervision)

Career opportunities

The programme provides knowledge and skills to obtain a position in the field of education related to deafblindness or other related fields, including complex disabilities

Application deadline

1 September:
1 March (EU/EEA/Non-EU/EEA)
1 April (Ba PW/OW)

Tuition fees (2027-2028)

EU/EEA: €2,770 (full-time)
EU/EEA: € 2,039 (part-time)
Non EU/EEA: €22,800 (full-time)

Duration

1 year full-time
2 years part-time

Entry requirements

Bachelor Pedagogical Sciences, Educational Sciences, Social Sciences or a similar relevant Bachelor's degree (e.g. Youth Studies, Special Needs Education etc.) and sufficient knowledge of methodology.

Sufficient level of English
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→ entry requirements
Please note: selection by lottery

More information

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Course titles are subject to change. Please consult the website for a current schedule.