



LEUPHANA

Graduate School

Leuphana Graduate School

Combining academic expertise with practical know-how



AT A GLANCE

Master's programme

The guiding principle of the Leuphana Graduate School is "The Future of Civil Society". Our Master's programme lasts two years and offers you three different pathways: Arts & Sciences, Management & Entrepreneurship, and Education. Within these pathways you can further specialise in one of the following areas (majors):

Arts & Sciences

Culture, Arts and Media, M.A.
Public Economics, Law and Politics, M.A.
Sustainability Sciences, M.Sc.

Management & Entrepreneurship

Management & Business Development, M.A.
Management & Engineering, M.Sc.
Management & Human Resources, M.A.
Management & Controlling/Information Systems, M.A.
Management & Marketing, M.A.
Management & Tax/Auditing, LL.M.

Education

Educational Sciences, M.A.
Teacher Training for Vocational Schools – Social Education, M.Ed.* ("berufsbildende Schulen")
Teacher Training for Vocational Schools – Economics, M.Ed.*
Teacher Training for Primary and Secondary General Schools, M.Ed.* ("Grund- und Hauptschulen")
Teacher Training for Intermediate Schools, M.Ed.* ("Realschulen")

PhD programme

The Leuphana Graduate School also offers a three-year PhD programme for internal and external applicants in the same thematic fields as our Master's programme. The following PhD degrees can be obtained:

Dr. phil. (Humanities)
Dr. rer. nat. (Natural Sciences)
Dr. rer. pol. (Public & Business Economics/Social Sciences)
Dr. jur. (Legal Sciences)

*Please note that varying provisions may apply to the teacher training courses.

WELCOME



What comes after I earn my Bachelor's degree? This is a relevant question for many recent graduates who have completed their first degree and are seeking a rewarding, responsible career. Would it be better to complete a Master's degree before embarking on a professional career? Should I think about doing a PhD once I have finished my Master's degree? Where should I go to make the most of my career?

The answers to those questions depend on your priorities, and these are not always easy to reconcile. On the one hand, you might feel the need to complete your degree as quickly as possible, while on the other hand, you are thirsty for knowledge. Your desire for thoroughness may be accompanied by an impatient zest for action. The Leuphana University of Lüneburg has established a new graduate scheme that brings together these seemingly conflicting goals. The Leuphana Graduate School offers you an integrated approach, enabling you to combine academic research with practical experience, and area-specific expertise with general knowledge. Furthermore, we are the only Graduate School in Germany to adopt the Anglo-Saxon model of consecutive Master's and PhD degrees. This allows you to get started on your PhD immediately after completing your Master's, thereby offering you a quicker route towards a doctoral degree. Starting in 2010, a fast-track model for highly qualified Bachelor graduates will develop this pathway even further.

Our Master's and PhD programmes will provide graduates with ideal preparation for the pursuit of satisfying careers in academic research, business, or cultural and educational organisations. We look forward to welcoming you to our community of students and alumni at the Leuphana Graduate School!

Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel
Vice President, Graduate Programmes and International Affairs

OUR UNIVERSITY MODEL

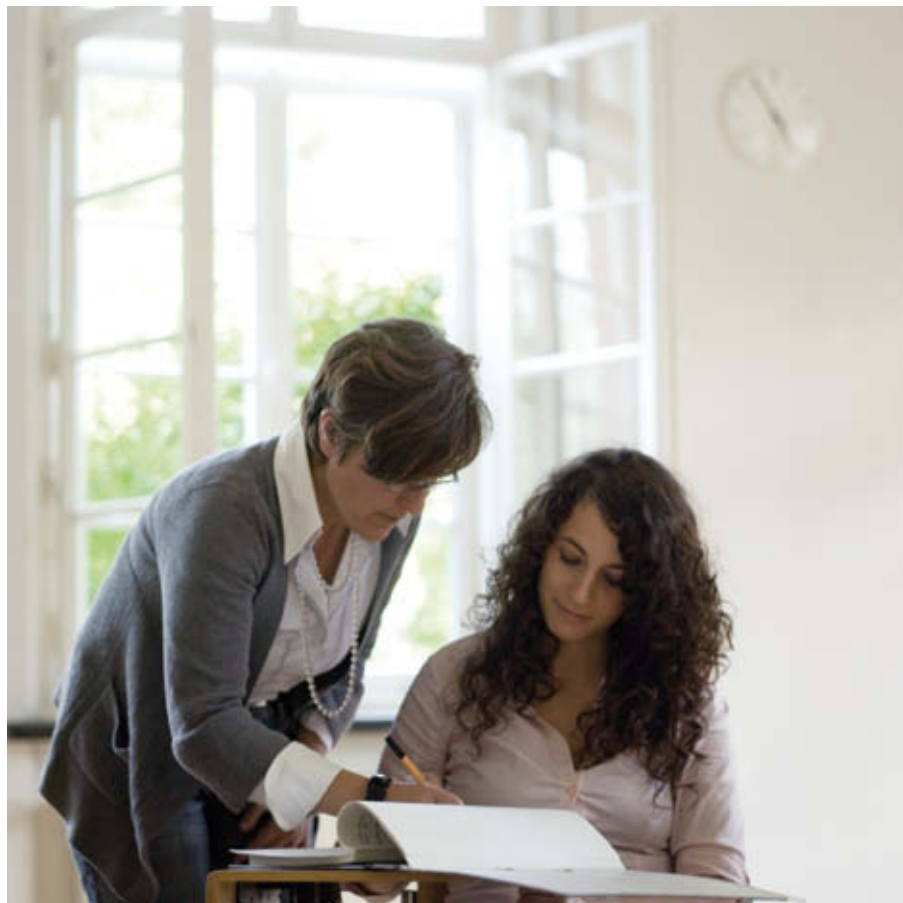
In 2006, the Leuphana University of Lüneburg embarked on a groundbreaking reform process. Our university has developed pioneering models of Bachelor's and Master's programmes which are unique in Germany in terms of content and organisational structure. Our approach combines specialised expertise with broad-based academic education. In this way, we encourage students to develop a commitment to the idea of sustainability and to think and act independently.

Leuphana has recently received a national award from the "Stifterverband der Deutschen Wissenschaft" (the main association of German scientific foundations) and the Heinz Nixdorf Foundation. The University was honoured for its outstanding approach of confronting the challenges of 21st-century civil society in education and research. The jury of the Academic Excellence Competition for small and medium-sized universities has praised Leuphana for developing "the best strategies to exploit the opportunities produced by change and for driving innovation forward."

Four science-focused initiatives – sustainability, culture, education, and management & entrepreneurship – constitute the foundation of all our study, research and continuing education programmes.

The Leuphana University of Lüneburg consists of three organisational units, focusing on the needs of various academic constituencies: the College, which offers specialised and interdisciplinary Bachelor's programmes, the Graduate School with its consecutive Master's and PhD programmes, and the Professional School, focusing on continuing education and knowledge transfer.

In October 2007, the Leuphana College was inaugurated by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, former United States President Jimmy Carter. One year later, the official speaker and guest of honour, Prof. Dr. Yves Mény, President of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, confirmed that the Leuphana Graduate School is "a model unique in Europe" when he addressed attendees at the Graduate School's opening ceremony. As a result of our cutting-edge reforms, we have been successful in attracting leading academics as well as industry and research partners to Lüneburg – the famous architect Daniel Libeskind is just one example.



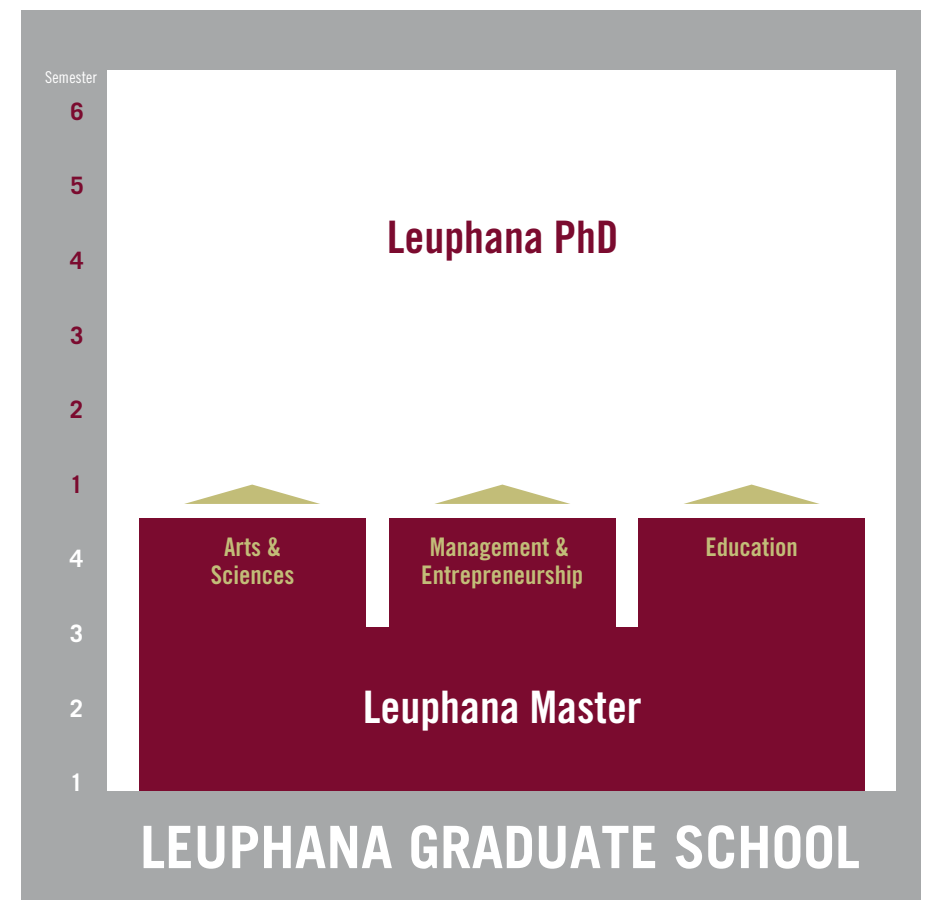
LEUPHANA GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Leuphana Graduate School offers you a flexible academic education which can be tailored to your needs. Our consecutive Master's and PhD programmes enable you to lay the foundations for your future PhD in an uncomplicated way while undertaking your Master's programme: Either by directly converting your Master's thesis into a PhD dissertation or by attending selected PhD courses while still enrolled in your Master's programme. The latter option, which is also called a "fast-track", is available to extraordinarily qualified Bachelor graduates.

All students studying at the Leuphana University of Lüneburg are involved in current research topics and are encouraged to actively develop their own question concepts from the very beginning of their studies. A close relationship between students, course tutors, and professors is an important feature of innovative research – as one of the smaller German universities, Leuphana is able to provide these excellent conditions.

Area-specific competencies in and of themselves are no longer sufficient to adequately address contemporary societal challenges. At Leuphana, we offer our students multidisciplinary studies to equip them with the necessary skills to meet the challenges of the future. In joint lectures, you will work with pioneering academics from various disciplines. You will be given the opportunity to conduct research from different scientific perspectives. You will also learn to develop solutions that extend beyond the borders of your discipline.

Thus, our graduates benefit from both a thorough grounding in their subject area and a broad-based academic education, including problem-solving skills, all of which are applicable to a variety of professional areas.



PROGRAMMES

Master's programmes

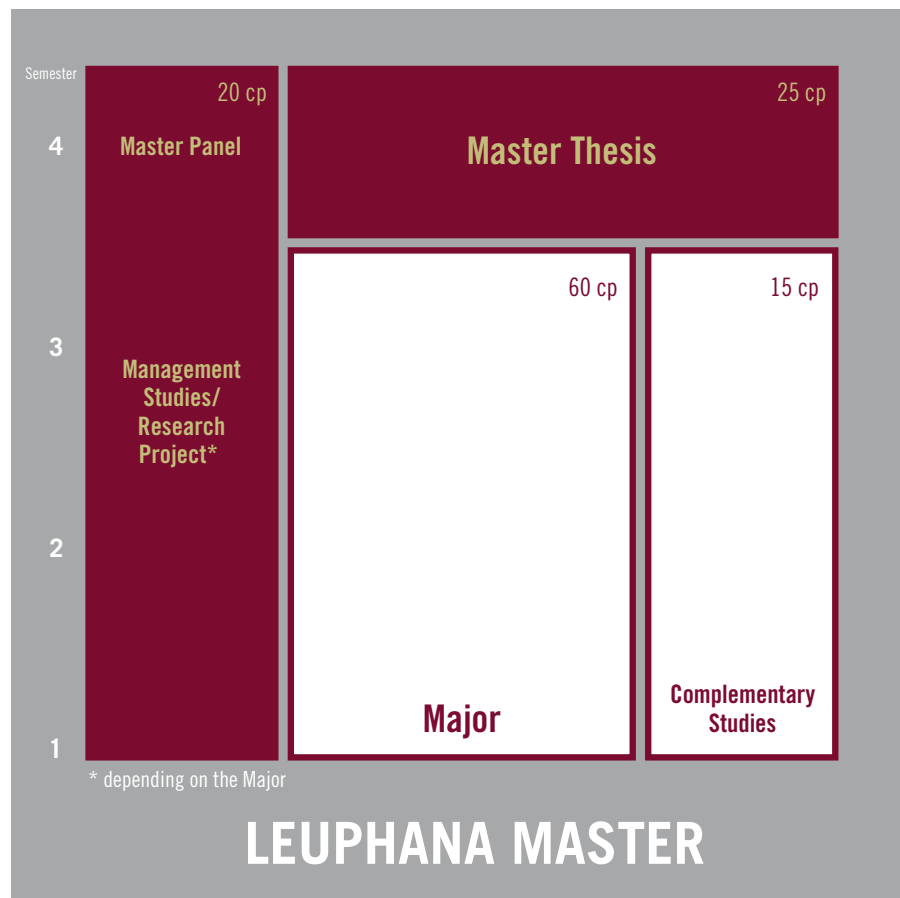
The Leuphana Graduate School offers Master's programmes which build on your Bachelor. Degrees are offered in three thematic areas: Arts & Sciences, Management & Entrepreneurship, and Education.

The Arts & Sciences programme is strongly focused on research. Students are involved in research projects in their areas of specialisation right from the outset and work with their tutors on research activities of their own. The Management & Entrepreneurship Master's programme allows you to apply theoretical economic knowledge to a professional environment within a business or any other organisation. The Education programme combines academic approaches in educational science research with practice-oriented teacher training.

Although the Graduate School's three Master's programmes differ in their thematic focus, they all have the same structure: students choose a specialised pathway (major) which provides them with a systematic foundation in their subject area. Within the major (see "At a glance"), students can elect to specialise even further in different areas such as business law or psychology. In addition, all students follow a compulsory component of the curriculum called "complementary studies". These three course modules focus on an interdisciplinary approach to scientific theories, methods, and ethics.

PhD programme

The Leuphana Graduate School's PhD programme consists of six compulsory course modules students are enrolled in while writing their PhD dissertation. Once again, three course modules focus on interdisciplinary areas of scientific work, while the other three courses foster development and discussion of the students' selected research topics.



VOICES

"For too long have academically committed students in Germany had to divide their studies between a pre-doctoral stage ending with a Master's degree, followed by a lonely process of writing a dissertation which often had virtually no relationship to the work completed in the previous stage. To its immense credit the Leuphana Graduate School now offers a different model which is nothing short of superb. Getting a doctorate in this manner does not only enhance any student's professional skills, but it also makes the whole process much more pleasant and enjoyable."

Prof. Andy Markovits
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



"As a manager, I have been following closely the ways in which our changing environment places increasing demands on business executives. Responsible, evidence-based decision-making along with sustainable management of change and innovation, rooted in well-grounded and interdisciplinary theoretical knowledge are the skills we need to both demand and promote in our future executives. The Leuphana Master provides its graduates with an effective preparation to meet these challenges."

Dr. Rolf Bartke
President of the Supervisory Board
KUKA Member of the Supervisory Board, EADS



"Although only recently established, the Leuphana Graduate School is distinctive for its high standards and best practices, on a par with the top university institutions. The structure of its Master's and PhD training programme differs rather radically from others - fortunately for the better. Leuphana University has all the requisites to enter the international scene and attract excellent candidates."

Prof. Dr. Yves Mény
President of the European University Institute
(EUI), Florence, Italy



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