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Factsheet on the Discontinuation of the Degree Program «Master of Arts (MA) in Health Sciences»

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Enrolling for the «Master of Arts (MA) in Health Sciences» is already not possible any more. The degree program will be discontinued in the next years. Graduating in the MA Health Sciences is only possible within certain deadlines. This leaflet informs students of the MA Health Sciences about transitional periods and their entitlement to graduation.

Beginning in the fall semester of 2019, for the first time a «Master of Science (MSc) in Health Sciences» is offered by the Department of Health Sciences and Medicine. For the MSc Health Sciences new study and examination regulations have been adopted and enter into force as of August 1st, 2019.

For students who have started their degree program in MA Health Sciences before 2019, the study and examination regulations for the Master's program «Master of Arts (MA) in Health Sciences» dated June 29th, 2016 continue to apply. According to the study and examination regulations and the respective guidelines, the curriculum for the second program year of the «Master of Arts (MA) Health Sciences» will continue to be offered until the spring semester of 2020 inclusively. After that the discontinuation regulations as shown below apply. For assignments completed within the first program year, the student advisory service can be contacted.

1. Deadlines

	Enrollment possible until	Graduating possible until	Registration deadline Master's procedure
Master of Arts (MA) in Health Sciences	No longer possible (since 2019 only for the MSc Health Sciences)	Spring semester of 2022	October 15, 2021

By the end of these deadlines and without additional request for extending the deadlines, the student is administratively exmatriculated. The program MA Health Sciences can no longer be continued after the deadlines have expired. Failed assignments can no longer be repeated. Exceptions are the integral parts of the Master's procedure (Master's thesis and oral final examination). These may also be repeated once after the deadline within the following semester. Due to these implications it is important to plan the mandatory assignments as well as the graduation procedure on a long term. Students are required to adhere to the registration dates for the final examination. In case of any questions or uncertainties, the Department's student advisory service can be contacted.

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2. Deadline extension

In order to avoid cases of hardship, an extension of the stipulated deadline can be submitted to and examined by the study and examination board. The study and examination board has the power to approve a request on the basis of reasonable grounds, such as serious illness, maternity/parental leave, care of a close relative. The extension request must be submitted together with the respective supporting document at the Department's program administration to the attention of the study and examination board at the latest before completion of the courses and lectures of the last possible graduation semester. In individual cases the study period can then be extended by a maximum of 3 semesters.

3. Possibilities for changing the degree program

It is possible for students of the «Master of Arts (MA) in Health Sciences» to switch to the «Master of Science (MSc) in Health Sciences». To do so, a request must be submitted in writing to the study and examination board including a credit form. Please note that due to the new content and program structure of the MSc Health Sciences, assignments passed in the MA Health Sciences can only be credited conditionally and a change of program usually prolongs the duration of program by at least one year. Assignments passed in the MA Health Sciences are only taken into account if equivalent in content and scope.

For more detailed information and in case of questions, please contact the Department's student advisory service.