Master & Doctoral Programs at Freie Universität Berlin and LMU Munich

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Freie Universität Berlin & Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

TWO TOP UNIVERSITIES. TWO AMAZING CITIES.
Academic Structure in Germany

Bachelor’s Degree
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)

Master’s Degree
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Engineering (MEng), LL.M

Research-oriented Master’s Degree
Professional Master’s Degree

Doctoral Degree
- Dr. rer. nat.
- Dr. phil.
- Dr. rer. soz.
- etc.

Graduate School

Qualified students holding a Bachelor’s degree may be recommended for a **PhD fast-track**, linking Master and PhD programs (if applicable).
Types of Master’s Degrees

Consecutive
Builds on a subject-related Bachelor’s degree

Non-Consecutive / Continuing Education
May require qualifying professional experience of at least one year in addition to a university degree; not tied to the content of a previous bachelor’s degree program
Applying to a Master’s Program

Application procedures, deadlines and requirements vary consult individual program website for details

LMU Munich ➔ submit application directly to university
FU Berlin ➔ international students apply via the online portal uni-assist.de

General requirements:
• Undergraduate degree (in specific field of study)
• Submit online application form
• Supporting documents (e.g. CV, copy of Bachelor’s certificate, transcripts of records incl. completed courses and final grade, letter of motivation, essay & reference
Applying to a Structured PhD Program

General Steps
Search for available PhD positions and open calls on universities’ websites

Select and apply to one or several doctoral programs

After being admitted to the program, apply to the department (“Zulassung”)

After acceptance by the department, doctoral candidates must formally enroll as doctoral students with the central student administration office

Funding
Consult individual programs for financial support opportunities, compensation packages or grant/scholarship programs
Freie Universität Berlin
International Network University
Berlin

- Capital of Germany
- Located in the heart of Europe
- One of the world's top 10 best cities for students
- Booming economy and exciting startup scene
Research opportunities: Ancient Civilizations, Literary Studies, Mathematics, Nanoscale Materials, Neuroscience, Oncology, Regenerative Therapies

Unique “Area Studies” on North America, Latin America, Eastern Europe, East Asia, Muslim Cultures & Societies

By the numbers
• 30,500 students and 4,300 doctoral candidates
• 105+ master’s degree programs (more than 20 taught in English) / 50+ doctoral degree programs
• International students represent 20% of master’s students and 32% of doctoral candidates
International Master’s Programs

• China-Europe Executive Master of Business Marketing (MBM)
• East European Studies Online (M.A.)
• English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture (M.Aa)
• European and International Business, Competition, and Regulatory Law (MBL)
• Global History (M.A.)
• Intellectual Encounters of the Islamicate World (M.A.)
• International Relations Online (M.A.)
• North American Studies (M.A.)
• Sociology – European Societies (M.A.)
• Visual and Media Anthropology (M.A.)

12 additional Master’s programs in natural sciences (e.g. Pharmaceutical Science, Neuroscience, Polymer Science, Molecular Medicine, Bioinformatics)
M.A. Sociology- European Societies

This program focuses on the sociological inquiry of European societies in a global and transnational world. The program’s main emphasis in faculty research and graduate training is on comparative social analyses, transnationalization, and Europeanization.

Requirements: Bachelor’s degree or equivalent with a sociology component

Language: English or German/English

Duration: 4 semesters, winter start only

How to Apply: via uni-assist.de

Fees: no tuition (only administrative fees)

Dates: Application period April 15 – May 31, 2018
M.A. Visual and Media Anthropology

This is a highly international, web-based advanced degree program educating media professionals. In addition to E-learning, the program offers 2 week blocks of in-house courses.

Requirements:
• Bachelor’s degree or equivalent
• Basic technical skills in film, video, photography
• One year related work experience

Language: English

Duration: 4 semesters

How to Apply: directly to the program via online application

Fees: 2,995 € per semester

Application period: January – April 30, 2018
Graduate Schools at Freie Universität Berlin

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES

BERLINER ANTIKE-KOLLEG

FRIEDRICH SCHLEGEL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LITERARY STUDIES

BERLIN SCHOOL OF INTEGRATIVE ONCOLOGY
The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. The area of study includes Muslim societies in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

**Requirements:**
Master’s degree in related discipline

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 3 years, winter start only

**How to apply:** directly to the graduate school via online application

**Application deadline:** November 18, 2017
Open Calls (updated on 10/18/2017)

Master’s Programs
Deadlines vary by program. The application period for the winter 2018/2019 semester is December – May. The application period for the summer semester is December/January.

PhD Programs
• International Max Planck Research School on Life Course (November 30, 2017)
• International Max Planck Research School for Moral Economies of Modern Societies (December 1, 2017)
• Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (December 1, 2017)
• PhD Program at Berlin Mathematical School (December 1, 2017)
• Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies (December 1, 2017)
• International Max Planck Research School for Moral Economies of Modern Societies (December 1, 2017)
Dahlem Research School (DRS)

Services for doctoral candidates:

• Welcome services for (international) fellows
• Information & advice
• Mentoring for female candidates
• Research and management skills development
• Career development support for careers inside and outside academia
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Munich

- Capital of Bavaria
- Germany’s primary hub for higher education, research, technology, and media
- Home to world renowned museums, galleries, theatres, and festivals
- Within easy reach of the Bavarian Alps
Research opportunities in:
  Ancient Studies, Studies with an emphasis on Eastern Europe, Nano Sciences, Origin of the Universe, Photonics and Quantum Optics, Molecular Biosystems, Neurosciences, Protein Sciences, Translational Health Science

By the numbers:
• 51,025 students (15% international students), 1,270 doctoral degrees awarded each year
• 130+ Master Programs (incl. 24 taught entirely in English-taught)
• 35+ Doctoral Programs
International Master Programs

- Astrophysics (MSc)
- Biochemistry (MSc)
- Biology (MSc)
- Data Science (MSc)
- Epidemiology (MSc)
- Evolution, Ecology, and Systematics (MSc)
- Geo- and Paleobiology (MSc)
- Geology (MSc)
- Geophysics (MSc)
- International Occupational Safety and Health (MSc)
- Meteorology (MSc)
- Neuro-Cognitive Psychology (MSc)
- Neuroscience (MSc)
- Physics (MSc)
- Phycology Master’s Program in the Learning Sciences (MSc)
- Software Engineering (MSc)
- Theoretical and Mathematical Physics (MSc)

Additional programs offered in humanities and social sciences
The Biology Master’s Program offers a state-of-the-art education in a wide variety of biological fields, including Anthropology, Cell Biology, Ecology, Evolution, Genetics, Human Biology, Microbiology, Neurobiology, Plant Sciences, Systematic Biology, and Zoology.

**Requirements:**
Bachelor’s degree in Biology or related discipline  
**Language:** English  
**Duration:** 4 semester, winter start only  
**How to Apply:** directly to the faculty of biology and to the LMU International Office  
**Fees:** no tuition (only administration fees)  
**Application period:** March – April 30, 2018
Learning Sciences is a research-oriented interdisciplinary program that promotes a selected group of highly motivated students to engage in state-of-the-art research in the internationally emerging field of the Learning Sciences.

**Requirements:**
Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in Psychology, Education, or a related discipline; prior knowledge in Learning Sciences, Scientific Research Methods and Statistics, and Academic Skills

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 4 semester, winter start only

**How to Apply:** via online application tool (program website) + interview phase

**Fees:** no tuition (only administration fees)

**Application period:** Mid January - March 1, 2018

A 10-week internship (minimum 350 hours) is included
Meet our Alumni, current Students and Researchers

PhD Student: April Moeller
April Moeller hails from the United States. She is a former Master student in Neuro-Cognitive Psychology at LMU and current PhD candidate at the Munich Center of Advanced Learning in Munich.

Master Student: Tachara Larocque
Canadian student Tachara Larocque is currently enrolled in the Master's Degree Program in Geology at LMU Munich.

Studied in Munich: Steven Montero
Steven Montero studied at LMU Munich within the Lewis & Clark Year of Study in Munich Program.
Examples of Structured Doctoral Programs
The LSM offers an international doctoral program in life sciences covering areas of anthropology, biochemistry and cell biology, ecology, evolution, genetics, microbiology, plant sciences, systematics and zoology. Research training will be supplemented by seminars, retreats, methods courses, training in transferable skills and participation at least in one international conference.

**Requirements:** Master’s of Science Degree or, in special cases, a Bachelor’s degree with honors

**Required Documents:** CV, transcripts of records (high school, bachelor’s studies, and master’s studies), 2 letters of reference

**Duration:** 3-4 years

**How to apply:** LSM online application system

**Application Period:** October 5 – November 29, 2017
Master’s Programs

Deadlines for program admission vary by program. Application periods for central admission end July 15 (winter start) and January 15 (summer start).

PhD Programs

- MIMESIS Doctoral Program for Literature and the Arts (October 20, 2017)
- Research Training Group Globalization and Literature (October 31, 2017)
- Doctoral Program Environment and Society (November 15, 2017)
- Graduate School of Quantitative Biosciences Munich (November 21, 2017)
- Graduate School Life Science Munich (November 29, 2017)
- Graduate School Language & Literature: Class of Language (December 3, 2017)
- Graduate School Language & Literature: Class of Language Education (December 3, 2017)
- Graduate School Language & Literature: Class of Literature (December 3, 2017)
LMU Graduate Center – Doctoral Studies

The Graduate Center is the central coordination and service unit for doctoral studies at LMU Munich. It offers advice and support for doctoral students as well as for professors and coordinators of doctoral programs. In addition, the university cooperates with other institutions on a doctoral level.

Services for doctoral students:
• general information on doctorates at LMU Munich
• wide range of courses in transferable skills
• LMU Completion Grant
• Travel Grant

www.en.graduatecenter.lmu.de
Cost of Living

- Check program for tuition fees
- Semester fee €120-300 (price depends on public transportation pass)
- Mandatory health insurance for students (€90/month – price depends on age)
- Average cost of living about €700-800/month (rent, food, phone fees etc.)

Accommodation: Start your hunt early!
Look for information on “housing” on the universities’ websites
For more information:

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