Pursuing Graduate Studies at Freie Universität Berlin and LMU Munich

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Freie Universität Berlin & Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

TWO TOP UNIVERSITIES. TWO AMAZING CITIES.
Top-Ranked Universities and University Cities

Top-Ranked
LMU Munich (#1) and Freie Universität Berlin (#9) are recognized as part of THE Best Universities in Germany 2019

Best Cities
Berlin (#7) and Munich (#6) are ranked as part of the QS Best University Cities of 2018
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

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

**Graduate School**
- Research-oriented Master’s Degree
- Professional Master’s Degree

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
Language Requirements

**International Master Programs**

- Growing number of programs taught in English
- No proof of German skills required
- Proficiency in English does not need to be certified if BA from institution with English as official language or if native speaker

**German-taught Master Programs**

- Submit proof of language proficiency
- German Language Certificates, e.g.: “Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang” (DSH), “TestDaF” (can be taken in the US, www.testdaf.de)

Other languages may be required for certain subject fields; check which language certificates are accepted by university
Applying to a Master’s Program

Application procedures, deadlines and requirements vary

**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)
• Submitting an 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)
Doctorate in Germany – Different Options

**Individual Doctoral Studies**
*Apprenticeship Model*

The doctoral candidate
...has a supervisor
...is free to choose a subject
...has no timely limitations
...has no curriculum to follow

86% of all doctoral candidates

**Doctoral Programs**
*Structured Doctorate*

The doctoral candidate
...has a team of supervisors
...is integrated into a network
...has a time frame (3 years)
...has a complementary curriculum
...has a supervision agreement

14% of all doctoral candidates
Applying to a Structured PhD Program

**General Steps**

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

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.
Founded in 1948

Approx. 30,000 students

From around 150 nations in the world

Freie Universität Berlin
# DEPARTMENTS, CENTRAL INSTITUTES, AND CENTRAL FACILITIES

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Charité-Universitätsmedizin
Master Programs M.Sc. | M.A.

20+ programs in English

- Computational Sciences (M.Sc.) (5/31/19)
- Intellectual Encounters of the Islamicate World (M.A.) (5/31/19)
- Global History (M.A.) (5/31/19)
- Pharmaceutical Research (M.Sc.) (5/31/19)
- Sociology – European Societies (M.A.) (5/31/19)
- Polymer Science (M.Sc.) (4/30/19)
- Bioinformatics (M.Sc) (5/31/19)
- North American Studies (M.A.) (5/31/19)
- Visual and Media Anthropology (M.A.) tbd
Doctoral Programs

20 programs in English

- Economics and Management Sciences 02/15/19
- Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies 2/24/2019
- Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies Fall 2019
- Graduate School Global Intellectual History Summer 2019
- Berlin Mathematical School 03/01/19
- Graduate Program Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology 08/01/19
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- Center for junior researchers at Freie Universität Berlin
- Targeted support, comprehensive training and education, professional development
- Quality and integrity assurance for graduate programs
LMU Munich –

As one of Europe’s leading research universities, LMU is committed to the highest international standards of excellence in research and teaching.
Founded in 1472

Approx. 50,000 students

From around 130 nations in the world

LMU München
Departments

- Law
- Economics
- Social Sciences
- Humanities & Cultural Studies
- Medicine
- Natural Sciences

18 Faculties
Master Programs M.Sc. | M.A.
30 programs in English

- Data Science (M.Sc.) mid-April 2019
- Economics (M.Sc.) 4/30/2019
- Epidemiology (M.Sc.) 5/15/2019
- Human Biology – Principles of Health and Disease (M.Sc.) 3/31/2019
- Software Engineering (M.Sc.) 5/1/2019
- Evolution, Ecology & Systematics (M.Sc.) 3/31/2019
- American History, Culture & Society (M.A.) 7/1/2019
- Media, Management and Digital Technologies M.A.) 5/15/2019
- Learning Sciences (M.Sc.) 3/1/2019
Doctoral Programs
40+ programs in English

- Doctoral Program Buddhist Studies 6/1/2019
- Doctoral Program in the Learning Sciences 3/1/2019
- Munich Graduate School of Economics 3/1/2019
- Graduate School Life Science Munich open all year
- Graduate School of Systemic Neurosciences 2/21/2019
The Graduate Center is the central coordination and service unit for doctoral studies at LMU Munich. It offers advice and support for doctoral students.

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

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Meet our Alumni, current Students and Researchers

Studied in Munich: Brett Gooden
Brett Gooden graduated with his Bachelor’s in Political Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2011. He moved to Munich from Taiwan in 2016 to pursue his Master’s degree in American Studies at Ludwig-Maximilians University.

PhD Student: Sakina Gröppmaier
Sakina Gröppmaier did her Master’s degree in American Studies at LMU Munich from 2016-2018 after finishing her undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto in English Literature and History. She is currently pursuing a PhD at the Amerika-Institut at LMU Munich.

Studied in Munich: Stephanie Shousha
Stephanie Shousha studied abroad from 2012-2013 at LMU Munich during her second year of undergraduate studies at McGill University in Canada. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Water Resources in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Montreal.

FU-BEST Alum: DL Moffitt
DL Moffitt is from Louisville, Kentucky and

FU-BEST Alumna: Jennifer Pampolina

PhD Student: April Moeller
April Moeller hails from the United States.
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✓ Short-Term Summer Courses

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