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# Master & Doctoral Programs at Freie Universität Berlin and LMU Munich

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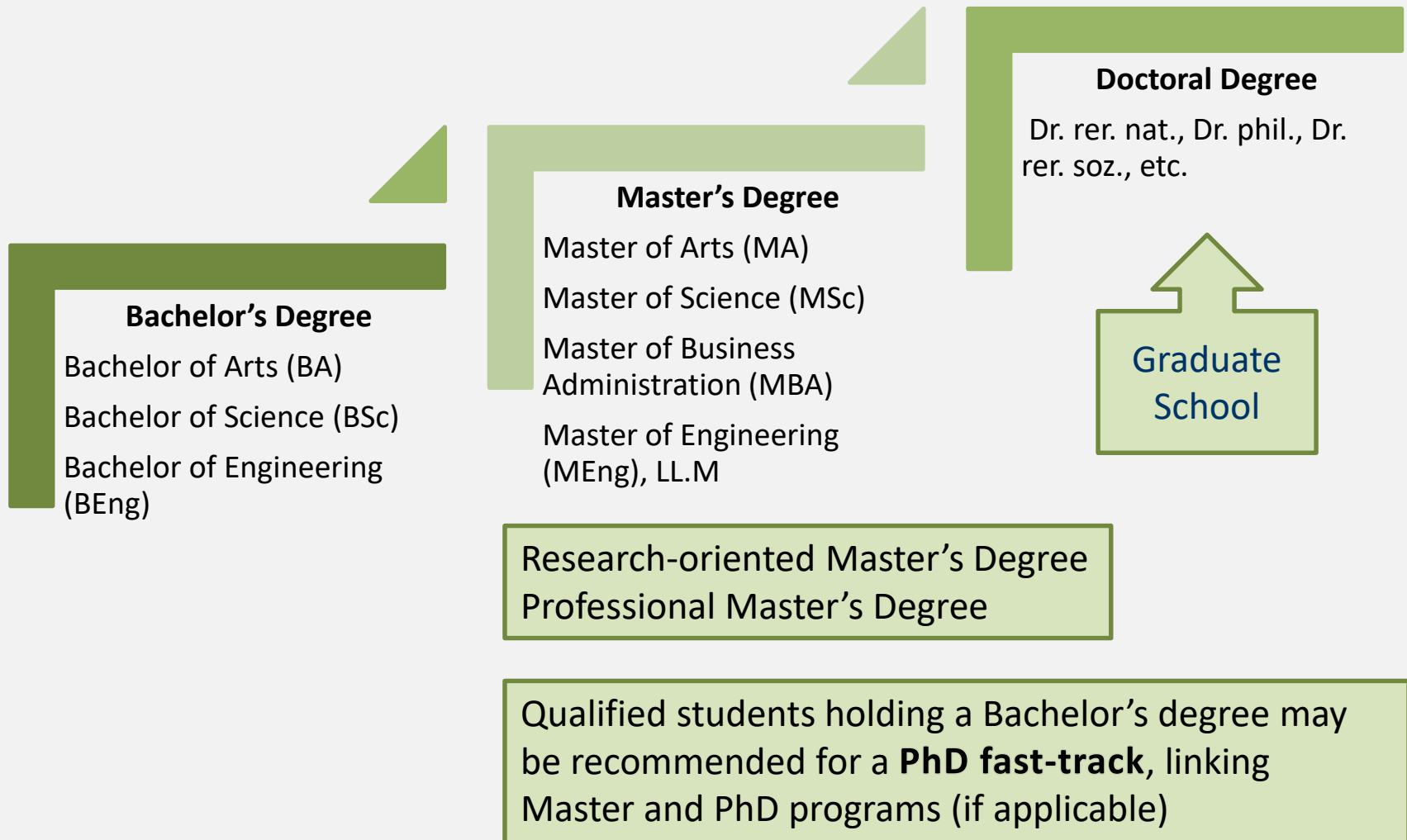


## Freie Universität Berlin & Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

TWO TOP UNIVERSITIES. TWO AMAZING CITIES.

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# Academic Structure in Germany



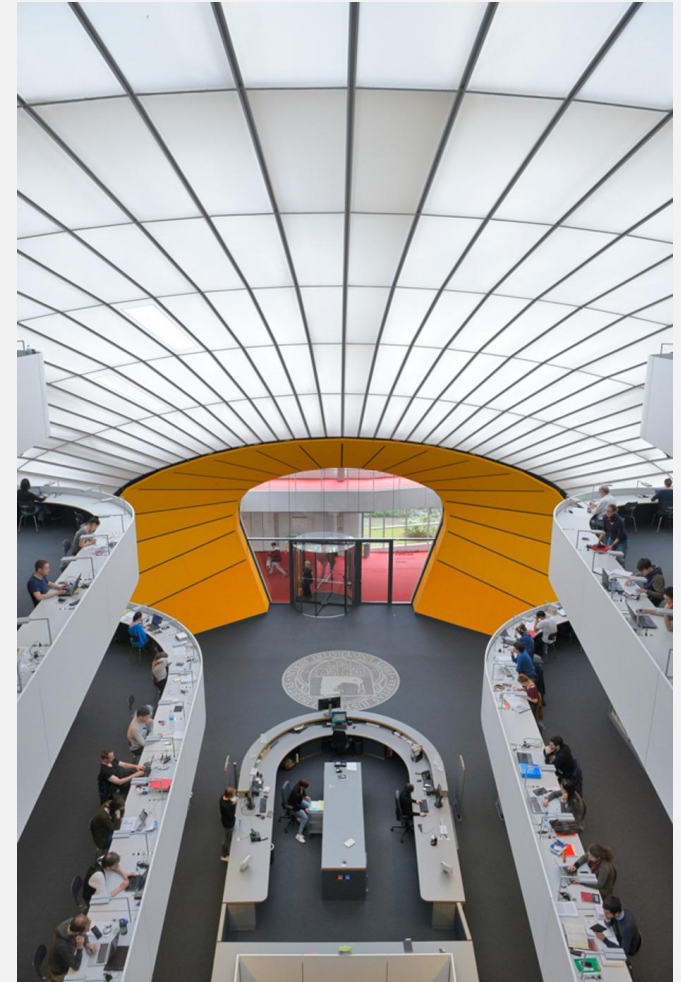
# Types of Master's Degrees

## **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

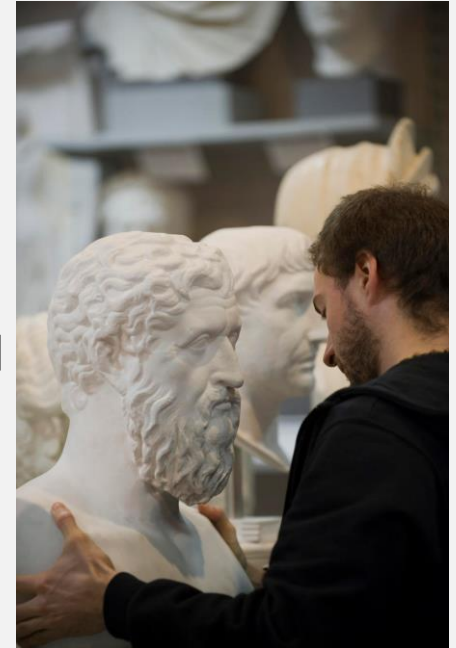
Application procedures, deadlines and requirements vary  
consult individual program website for details

**LMU Munich** → submit application directly to university

**FU Berlin** → international students apply via the online portal  
[uni-assist.de](https://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





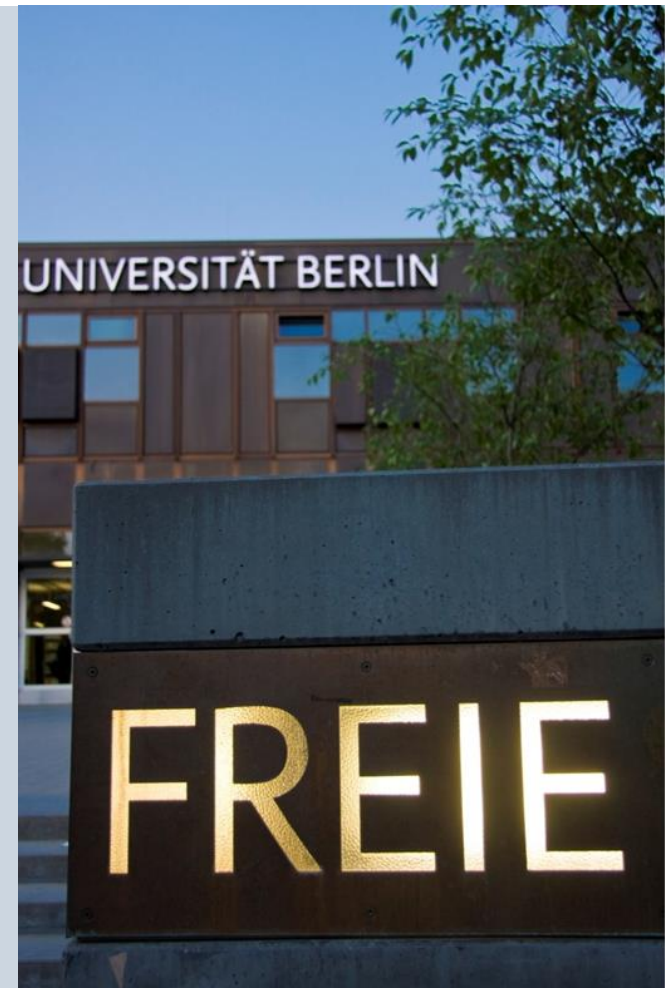
# Freie Universität Berlin

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.

Institute of Sociology | Cooperations

**Requirements:** Bachelor's degree or equivalent with a sociology component

**WZB** Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin  
für Sozialforschung

 **DIW** BERLIN

**Language:** English or German/English

Osteuropa-Institut

Lateinamerika-Institut

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

**John F. Kennedy-Institut**  
für Nordamerika studien

 **LANGUAGES  
OF  
EMOTION**

**How to Apply:** via [uni-assist.de](http://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

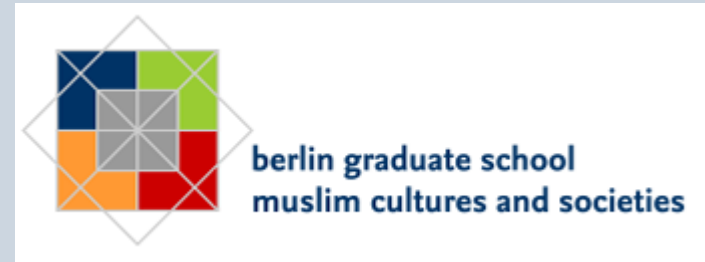
**Fees:** 2,995 € per semester

**Application period:** January – April 30, 2018)





# Graduate Schools at Freie Universität Berlin



Berlin School of Integrative Oncology



# Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures & Societies

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

## Research Areas



# 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





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# 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



- 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)
- Psychology 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



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OF THE LEARNING SCIENCES



**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

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## 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



### 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



Graduate School  
for East and Southeast  
European Studies

GS DW



Graduate School  
Distant Worlds

FACULTY OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
LANGUAGE & LITERATURE MUNICH



Graduate School of  
Quantitative Biosciences Munich



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FACULTY OF BIOLOGY

GRADUATE SCHOOL  
LIFE SCIENCE MUNICH





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

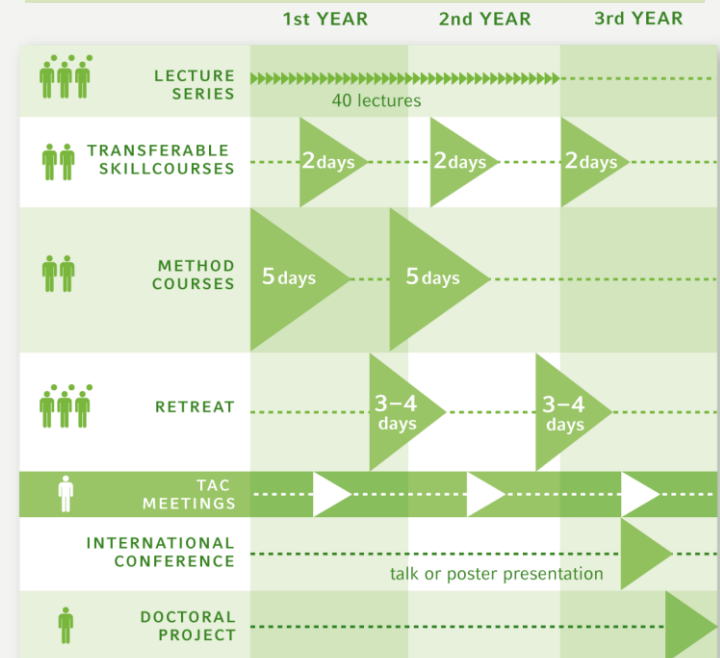
**Required Documents:** CV, transcripts of records (high school, bachelor's studies, and master's studies), 2 letters of reference

**Duration:** 3-4 years

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

**Application Period:** October 5 – November 29, 2017

## Required Activities During Doctoral Studies



## 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)

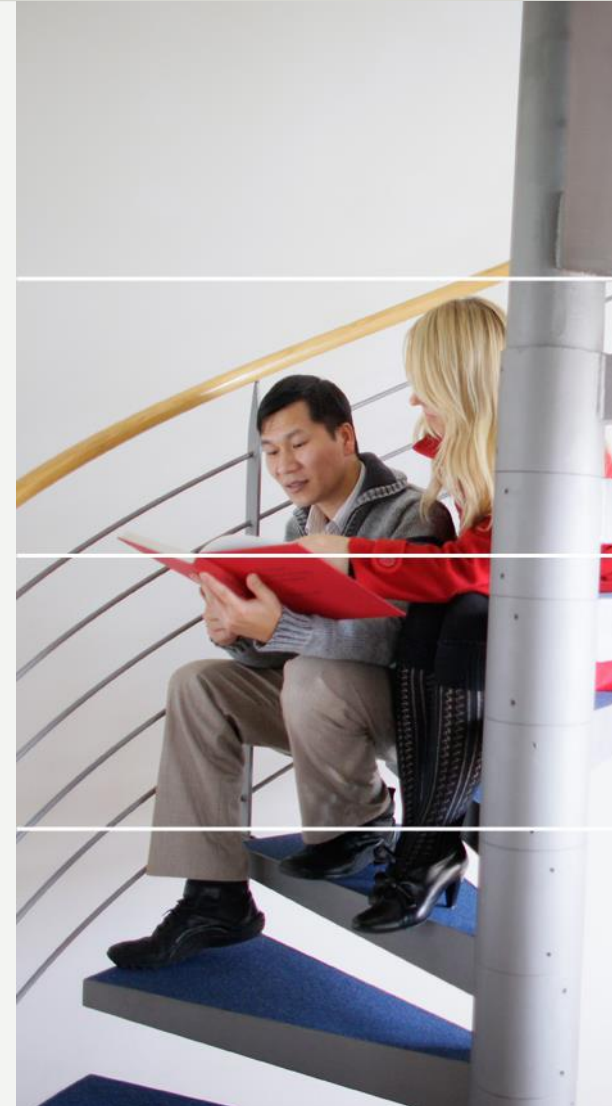
## LMU Graduate Center – Doctoral Studies

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](http://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





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