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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

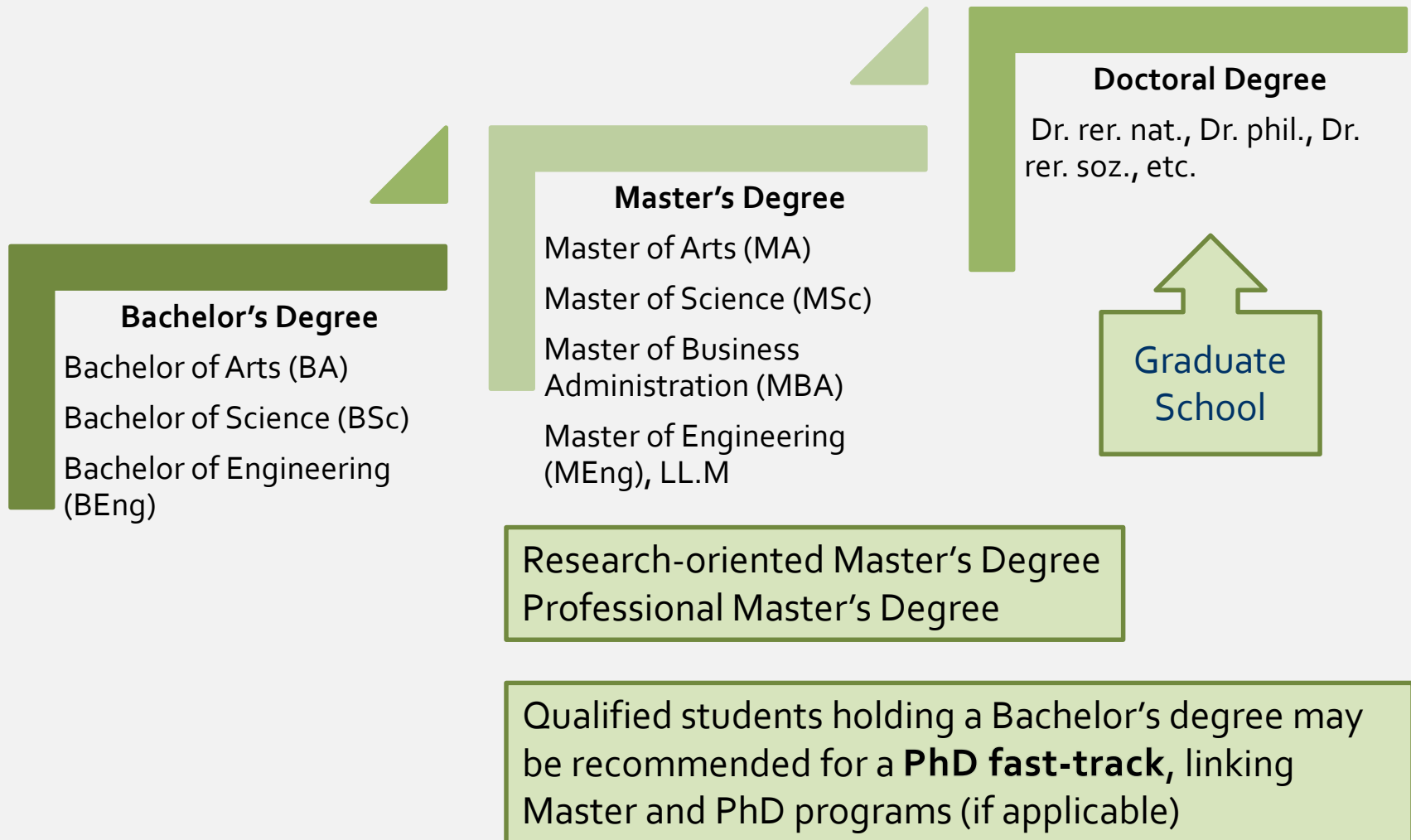




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Academic Structure in Germany



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



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.



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150
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the world

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Philosophy and Humanities

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Mathematics and Computer Science

Physics

Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy

Geography

Veterinary Medicine and Medicine

Veterinary Medicine

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John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies

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Dahlem School of Education

Central Facilities

Computing Services

Academic Advice and Psychological Counseling

Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum

University Sports Center

Language Center

Margherita von Brentano Center for Gender Studies

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

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Doctoral Programs

20 programs in English

Freie Universität



Berlin

- 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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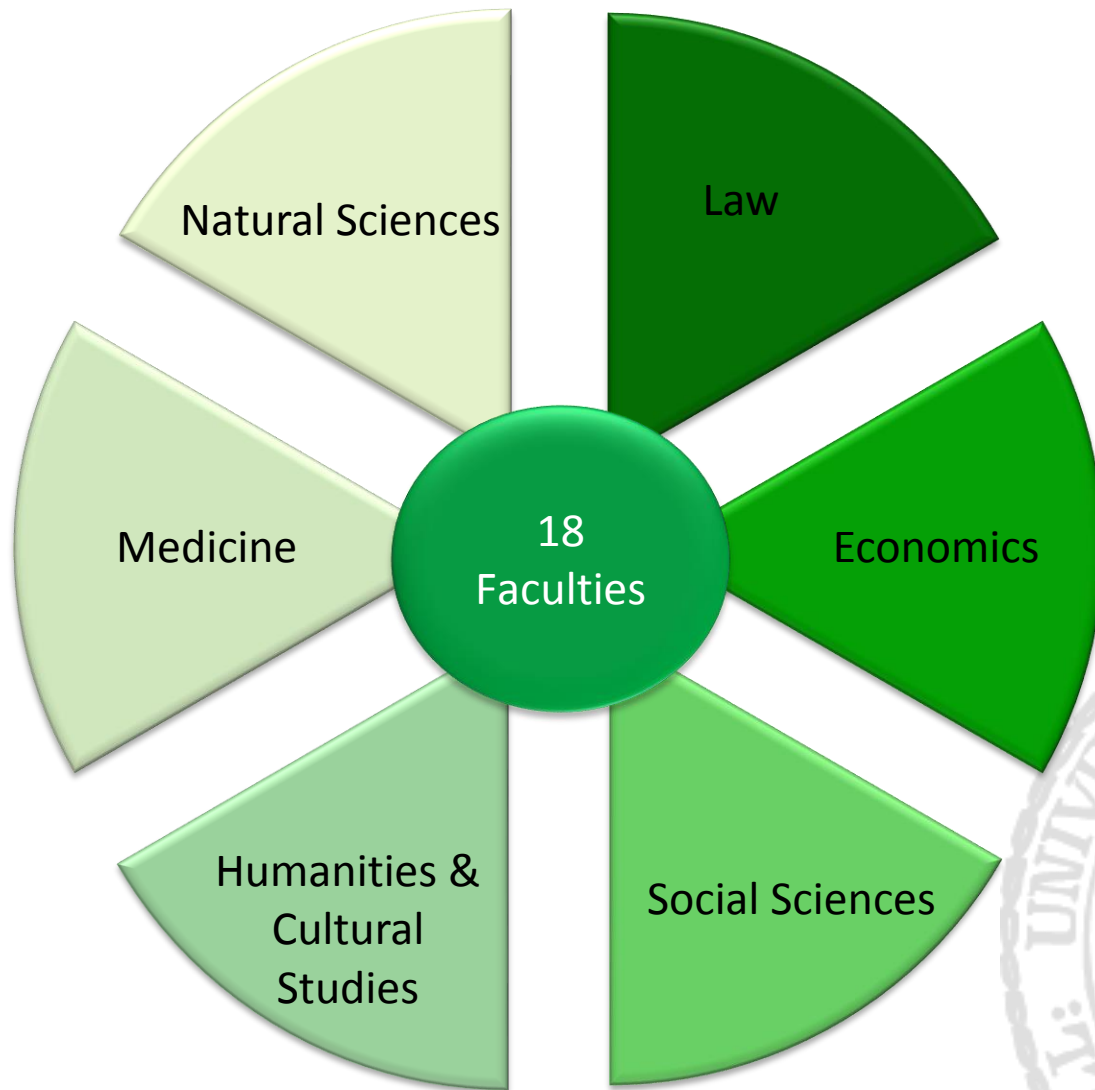
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Departments



Master Programs M.Sc. | M.A.

30 programs in English

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- 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

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- Doctoral Program Buddhist Studies 6/1/2019
- Doctoral Program in the Learning Sciences 3/1/2019
- Munich Graduate School of Economics 3/1/2019
- Doctoral Program Statistics: Theory and Methods of Empirical Modeling 3/11/2019
- 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-Universität.

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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.

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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.

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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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Degree Programs

- ✓ Master's Degree
- ✓ PhD/Doctoral Studies

Short-Term

- ✓ Short-Term Summer Courses

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