

Master's Programs

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FOREWORD



Welcome from the President

I am delighted that you are considering graduate studies at Freie Universität Berlin. Freie Universität is one of Germany's foremost research universities with a long-standing tradition of innovative teaching. It offers master's courses of outstanding quality across an extraordinary array of disciplines. Freie Universität is also one of the nine German universities to have been awarded the rank of University of Excellence in the German national excellence competition in 2007.

A strong international orientation has been one of our university's most distinct features since its creation in 1948. Indeed, its foundation and continued existence in the post-war years was made possible through the political, financial and, above all, academic support it received from its international partners. The growing number of foreign students who attend Freie Universität demonstrates its solid international appeal.

It is this strong international tradition that has been translated into an institutional strategy es-

tablishing Freie Universität as Germany's most distinguished international university – a place where scholarly endeavors are systematically conducted across disciplines and national boundaries. International networks and an international atmosphere constitute the context of your graduate studies at Freie Universität. An additional bonus of the university is its location in a culturally and intellectually highly attractive capital city.

I would be delighted if you considered Freie Universität Berlin your first choice for your master's degree.

I hope this prospectus will inspire you to apply.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter-André Alt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt
President

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WHY STUDY AT FREIE UNIVERSITÄT?

Freie Universität Berlin is a young, dynamic university located in one of the most exciting cities in the world. It is a place of learning and research that has enjoyed international renown and strong connections around the globe from its very beginning. It offers an outstanding environment for study and research on a wide spectrum of subjects and is considered one of Germany's best universities. While attending the university, students and young scholars have the unique opportunity of tapping the resources of the many nearby research institutions to pursue innovative research while also enjoying the social and cultural life of Germany's vibrant capital.



History: Freedom Carries Responsibility

Freie Universität Berlin was founded by students and scholars on December 4th, 1948, with the support of the Americans and Berlin political leaders as a response to the persecution of students critical of the system in place at Berlin's university which was located in the Soviet sector of the divided city. In a reflection of their desire to study and carry out research free from political influence and restrictions, these students and scholars named their new academic home Freie Universität (Free University). They

had it up and running by the very next term, winter semester 1948 – 49. The years 1968, 1990, and 2007 marked significant turning points in the history of Freie Universität Berlin.

During the 1960s, the university was the scene of student protests that gave impulse for more openness, equality and democracy at the university. Following German reunification in 1990 and increasingly since 2000, Freie Universität Berlin has been engaging in an ongoing process of reinventing itself. In the area of re-

search, the number of graduates from the university increased markedly as did the number of PhDs granted and publications issued. Underlying this successful trend were such fundamental reforms as introducing modern management systems to university administration, reorganizing academic departments, and efficiently utilizing resources. The year 2007 was another crucial time for Freie Universität: That year, the university had the greatest number of approved funding applications from the German Excellence Initiative; it is now one of nine German universities to receive substantial additional funding for future development.

A Young Campus University with a Rich Tradition

Freie Universität Berlin is located in the district of Dahlem in southwestern Berlin. Around the beginning of the 20th century, Dahlem was established as a center for top quality research. Academic activity in Dahlem was supported by the Prussian Ministry of Culture, whose initial proposal was to establish ‘a German Oxford.’ The Kaiser Wilhelm Society – forerunner of the present-day Max Planck Society – was founded in 1911 and established several institutes in Dahlem. A dynamic group of researchers carried out pioneering research and were ultimately awarded several Nobel prizes. After the Nazis seized power in 1933, however, several institutes carried out projects in support of the regime’s war aims and racial ideology. It is not least for this reason that the University’s name, “Freie Universität” is also a commitment.

Since its foundation, Freie Universität Berlin has been using buildings that formerly belonged to the Kaiser Wilhelm Society, adding numerous architecturally innovative buildings since then. Another unique aspect to the university is its layout: It follows a British and American campus model – a novelty in post-

war Germany. It also includes three smaller campuses: the Benjamin Franklin Campus (university hospital), the earth sciences campus, and the veterinary medicine campus.

Research at Freie Universität Berlin:

A Wide Variety of Disciplines

Interdisciplinary by nature, the primary areas of research at Freie Universität Berlin are supported by the university’s connections to a wide range of academic networks. Freie Universität Berlin offers the broadest spectrum of research opportunities in the humanities in Germany. The Dahlem Humanities Center features a large number of specialized subjects, ranging from various language programs to Religious Studies and Archaeology to Film Studies. The Center for Area Studies clusters regional studies research on North and Latin America, eastern Europe, East Asia, the Middle East, and individual European countries. Governance is a specialization of the Otto Suhr Institute, one of the most renowned political-science institutes in Europe. The natural sciences are a major focus at the university, particularly in the areas of the life sciences, earth sciences, physics, mathematics, and computer science. Furthermore Freie Universität Berlin is home to one of the five veterinary schools in Germany as well as the country’s largest pharmacy institutes. Also in the field of healthcare and medicine, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin is the combined medical school of Freie Universität Berlin and Humboldt Universität, an institution steeped in tradition. It boasts the largest medical faculty in Europe and is one of the oldest health facilities in Germany. Extensive cooperation with other universities and external research institutions as well as with private companies reinforce and broaden the university’s position as a leading global research institution. Both in national and international university rankings,

Freie Universität Berlin performs well – for example, in the ranking of overall funding by the German Research Foundation (DFG), in the national ranking of the Centrum für Hochschulentwicklung (CHE), and in the ranking of Times Higher Education (THE) where it earned a position among the top 100 universities worldwide in 2009. Since 2003, Freie Universität Berlin has been pursuing an interdisciplinary cluster strategy that shapes its research profile. The goal of this strategy is to identify scientific, social, economic, and cultural trends on a global scale and to focus the university's research content accordingly. As a result, the university emphasizes research in transdisciplinary fields to develop solutions for globally relevant issues. This strategy has been further strengthened by the establishment of the Center for Cluster Development (CCD), which supports the clustering process and the development of new research foci.

Studying in a Stimulating Environment

Freie Universität Berlin is a full-range university offering more than 100 undergraduate and more than 120 graduate programs in all subject areas. Following the requirements of the European Bologna agreement, Freie Universität Berlin restructured all its degree programs to conform to the bachelor's degree/master's degree system. The majority of undergraduate programs last for three years and most master's degree programs for two years. There are, however, four-year bachelor's degree programs and one-year master's degree programs. Both bachelor's degree and master's degree programs are structured within modules mainly consisting of lectures, seminars, and small study groups, which are often accompanied by review classes. Faculty and other teaching staff often receive support for their teaching from mentors in their departments. Extensive infor-

mation on the various graduate programs and procedures for applying are available in the program section of this catalog. Freie Universität Berlin has numerous libraries available to students. The main library which has 2 million books and journals, numerous databases, e-books, and other electronic resources is the university's most comprehensive library. Other books and resources may be acquired as needed, including all doctoral dissertations written at the university, which are on deposit at the library and available upon request. Highly specialized collections on various subjects are primarily found in departmental libraries. The well-developed campus IT system is one of the best among German universities. Freie Universität Berlin is not only famous for the role its students played during the student movement of the 1960s but also for the several leaders who earned their degrees here. Many well-known political leaders and public figures studied here, including Roman Herzog, former president of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Jutta Limbach, former president of the federal constitutional courts and longstanding president of the Goethe Institute. The university has also conferred honorary doctorates and other prestigious awards on such international dignitaries as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lise Meitner, Robert Kennedy, Umberto Eco, Kofi Annan and Orhan Pamuk.

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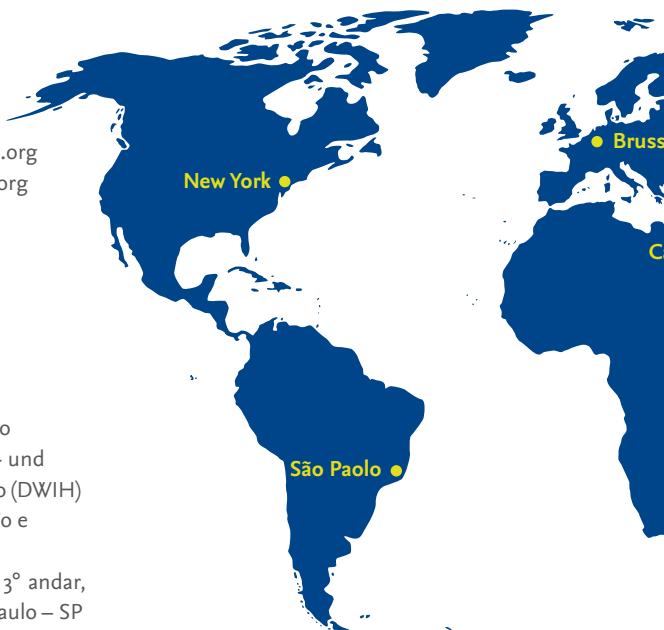
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BEFORE YOU APPLY...

Fees and Finance

The majority of the master's degree programs at Freie Universität Berlin do not charge tuition fees; students are merely responsible for paying certain fees and charges each semester. These include the cost of a pass to use the Berlin public-transportation system, administrative fees, and a social-security contribution. Currently, the fees total around 250 euro each semester. Some further-education programs do, however, charge tuition fees. For more information on this, please refer to the overview of the master's degree programs.

In comparison with many other major European cities, Berlin is quite affordable, allowing students to live on a reasonable budget. Students should plan for between 700 euro and 1.100 euro a month for accommodation, food, and spending money. The cost for accommodation depends on the type of living arrangement selected, but a room in student housing or a single or shared apartment usually costs between 200 euro and 350 euro a month. Food averages 160 euro a month (source: Studentenwerk). Depending on the student's lifestyle and interests, around 100 euro to 300 euro a month should be budgeted for cultural events and going out. Students can apply for grants and stipends while they are working on their master's degree. A stipend covers the cost of living and, as a rule, does not have to be paid back. In addition to applying for a stipend in Germany, foreign students can often also apply for financial support in their home countries. Students should therefore check

with the appropriate institutions where they live before they come to Berlin (state funding bodies, academic institutions, foundations, etc.) to see if they can receive support for studying abroad.

Grants and Stipends

In Germany, universities themselves rarely offer grants. Freie Universität Berlin does not offer any financial aid to foreign students to pursue master's degrees. However, there are other sources of financial support for international students in Germany. The most important grant-making agency is the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), which has offices in many countries around the world. The organization also has representatives in German studies departments at universities across the globe, providing international students with information on site. Other sources for financial support are foundations and philanthropic organizations. DAAD has a database with comprehensive information about grants for studying in Germany; visit www.daad.de

Language

Proficiency in German is required from applicants for the majority of master's degrees at Freie Universität Berlin. The DSH – or German Language University Entrance Exam for Foreign Students – is a university language examination that applicants must pass at the level of C1.1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for studying at a German university. The DSH is obligatory for all applicants whose



first language is not German and who have earned their initial degree from a university (or equivalent institution) where the language of instruction is not German. The language center (Sprachenzentrum) at Freie Universität Berlin administers the exam. Students participating in an exchange program or applying to a program taught in English are exempted.

It is still recommended to have at least a basic knowledge of German to be able to interact in daily life.

Apart from German, students can learn many other languages at Freie Universität Berlin. The language center is also responsible for language study as part of numerous bachelor's and master's degree courses.

Entry and Residence

As a foreign or stateless student who wants to stay in Germany for more than three months, in most cases one will need an entry visa. Applicants must apply for a visa at the appropriate German diplomatic mission in their own country before travelling to Germany. Citizens of the EU member states as well as of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland do not need a visa. Citizens of Australia, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Canada, Korea, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Switzerland or USA may apply for a visa after entering Germany. The entry visa has to be approved by the immigration authority (Ausländerbehörde) in Berlin which will give a residence permit for study purposes. Any change of this purpose (i.e. change of degree course or change of university) requires a new residence permit.

Support

Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling

The university's Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling and the associated Info-Service provide comprehensive advising services to students, beginning with the application process and continuing throughout students' courses of study. At the Center, students can address concerns about application or matriculation, selection of a program of study, or the chances of being admitted. Students can also obtain help with their initial orientation, changing their degree course, co-

ordinating a combination of subjects, finding alternatives to dropping out, or dealing with bureaucratic problems. In short, the center can help students with issues relating all parts of student life.

Should a student experience disruptions to learning or work, motivation problems, exam anxiety, apprehension when speaking publicly, or any other problems that can also make an appointment with the psychological counseling service, either in person or by phone. All conversations are kept strictly confidential.

visit www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/studienberatung

Information

- Freie Universität Berlin's language center offers pre-semester and summer classes at an advanced level (www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de).
- German classes taken in preparation for meeting application requirements can also be taken at the Goethe-Institut, at private language schools in Germany, or in the student's home country.
- DAAD offers information about summer language courses in Germany (www.daad.de).
- Those wishing to learn German in a flexible, self-directed manner can receive competent support and a wide variety of online courses from TestDaF-Institut (www.deutsch-uni.com).

Family support

The family support center provides members of the university with information, counseling, and support so they can achieve balance between studies, work and family. The family support center is responsible for the childcare facilities at Freie Universität Berlin, making it easier for students with children to organize their studies. It also supports young academics with families.

visit www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/familienbuero

Career Services

The general career-preparation courses and Career Services at Freie Universität Berlin assist students in getting ready for the workplace. Career Services supports graduates in their transition from the university to the professional world by providing information, counseling, and training. Its services range from finding suitable internships to helping

with writing application letters. In addition, Career Services runs a series of lectures and workshops covering related topics.

visit www.fu-berlin.de/sites/career

Students with Disabilities

The advocate for students with disabilities at Freie Universität Berlin offers advice to potential and enrolled students and serves as the contact for problems related to the needs of students with disabilities or chronic illness and their integration into classes, examinations, and internships.

visit www.fu-berlin.de/en/service/behinderung

General Student Services

In Germany, most services for students are provided by the Studentenwerk. Its dining facilities (all on campus) offer a vast selection of food at very reasonable prices, with special options for vegetarians and vegans. Studentenwerk Berlin is mandated by the state of Berlin to provide social, health, financial, and cultural services to students. For this reason, it also runs an employment agency for student jobs, a psychological/psychotherapy counseling center, and a service for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses. In addition, it provides social-services support to students with children as well as counseling in financial and housing matters. Furthermore, Studentenwerk runs numerous student residences and dormitories as well as daycare centers for the children of students, faculty, and employees at the university and their families.

visit www.studentenwerk-berlin.de/en



MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Freie Universität Berlin offers master's degree programs in a wide variety of subjects. These programs expand and deepen the work carried out to earn a bachelor's degree. While the master's degree is a good start for any professional career, it can also be a step toward pursuing an academic career, because PhD programs generally require master's degrees.

What is a Master's Degree?

We distinguish among three kinds of master's degree programs:

- **A consecutive master's degree program** builds on a previously completed bachelor's degree program in the same field. In a sense, it is considered a continuation of the bachelor's degree program, allowing students to deepen and broaden the knowledge and skills they had previously acquired.
- **A nonconsecutive master's degree program** requires a bachelor's degree but gives students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills in a new field, broadening their existing knowledge and qualifications.
- **A professional master's degree program** requires – in addition to an initial degree – practical work experience. The subject matter of the program ties into students' professional skills, thus supplementing their work expertise.

Master's degree programs take between two and six semesters to complete. Depending on the subject, graduates earn either a Master of Arts (M.A.) or a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree.

Fees

Consecutive and nonconsecutive master's degree programs do not charge fees beyond the general semester fees. Professional and double-degree master's degree programs may charge tuition fees, which vary from program to program.

Admission Requirements

Generally, a bachelor's degree or an equivalent university degree is required for admission to a master's degree program. Depending on the subject, proof of a minimum number of credit points in certain areas must also be provided. The individual departments assess the credits earned in a bachelor's degree and to what extent they correspond to the admission requirements for their master's degree program. Professional master's degrees often require work experience.

Language Requirements

For the majority of master's programs, good or very good proficiency in German is required. Some programs also require certain English language skills or skills in another foreign language. Proof of these skills must be provided with the application. Students whose first language is not German and who have earned their initial de-

gree from a university (or equivalent institution) where the language of instruction is not German are invited to take the DSH examination at Freie Universität Berlin's language center. If skills can be proven at the level of TestDaF TDN-4 or a recognized equivalent upon application, applicants do not need to take any other German test. Applicants applying for a master's degree program that does not require knowledge of German are exempt from this requirement. As a rule, the language exam needs to be passed at the level C1.1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) (DSH2).

Applying for Consecutive and Nonconsecutive Master's Degree Programs

International students who did not earn their university degree in Germany should send their online applications to uni-assist, which will check whether the application fulfills Freie Universität Berlin's formal requirements. Admission decisions are made by Freie Universität Berlin. We recommend that you submit your application at least six weeks before the application deadline. Individual master's degree programs have different application deadlines; this prospectus provides the deadlines at the time of print. Application deadlines may vary from year to year. The current deadline can always be found on the program's website. Applications with all required materials and documentation must be received by uni-assist or Freie Universität Berlin before the application deadline. Some programs admit students for both the winter and the summer semester. Please check the current deadline on the internet!

Applying for

Professional Master's Degree Programs

Unlike with the consecutive and nonconsecutive master's degree programs, applications for the professional programs are submitted directly to the program itself. Application procedures for the professional programs vary greatly and depend on the requirements of the individual program. The application address as well as detailed information about the application process and required materials are published on the programs' homepages.

Admission Procedure

Freie Universität Berlin's master's degree programs are subject to local admission restrictions. In addition to the formal admission requirements, applicants will undergo an internal selection process. Students who have not yet earned their initial degree can be (provisionally) admitted. In these cases, students need to submit their most recent transcript of records. In general, they must have successfully completed at least two-thirds of the requirements for their bachelor's degree.

Matriculation

Successful applicants will receive a letter of acceptance from Freie Universität Berlin. International students from outside the EU need to take this letter to the international admissions office (called Zulassung und Immatrikulation International in German) and matriculate in person there. The letter of acceptance contains information about all the documents required for matriculation.

Master's Programs in English

Some master's degree programs at Freie Universität Berlin are taught exclusively in English or offer classes and lectures in both German and English. Knowledge of German is not required for admission to these programs.

- **Chemistry (M.Sc.)**
- **East European Studies Online (M.A.)**
- **English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture (M.A.)**
- **European and International Business, Competition and Regulatory Law (MBL)**
- **International Animal Health: Veterinary Public Health (MVPH)**
- **International Animal Health, Concentration: Transboundary Animal Disease Management (MTADM)**
- **International Relations Online (M.A.)**
- **Physics (M.Sc.)**
- **Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (M.Sc.)**
- **Sociology – European Societies (M.A.)**
- **Visual and Media Anthropology (M.A.)**

Master's Programs with other Institutions

For the following master's degree programs, graduates do not apply to Freie Universität Berlin. These are joint programs that Freie Universität Berlin participates in with other institutions. You will find information about application procedures on the programs' websites.

- **Applied Epidemiology (M.Sc.)**
http://bsph.charite.de/en/academic_programs/master_of_science_in_applied_epidemiology
- **Cerebrovascular Medicine (M.Sc.)**
www.schlaganfallzentrum.de/index.php?id=399
- **Consumer Health Care (M.Sc.)**
www.consumer-health-care.de
- **Euromasters (M.A.)**
www.bgss.hu-berlin.de/masters/euromasters
- **Health and Society: International Gender Studies Berlin (M.Sc. in Public Health)**
www.charite.de/health-society
- **International Relations (M.A.)**
www.masterib.de
- **International Health (M.Sc.)**
<http://internationalhealth.charite.de/en>
- **Master of Science in Epidemiology (Master of Public Health)**
http://bsph.charite.de/en/academic_programs/master_of_science_in_epidemiology
- **Medical Neurosciences (M.Sc.)**
www.medical-neurosciences.de/en
- **Molecular Medicine (M.Sc.)**
www.molecular-medicine-berlin.com
- **Polymer Science (M.Sc.)**
<http://polymerscience.physik.hu-berlin.de>
- **Public Health (Master of Public Health)**
www.charite.de/health-society
- **Statistics (M.Sc.)**
www2.hu-berlin.de/mscstat/en
- **Toxicology (M.Sc.)**
www.charite.de/master-toxikologie/eng/
- **Trans-Atlantic Master's Program (M.A.)**
www.bgss.hu-berlin.de/masters/transatlantic-masters

Double-Degree Master's Programs

Freie Universität Berlin has three international master's degree programs that offer students a double degree from Freie Universität and an international partner university. Language requirements vary from program to program as do the fees and application deadlines.

With Sciences Po, Paris:

Dual German-French master's degree program in Political Science/Affaires Internationales/Affaires Européennes

With École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Paris (HEC), Paris:

Dual German-French master's degree program in Public Policy and Management (M.A.)

With University of Amsterdam:

Double master's degree program in Comparative Dutch Studies/Comparatieve Nederlandistiek (M.A.)

Information

Detailed information on each master's program can be found at www.fu-berlin.de/masterprograms.

Master of Education:

Becoming a Teacher in Berlin

Students who wish to become teachers in a state school in Berlin need to take a bachelor's degree. A bachelor's degree program with a teacher training component incorporates two academic subjects. In addition, the student takes teaching-related career courses (Lehramtsbezogene Berufswissenschaft, LBW). By completing this bachelor's degree program one may obtain a teaching credential. However, the degree does not provide direct access to the teaching profession. To become teachers, students who have earned a bachelor's degree are required to obtain further qualifications: a master's degree program (Master of Education) and a student teaching phase (Referendariat, during which they teach at a school). Separate application and admissions procedures apply.

To study for a Master of Education students are required to pursue the same combination of subjects as in their bachelor's degree. The first and second subjects of the master's course are the same as the major and minor subjects of the bachelor's degree. Another admission requirement is the completion of teaching-related career courses as part of the bachelor's degree program.

If a graduate interested in the master's program in education has earned his initial degree abroad his credit points may count toward a bachelor's degree with a teaching option, however he could not directly apply for admission to a master's degree program in education. A bachelor's degree with a teacher training component is always an admission requirement for the master's degree program in education.

The following subjects are offered with a teacher training component at Freie Universität Berlin:

- Biology
- Catholic Theology
- German
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Elementary Education
- English
- Ethics
- French
- Greek
- History
- Integrated Sciences
- Italian
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish

Information

For information about application, admission, admission requirements, and other program questions, please do not hesitate to contact Info-Service at Freie Universität Berlin:

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Mondays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.



»The program has been for me a great opportunity to get back into academia. The size of the classes is perfect, so one has a chance to ask questions and discuss interesting topics with the lecturers. There has also been the chance to make field trips. I love living in Potsdam and it is easy to commute to Berlin as the train and local transport services are very good. «

Sonny Walton_Great Britain_Biodiversity, Evolution, Ecology_3rd semester

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, AND PHARMACY

Biodiversity, Evolution, Ecology

The master’s degree program in Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology is a bilingual program (German/English) that fosters advanced knowledge of the subject and methodology among students and enables them to embark on careers in research and practice in the fields of biodiversity and ecological research. The program teaches students professional methods of collecting, evaluating, and interpreting data on evolution, ecology, and biodiversity. The goal of the program is to provide students with a thorough understanding of complex ecological and evolutionary processes. Alongside theoretical fundamentals, students are introduced to the methods used in modern and traditional research in the fields of biodiversity, ecology, and evolutionary biology. By including curatorial elements at institutions that maintain collections and large-scale research institutions, the program offers students a way to earn particularly high qualifications.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	hahilger@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Biology

Students learn the theoretical and practical fundamentals of this discipline while also receiving an introduction to the methods and techniques used in modern biological research. Students can choose to emphasize various fields in biochemistry, biodiversity, developmental biology, evolution, genetics, molecular biology, neurobiology, ecology, plant sciences, physiology, behavioral biology, and cell biology within their studies. The program utilizes model systems of plants, animals, and microorganisms, which permit students not only to gain a broad range of biology-specific knowledge, but also to develop an advanced focus on current fields of research.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	studium-biologie@fu-berlin.de

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Chemistry

The master's program includes courses in inorganic, organic, and physical chemistry along with courses in such related natural sciences as physics or biology as well as courses outside the natural sciences (language courses, for example).

Geographical Sciences

The research-oriented master's program in geography will enable graduates – especially those with a bachelor's degree in geography or the equivalent – to enhance their knowledge and skills by focusing on one of three areas of specialization: geographical development studies, terrestrial systems, and environmental hydrology. The program is designed to train students in subjectspecific and interdisciplinary theories and methods and develop their theoretical and practical ability to make sound judgments on general academic as well as subject-specific issues.

Key Information	
Application periods	April 15 – May 31 (winter semester) and October 15 – November 30 (summer semester)
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	http://www.chemie.fu-berlin.de/bm/mail/

Key Information	
Application periods	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Geological Sciences

The geosciences examine the resources, processes, and risks obtaining on the planet Earth. This area of inquiry belongs to the natural sciences, but its link to the life sciences and to Earth's history also lends it a historical component that sets it apart. The analysis and prediction of geological processes require the reconstruction of past events through the study of rocks, minerals, and fossils. This necessitates taking an interdisciplinary approach. As a result, this master's program in geosciences has seven areas of focus: geophysics, mineralogy, geology, paleontology, geochemistry, hydrogeology, and planetology.

Meteorology

The master's program in meteorology is based on the bachelor's program in the same discipline. Here, issues from the areas of numeric modeling, theoretical meteorology, weather and climate diagnosis, and satellite meteorology are approached from a research angle. Students are given the tools to independently explore the current questions of meteorology and climatology using scientific methods to answer them, and learn to present the results of their own work. This approach prepares students for a profession in the sciences.

Key Information

Application periods	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application periods	April 15 – May 31 (winter semester) and January 1 – February 15 (summer semester)
Language	German
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

Education

The subject matter of this consecutive, more research-oriented study program is research in the field of education. Students examine the fundamentals of education theory and research methodology, and specific concentrations within the program offer the opportunity to focus on two areas of emphasis in research in education – institutionalized education and education as a cultural form of knowledge. Common theoretical bases apply to both the individual and the social prerequisites and effects of learning, education, socialization, and the development of the education system. Theories in education are used as tools to reflect on education as a social practice with regard to its traditions, its application in current research, and its development. The common fundamentals of education research are the general techniques of scientific and academic work and the methodology and methods used for empirical research.

European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights

Children are not only the future but also the present, and they must be respected as social subjects with their own views, ideas, and feelings. Children should have the opportunity to play an active and responsible role in their environments, therefore it is necessary to protect their rights and ensure these rights are fully implemented. Children's rights as human rights are at the center of the program. They are seen in connection both with the embodiment of childhood as a life phase and with the social status of children in different social and cultural contexts.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a total of 4,350 Euro for the study program.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	April 30
Languages	German, English
Degree	European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (E.M.C.R.)
Duration	3 semesters
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European Master in Intercultural Education

This program is directed at all those in the field of education who are interested in intercultural education. The history of migration in Europe, multicultural settlement areas, variants of racism, and antiracist initiatives are discussed and explored. Students will reflect on cultural tradition and values in the context of the subjective rootedness of national communities. The goal of this program is to critically implement intercultural and antiracist approaches in pedagogical settings. Focus areas can include the development of strategies for fighting racism or fostering (second) language competency.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 2,900 Euro per academic year.

Key Information	
Application period	April 30
Languages	German, English
Degree	European Master in Intercultural Education
Duration	2 semesters
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Future Research

Future research deals with possible, probable, and desirable future developments. Although we cannot see the future, the basic features of important development structures are already taking shape today. Academic methods and social discourse allow us to see these rough outlines. This is where future research comes in. Social developments, such as the future of the education system or changes in political participation, are fields in which future research can play an effective role. The field serves to supply information about social, economic, ecological, political, cultural, and technological notions of the future and possibilities for development in these areas. The results of future research open up the broad range of possible, probable, and desirable futures and lay them out for public discussion.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a fee of 1300 Euro per semester.

Key Information	
Application period	August 15 (Extension of deadline)
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	stegmann@institutfutur.de

Psychology: Focus on Clinical and Health Psychology

The master's degree "Clinical Psychology and Health Psychology" is an application-oriented course. By combining clinical and health psychology, it takes account of national and international developments in health policy and concomitant changes in the European labor market. The curriculum reflects ecological, social, cultural, and institutional factors as well as gender-related issues. The course content is well-grounded in terms of both methodology and diagnostics. The teaching of general methodological skills will be complemented by subject-specific seminars on methodology in the areas of health-services and intervention research as well as on specific diagnostic methods. The master dissertation is planned and prepared under personalized supervision. Further methodological skills will be obtained through participation in research projects on clinical psychology and health psychology.

Psychology: Focus on Occupational, Professional and Organizational Psychology

The area of occupational, professional, and organizational psychology deals with processes of individual experience and behavior in day-to-day working situations and over the course of a career, with processes within working groups, and with organizational development. This program teaches students skills and methods of analysis, diagnosis, evaluation, and design of these types of processes in various fields of practice. In addition, the area of occupational, professional, and organizational psychology also teaches students aspects of economic psychology and basics of market and advertising psychology. The focus is on theories and methods of organizational psychology and behavioral economics, and the program's research and teaching activities highlight the processes involved in action and cognition in consumer behavior, consumer decisions, attitudes and purchasing behavior, or more generally, differential consumer psychology.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Public Health: Psychosocial Prevention and Health Promotion

The graduate program focuses on issues of prevention and health promotion; after successful completion of final examinations, the degree of master of public health is awarded.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 2,400 Euro per year.

School Development and Quality Assurance

The target group includes teachers, principals, representatives of school supervisory bodies, seminar leaders, and members of steering groups. The focus of this application-oriented program is quality-development processes in schools. Both theoretical knowledge about school and instructional development as well as evaluation methods (data collection, registration of processes/results, and a transfer to the development plan) are taught. In the project seminar, an entire quality-assurance process of a school development project is carried out, from appraising the situation to the final evaluation.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a fee of 950 Euro per semester.

Key Information	
Application period	April 30 (every two years)
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Public Health
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	July 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	2 semesters
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School Development in Line with Teaching of Democratic Principles and Social Skills

Development of schools in line with teaching of democratic principles and fostering social skills are key topics in connection with current plans for school reforms. The goal of the program is to offer students an opportunity to acquire professional skills needed in this field. The focus is on designing learning opportunities and on processes of school development that allow the school to fully embody a place of shared democratic learning and living. The hands-on practical focus helps students to plan and implement these types of development processes in their own work contexts.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a fee of 2500 Euro per semester. Travel and accommodation costs of attending a course are not included.

Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience

The M.Sc. program provides students with thorough theoretical knowledge and broad methodological competencies in the field of social, cognitive, and affective neuroscience. On the one hand this entails teaching of background knowledge in a variety of domains (such as perception, learning, memory, decision making, empathy, language, music and emotion), with particular emphasis on current research and developments. On the other hand, this entails teaching and applied learning of a large array of methodological skills, including planning and programming of experiments, conducting experiments using electroencephalography (EEG), near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS), transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), analyzing experimental data, and computational modelling.

Key Information

Application period	April 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	2 semesters
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Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Arabic Studies

The master's program in Arabic studies is a research-oriented consecutive program. The program trains students to use academic methods, enabling them to engage in independent scholarship. It communicates deeper knowledge in the areas of classical and modern Arabic literature, the Koran, and Koranic exegesis as well as in the cultural and intellectual history of the Arab world. The Arabic studies program at Freie Universität Berlin is conceived as a philological, literary, and cultural studies program.

Art History in a Global Context: Focus on Africa

The research-oriented master's degree program in Art History in a Global Context, Concentration on Africa, aims to provide students with detailed, advanced knowledge in the fields of "old," modern, and contemporary art of Africa and the African Diaspora. The content of this study program is also designed to accommodate a more in-depth regional focus and the acquisition of detailed knowledge in the areas of visual arts and visual culture (cinema, advertising, architecture, photography). The ultimate goal is to enable students to perform independent and critically minded academic work, share methodologies and knowledge with others, and apply academic methods, theories (postcolonial theory, interculturality, etc.), and knowledge within the various professional fields open within this discipline.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Art History in a Global Context: Focus on Europe and America

Art history addresses and compares historic and contemporary objects of artistic production across genres – including image production not intended as art – and architecture from different regions and cultures. These are interrogated in terms of their aesthetic structure, content, preconditions, contexts, functions, and modes of production and reception under the specific historical, cultural, and political conditions of the respective societies. In the concentration on Europe and America, the objects and production contexts of art (across genres) from late antiquity to the present are discussed and analyzed.

Art History in a Global Context: Focus on Eastern Asia

Eastern Asian art history deals with the art and culture of China, Korea, and Japan. The object of study is eastern Asian art of all genres, from the neolithic to the present. Painting, calligraphy, sculpture, new media art, architecture, and garden art as well as the applied arts are all included. The works are interrogated in terms of their aesthetic structure, content, and the historical, cultural, and political conditions of their production and reception. Additional fields of research are the history of the discipline and its methods as well as the conservation, presentation, and teaching of Eastern Asian art.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Chinese Studies

The master's program in Chinese studies seeks to grasp the subject with methods and theories from the social sciences, linguistics, and humanities. Specialization on China is interdisciplinary and achieved through the consolidation of thematic, linguistic, and methodological findings. The aim is to integrate various approaches: Chinese traditions of scholarship and culture are explored. Thematic emphases of the degree program are Chinese society, its genesis and social transformations as well as the foundations of Chinese linguistics and its didactics.

Classical Archaeology

Classical archaeology deals with the sites, artwork, and objects from the Greek and Roman cultures (about 1500 BC to 500 AD). This master's program teaches comprehensive expert knowledge, visual and media competence, the ability to reconstruct, academic working methods, and methodological and analytical skills. This program offers students the opportunity to select special foci and acquire communicative competencies and foreign language skills while spending time abroad.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Egyptology

Egyptology focuses on the Pharaonic culture of ancient Egypt from its emergence in the neolithic cultures of the Nile Valley to its last manifestations in late antiquity. In taking this approach, the program includes all aspects of existence and expressions of this culture. The program's methodological approach draws on both philological/linguistic and archaeological sources. Society, economy, history, religion, architecture, art, literature, language, etc. are all considered.

Ernst-Ludwig Ehrlich Master's Program in the History, Theory, and Practice of Jewish-Christian Relations


The master's program trains students to critically address central questions of European history and culture and enables them to engage in the analysis of Jewish-Christian relations, reflecting on theological positions and thinking about the practice of interreligious dialogue. Christian anti-Judaism is critically examined in its historical development. Among other focal points, the program will explore methods of exegesis, common elements of liturgical practice, interactions in philosophy, and the history of art and literature, theological issues, ethical questions, and the issue of Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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A portrait of a young woman with long brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark grey hoodie and a dark grey scarf. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light grey.

»After voluntary service at the Sachsenhausen memorial site, I decided to take up the master's course in order to deepen my knowledge in this field: the history of Jewish-Christian relations, the joint heritage of Jews and Christians, differences in scriptural exegesis, Shoa theory, and possibilities for dialogue. Berlin, a former center of European Jewish culture, is exactly the right place for my studies.«

Olga Gogoleva_Russia_

Ernst-Ludwig Ehrlich Master's Program in the History, Theory, and Practice of Jewish-Christian Relations_3rd semester

History and Cultures of Ancient Western Asia: Focus on Archaeology of Ancient Western Asia

This program provides the fundamental knowledge necessary to have a successful career as an archaeologist specializing in Western Asia. The program teaches methodological approaches to conduct in-depth analyses of archaeological data and the ability to work in interdisciplinary research groups. It also conveys broad knowledge about the history and archaeology of the ancient Near East. Due to its international character, the master's degree program contains a significant number of courses taught in English. The scope of courses includes time periods between the Epipaleolithic and the Islamic periods. Geographically, the program covers regions from Anatolia and Syria to the Indus Valley and from the Caucasus Mountains to the Arabian Peninsula.

History and Cultures of the Ancient Near East: Focus on Ancient Oriental Studies

The focus on ancient oriental studies has both a linguistic and a cultural-studies and historical component. It explores the cultures and languages of the ancient Near East from the end of the fourth millennium BC through the age of Hellenism, with cuneiform forming an important connective element. Graduates will acquire expert knowledge in ancient oriental philology and cultural history. They will also gain exposure to a broad repertoire of academic methodologies and analytic experience that will enable them to conduct their own independent scholarly work.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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History: Focus on Ancient History

This program offers specialized research-oriented training within the ancient history concentration. Historical issues and problems of historiography will be critically examined and developed. Comprehensive knowledge of cross-epochal and epoch-specific developments and processes of historical transformation both within Europe and elsewhere serve as a foundation, as does knowledge about the history of historiography. In addition, questions of academic historical reconstruction, the use of specific working methods, and the theory-based interpretation of the past will be addressed in order to be able to understand the historical dimension of the present.

History: Focus on Early Modern History

The period between 1450 and 1850 is a multi-layered era of transition between the medieval period and the modern age. On the one hand, it can be considered a precursor to modernity; on the other, it can be viewed as a society that is quite foreign to us in historical-anthropological terms. From this perspective, early modern history is an experimental field that engages in various issues: the history of the body, gender history, the history of politics and the history of everyday life, using discourse-analytical methods. Early modern history enables students to acquire skills that are relevant to solving the current problems of a globalized world.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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History: Focus on History of the 19th/20th Centuries

This program offers academic, research-oriented training within the focus on history of the 19th/20th centuries. Historical issues and problems of historiography will be critically examined and developed. Comprehensive knowledge of cross-epochal and epoch-specific developments and processes of historical transformation both within Europe and elsewhere serve as a foundation, as does knowledge about the history of historiography. In addition, questions of academic historical reconstruction, the use of specific working methods, and the theory-based interpretation of the past will be addressed in order to be able to understand the historical dimension of the present.

History: Focus on Medieval History

This program offers academic, research-oriented training within the concentration medieval history. Historical issues and problems of historiography will be critically examined and developed. Comprehensive knowledge of cross-epochal and epoch-specific developments and processes of historical transformation both within Europe and elsewhere serve as a foundation, as does knowledge about the history of historiography. In addition, questions of academic historical reconstruction, the use of specific working methods, and the theory-based interpretation of the past will be addressed in order to be able to understand the historical dimension of the present.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Iranian Studies

Building on the foundations of the bachelor’s program History and Culture of the Near East (Iranian Studies concentration) or an equivalent study course, graduate students learn further Iranian languages in the program. Students broaden their expertise in the practice of philology – including an interdisciplinary module with Turkish studies – and acquire a broader awareness of one or more thematic fields such as the history of Iranian literature, culture, or religion. Students will be trained to do independent research in the discipline of classical Iranian studies as it is understood internationally.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Islamic Studies

This research-oriented master’s degree program will enable graduate students to use academic methodologies and obtain the skills necessary to pursue independent scholarship in Islamic studies. It conveys theory-based knowledge in the fields of history, religious practice, philosophy, politics, law, culture, and theology. It also explores broader issues such as gender and the patterns of perception of Muslim and non-Muslim actors in politics and law of the modern Islamic world and Islam in Europe and South Asia.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Japanese Studies

The consecutive, research-oriented master's program deepens and broadens the fundamental knowledge in the field of Japanology acquired in a bachelor's program in Japanese studies/Eastern Asian studies. The focus can be either on cultural studies or social studies pertaining to Japan. The aim of the master's program is to broaden students' academic knowledge and competencies in the field and to qualify them professionally.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	vblechin@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Judaism in Historical Context: Judaism in Hellenistic-Roman and Islamic-Christian Contexts

In this program, students will learn to analyze Judaism in the Hellenistic-Roman and Christian contexts in antiquity as well as the Islamic-Christian context of the Middle Ages and the early modern age in terms of religious, cultural, social, and political issues. This approach gives students an opportunity to reflect on further transformation of Judaism to this day, not just in terms of religion but also in terms of its political and social development.

Key Information	
Application period	April 1 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Judaism in Historical Context: Modern Judaism and Holocaust Studies

Students in the program Modern Judaism and Holocaust Studies are taught to analyze Jewish answers to modernity as marked by such concepts as the Enlightenment, emancipation, and acculturation as well as anti-Semitism. Students interpret these responses and locate them in the appropriate historical, cultural, social, and political context. The program combines expertise in Jewish studies with scholarly knowledge about the Holocaust, its causes, how it took place, and its impact on the present.

Korean Studies/East Asian Studies

The focus of this program is a social sciences approach to Korea, enabling students to analyze Korea's politics, economy, and society and place them in their various contexts. In addition, the program places a special focus on the analysis of gender relations in various social, political, and historical contexts. Students will acquire the ability to engage in independent scholarship in this field.

Key Information

Application period	April 1 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application period	April 15 - May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Prehistoric Archaeology

Prehistoric archaeology is concerned with the material and intellectual culture of early man. Its scope stretches from the birth of mankind to the ages with sufficient written sources. As an archaeological discipline, it forms an intersection between history and the natural sciences. In the master's program in prehistoric archaeology, in-depth expert knowledge, the mastering of archaeological working methods, analytical experience for independent academic work, the ability to reconstruct fragmentary evidence, as well as media and presentation competence are taught.

Public History

The master's program seeks to instill an awareness of the presentation of historical content and problems of modern history in forms adapted to the media and publicity. The program not only poses academic questions, but also addresses aesthetic, political, and commercial dimensions of the engagement with history. In the program, students obtain theoretical competence in terms of the principles of how historical culture and historical learning operate, and acquire practical abilities such as presentation techniques and project management.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Religious Studies


The program enables students to analyze and interpret processes of transfer and transformation of religious concepts and practices in various regions. Here, religious aspects of European cultural history are central in terms of artistic, philosophical, and intellectual history. In addition, cultural traditions from non-European religions as well as gender relations in various historical and cultural contexts are examined.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Turkic Studies

Turkic studies is the study of the languages, literatures, and history of the Turkic peoples in the past and present. To understand the languages and literatures, historical knowledge is necessary. Due to the broad spread of the Turkic peoples and their proximity to different languages (Persian, Mongolian, and Russian) as well as their membership in bordering cultures, relevant foundations need to be acquired. Since many Turkic peoples were islamized by contact with Persian speakers, this realm demands special attention.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 - May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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A portrait of a young woman with long dark hair and bangs, wearing black-rimmed glasses and a red sweater. She is smiling and has her hand resting under her chin. The background is a plain, light gray.

»Two years ago I made a short trip to Berlin. The sheer enjoyment of it gave me the idea to do my master's here. Our group of LL.M. students being fairly small, there is close interaction among ourselves and our professors. Our course requires us to do an internship during the vacations, which is an excellent chance for students from abroad to become familiar with the German legal system. «

Rui Long_China_Magister legum (LL.M.)_1st semester

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

European and International Business, Competition, and Regulatory Law

The master’s program in business law is intended to give young jurists and economists from businesses, companies, law firms, and public authorities the opportunity to gain in-depth, specialist knowledge in business and competition law as well as in regulation within the energy and electronic communication sectors to enhance their professional skills. In addition to professors of business law, experienced specialist legal practitioners from competition and regulation authorities and from law firms will instruct students. The program allows students to focus on energy or telecommunications law, enabling them to specialize as required by their particular profession.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a total of 8,000 Euro for the one-year full-time program and 9,000 Euro for the two-year part-time program.

Key Information	
Application period	May 31
Language	English
Degree	Master of Business Law (MBL)
Duration	1-year program for full-time students, 2-year part-time program for professionals
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Gender and Diversity Competence

Students in the program will examine categories of social inequality (gender, ethnicity, class, religious and sexual orientation, etc.) and how these relate to one another. The aim of the program is to achieve competence in handling these inequalities in terms of redressing injustices and achieving equal opportunities on social, individual, organizational, and structural levels.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 1,500 Euro per semester.

Key Information	
Application period	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Magister legum: Master of Laws

The master's program in law is intended for foreign law graduates and legal professionals wishing to increase their understanding of German legal principles and hone their skills in specialized areas. Through coursework of their choosing, students gain in-depth knowledge of two or three general fields of German law. Through the adviser-directed thesis program, students obtain the skills required to analyze a complex legal problem of their own choosing. The relationship between each law student and professor in the department culminates in the student drafting a research thesis.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 800 Euro per semester.

Bioinformatics

The master's program in bioinformatics is a direct response to a paradigm shift taking place in medicine and biological sciences. Further research in these areas rests on the evaluation of masses of biological data: here, the use of computers, combined with accurate mathematical models and efficient algorithms is essential. Employing adequate training in the various sub-disciplines, this program provides the required knowledge for students to be able to judge mathematical methods and models, to recognize relevant biological questions, and to correctly interpret the results of the models in a biological context.

Key Information	
Application periods	June 15
Language	German
Degree	Magister Legum (LL.A.)
Duration	2 semesters
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Key Information	
Application periods	July 1 – August 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science

Computer science is devoted to the study of the electronic processing, storage, and transfer of data. The principles of constructing and programming computers are still at the core of the discipline. The in-depth courses in the M.Sc. program are strongly linked to the application-oriented projects of the research groups at the institute. The modules of the M.Sc. study program can be selected from four areas: theoretical computer science, practical computer science, technical computer science, and applied computer science.

Mathematics


The master's program in mathematics has a research orientation. Building on an initial degree, academic knowledge is deepened, and students acquire the ability to work on academic principles independently, learning to apply academic methods and findings. The master's program offers students the possibility of deepening previously acquired knowledge in one of the following domains: analysis, discrete mathematics, algebraic/complex geometry, numerical mathematics, differential geometry, or topology.

Key Information

Application periods	July 1 – August 15 (winter semester) and January 1 – February 15 (summer semester)
Language	German
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information

Application periods	July 1 – August 15 (winter semester) and January 1 – February 15 (summer semester)
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
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A portrait of Marina Stojaković, a young woman with short, curly brown hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a dark purple, textured turtleneck sweater. The background is a plain, light gray.

»The program requires a practical approach to the various arrays of cultural phenomena which includes diverse fields such as journalism, theatre, film, publishing houses, the book market, with all of the above being viewed within the context of our digital age. I'm convinced that Berlin is eventually becoming the cultural center of Europe, so it offers many chances for a career in the cultural field.«

Marina Stojaković_Bosnia and Herzegovina_Applied Literary Studies_3rd semester

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES

Applied Literary Studies

Students in the master's program of applied literary studies will acquire knowledge and competence in a field concerned with the various roles and functions of literature in the public realm. The program closely links theory and practice. Specialist modules: Literature and media, literary management, publishing, expert knowledge in literary studies, exploration of the professional field. Supplementary modules: Written and oral communication (writing use-oriented texts, chairing events, presentation), press and PR, foundations of business economics (marketing, management theory) and computing (layout programs, etc.).

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 500 Euro per semester.

Arts and Media Administration

The arts and media administration program is conceived as a practice-oriented master's degree program that integrates transdisciplinary theory with hands-on, experiential knowledge drawn from various cultural and media contexts. Core competencies for managing and leading a cultural institution or program are acquired through a paradigm of management that is oriented toward behavior and culture and includes questions about the aesthetics of perception. With its integrative concept, the program directly links the theoretical foundations of cultural and media studies, as well as aspects of communication studies, economics, law, and technology, to project and institution management.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 500 Euro per semester.

Key Information	
Application period	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	kultur@ikm.fu-berlin.de

Classical Philology

Students in this research-oriented master's program will broaden and expand knowledge acquired in a bachelor's program in classics as well as methodological and analytical competencies oriented toward current research questions. Links to the other humanities are made possible by teaching methods that allow for interdisciplinary work.

Comparative Dutch Studies

Organized in conjunction with the Universiteit van Amsterdam, the research-oriented master's program in comparative Dutch studies broadens students' knowledge of Dutch linguistics and literary studies acquired in the bachelor's program. Questions and issues of Dutch studies are placed in a European and international context. Students will acquire research-relevant methodological and analytical competence for engaging with the Dutch language and Dutch-speaking culture.

Fees

Students of Freie Universität Berlin are not required to pay any fees for the obligatory semester abroad at the Universiteit van Amsterdam. Students who wish to acquire a double degree are currently required to pay fees of around 750 Euro for the fourth semester at the Universiteit van Amsterdam.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	February 15 – April 1
Language	Dutch
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Dance Studies

Beyond all cultural and historical limits and in all social and artistic contexts, dance is a bearer of practical knowledge of the body and movement. At the same time, its fleeting character presents a challenge to scholarship. Dance studies thus represents a point of intersection between various disciplines and the arts in a period in which discourses of dynamism, movement, and the body shape all areas of scholarship.

Editorial Studies

Editorial studies is concerned with the study of the textual foundations of the humanities. Its goal is to critically study and make accessible the literary and historical sources that form the basis of academic research. Researching and processing sources in a way that satisfies today's editorial standards requires expert knowledge and competence as well as special training in philological editing. In this editorial studies program, the foundations of editing, philological procedures, and a general knowledge in the theory and practice of editing texts, visual sources, and musical scores will be taught.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 300 Euro per semester.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture

The program moves beyond the traditional disciplinary segregation within English studies and seeks to combine literature, linguistics, and cultural studies. As a result, it offers a fresh, uncompartimentalized, and international approach to the subjects studied. Courses and study areas will not be confined to one national literature but will focus on intercultural and transcultural phenomena. The program will develop students' awareness of historical context and the relationships of literature to other texts and media.

European Languages: Structures and Use

The research-oriented master's program in linguistics builds on the foundation of a bachelor's degree in philology. Graduates specialize in structural, historical, and applied aspects of European languages and comparative studies of European and extra-European languages. In-depth training in current fields of linguistic research is offered. Students obtain theoretical and methodical competencies and work with both single-area and interdisciplinary research strategies. The program also offers high-level language education in two languages. Students can specialize in Romance or Germanic linguistics.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	institut@anglistik.fu-berlin.de

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	zeus@fu-berlin.de

Film Studies

Engaging with new and older forms of the art of film represents the starting point of an increasingly differentiated understanding of the moving image: history, aesthetics, and the theory of film and/or audiovisual media both constitute the subject and have provided the conditions leading to the emergence and impact of the cinema, which include the interdependence of various cultural and aesthetic systems. As a result, the object can be grasped only in an interdisciplinary fashion. The program intensely focuses on research and continues the humanities orientation of the bachelor's program.

General and Comparative Literature

The master's program in general and comparative literature is concerned with the history and poetics of European literatures from the early modern period onward, including their ancient foundations. The scope of the program covers both the systematic study of poetry and aesthetic issues (textual structures, poetic/rhetorical techniques) as well as historical-evolutionary topics (literary/cultural eras, genre and style history). Literature is studied in its historical context and in the context of other arts and media. The history of knowledge is another key area of inquiry. Students will acquire the ability to critically evaluate current literary research.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	master@film.fu-berlin.de

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	avl@zedat.fu-berlin.de

German Literature

The master's program teaches methodological and analytical skills to conduct research into modern German literature (from 1600 to the present). The principal goal is to provide students with a profound awareness of theoretical issues and their historical aspects as well as enable them to critically engage with the methods of literary studies. In addition, the program teaches a broad range of knowledge about concepts of literary history and the functions of literature in the context of cultural history. Students will acquire the ability to engage in independent academic research in the area of German literary studies.

German Literature: Focus on Medieval Literature

The master's study program in German literature focuses on early literature with an emphasis on methodology and analysis. Themes from contemporary research will be explored that examine German literature from 800 to 1600. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of literary theory, cultural studies, and associated historical issues. The program also offers extensive interdisciplinary study of the forms and functions of early German literature within the context of cultural history. Students are expected to enhance their skills in independent scholarly research.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	sprengel@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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German as a Foreign Language: Teaching Culture

The master's program 'German as a Foreign Language: Teaching Culture' focuses both on the linguistic level of language teaching and on topics and methods of teaching the literature and culture of the German-speaking world. A maximum of 20 students are admitted per year, half of them German, the other half international students. An important part of the study program is a semester abroad at a partner university of Freie Universität Berlin where the students can take seminars and develop, engage in, and reflect on their own teaching.

Modern Greek Language and Literature

The program enhances and expands the fundamental subject-specific knowledge in the fields of Modern Greek literature and culture. The master's degree program provides students with advanced subject-specific skills, including further language skills in Modern Greek. This program also aims to help students acquire further academic, methodological, and research-oriented qualifications, particularly the ability to analyze texts and cultural phenomena independently, using academic methods, from a critical standpoint and present the results of their analysis appropriately. Students acquire fundamental, comprehensive, solid academic skills and knowledge of Modern Greek language and literature as well as the pertinent historical and socio-cultural context, making advanced knowledge of Modern Greek literature, cultural studies, and linguistics possible.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	daf@fu-berlin.de

Key Information

Application period	July 1 – August 15
Languages	German, Modern Greek
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	byzneo@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Musicology

Musicology is about the history and theory of music in the cultural contexts from which it emerges and which it represents. For this reason, musicology uses interdisciplinary methods to analyze and interpret musical developments, structures, and institutions in their aesthetic, political, social, economic, and cultural contexts. The focus of research and teaching is on the historical consideration of music, complemented by interdisciplinary questions in the areas of theory and cultural studies.

Philosophy

In this research-oriented master's program, students expand their knowledge of philosophy in the full spectrum and variety of its traditions. Two aspects characterize the degree program: It offers students the greatest possible freedom to immerse themselves in special areas of study of their own choosing, and it makes it possible for students to engage in the interdisciplinary aspects of philosophy. Students acquire analytic, hermeneutic, and logical-argumentative competencies oriented toward current research questions. They do so by using the texts and the tools necessary for independent scholarly work and the presentation of results.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	gregor.herzfeld@fu-berlin.de

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
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»The Institute of Philosophy is marked by both its researchers' in-depth research as its openness for the students' own initiative. The seminars are based on challenging discussions. One learns how to formulate arguments coherently in exchange with one's teacher and fellow students. During my studies I enjoy how to combine theoretical with creative thinking.«

Thomas Bragdon_The Netherlands_Philosophy_5th semester

Romance Literatures

This research-based master's program in Romance literatures seeks to deepen the students' familiarity with at least two Romance languages and literatures and offers training oriented toward current research issues ranging across the spectrum of the Romance languages and cultures. A special emphasis is placed on teaching theories and methods and providing a profound awareness of the central epochs of the Romance literatures. This is acquired through the comprehensive reading of primary and secondary sources and training in the Romance languages.

Theater Studies

Theater studies, as taught in the master's program, is understood as a discipline at the intersection of cultural studies, art history, and media studies, maintaining interdisciplinary openness and taking into account the mutual relationship between theory and practice, arts and humanities. The discipline is not only concerned with theatrical performances of all genres (theater, music theater, dance theater, performance art) but also with theatrical ways of thinking and acting. The master's program includes the areas of theater history, contemporary theater/performance analysis, theory and aesthetics, and theater/arts/media.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	jeserich@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	master@theater.fu-berlin.de



»Studying Physics at Freie Universität is both interesting and challenging. The curriculum and course content are well-structured. The department offers a whole range of subjects that students can pursue in their research. Living in Berlin is exciting, and I soon felt at home here. Best of all, you can never get bored of Berlin.«

Risalat Khan_Bangladesh_Physics_1st semester

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Physics

The research-orientated master's program builds on the bachelor's program course in physics. It aims to give students a deeper level of knowledge and an understanding of the scientific methods of physics and – depending on the choice of elective courses – of related subjects. Program goals include deepening students' knowledge of physics, supporting their specialization in the field, and helping them expand their skills, including the ability to perform independent research. Program participants acquire the ability to successfully deal with a variety of scientific and technical problems as generalists in the natural sciences.

Key Information

Application periods	April 15 – May 31 (winter semester) and October 15 – November 30 (summer semester)
Language	English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	masterstudium@physik.fu-berlin.de

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND

Gender and Diversity Competence

Students in the program will examine categories of social inequality (gender, ethnicity, class, religious and sexual orientation, etc.) and how these relate to one another. The aim of the program is to achieve competence in handling these inequalities in terms of redressing injustices and achieving equal opportunities on social, individual, organizational, and structural levels.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 1,500 Euro per semester.

Key Information

Application periods	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	katharina.puehl@fu-berlin.de

SOCIAL SCIENCES

German-French Double Master in Political Sciences – Affaires européennes / Affaires internationales

The program provides a high-standard academic training with a strong international focus and imparts a broad knowledge of German and French political culture and language. Students spend their first year in Paris and their second year in Berlin. They learn and study in two different education systems which differ in terms of methods, contents, structures and their cultures of teaching and studying. The program combines the different contents of the two individual programs in a unique way and thus provides a binational, interdisciplinary education in political science on an advanced level.

Fees

Between 0 and 12,500 Euro per year according to financial ability, payable to Sciences Po Paris; Berlin: enrollment fees.

German-French Double Master in Public Policy & Management

The program offers an intercultural and interdisciplinary approach to business and public-administration management. Students spend their first year at HEC Paris and their second year at Freie Universität Berlin. The program teaches professional skills in political science and management and enhances students' international and intercultural communication abilities. Furthermore, students become trilingual. Graduates will be qualified for an international career at the interface between politics and economics in domains such as national administration, international organisations, politics and political communication.

Fees

Tuition fee is to be paid to HEC only. Annual tuition fee is 12,600 Euro for students from the European Union and 16,800 Euro for non-EU students; payable in two installments; Berlin: enrollment fees.

Key Information

Application period	about April
Languages	German, French
Degree	Master of Arts in Political Sciences/ Master de Sciences Po, specialization "Affaires Internationales" or "Affaires Européennes"
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	oppeln@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Key Information

Application period	about April
Languages	German, English, French
Degree	Master of Science in Management/ Master in Public Policy & Management
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	oppeln@zedat.fu-berlin.de

International Relations Online

The IR Online program is a full two-year Master's program designed to enhance your career perspectives in IR-related fields and to further qualify you to work in governmental agencies or private enterprises as well as in international organizations and NGOs. As a blended learning program, it combines periods of guided self study with four in-house classes throughout the course. The program invites participants to study tools and methods of academic and applied research; theories of IR; and innovative approaches to studying global politics as well as the prevailing issues of IR such as globalization, European politics, international political economy, international law, international security, migration, conflict management, and more.

Fees


In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a total of 16,500 Euro for the two-year full-time program and 17,500 Euro for the four-year part-time program.

Key Information	
Application period	April 30 (online applications only)
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters for full-time students, 8 semesters for part-time students
Contact	ironline@fu-berlin.de

Media and Political Communication

The master's program in media and political communication attracts outstanding bachelor's degree graduates in media and communication studies from all over the world. The program provides students with the analytical and methodological skills necessary for understanding and researching political communication in an ever-changing media world. Focal points of the program include: political communication and media or mediated political communication; political communication management; political journalism; media policy and regulations. There is a strong focus on international and comparative perspectives.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	puk-master@fu-berlin.de

A portrait of a young man with short brown hair and blue eyes, smiling slightly. He is wearing a brown ribbed sweater over a light-colored shirt with thin red and blue vertical stripes. His arms are crossed over his chest.

»In Israel I've graduated from Law School and at the same time I've completed a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. In Berlin I've looked for a chance to combine both of these disciplines. The best mash-up I've discovered is in the Institute for Media and Communication Studies. The groove from the studies and the fact that I live in the city of my dreams is a fantastic mixture.«

Aaron K. Roth_Israel_Media and Political Communication_5th semester

Political Science

The research-oriented master's program in political science enables students to expand and deepen their expertise through specialization in a subdivision of the discipline. Specialization choices are in the following areas: theory of politics (that is, the foundations of political structures and processes), international and transnational relationships, and regional studies and comparative analysis of political systems and fields of politics. In this program, knowledge of theory-related, methodological, and empirical political science is deepened.

Politics and German Post-War History

This program is addressed to students who seek to broaden their knowledge about German post-war history and their ability to impart this knowledge. Focusing on Germany's development after 1945, the program analyzes relevant interests, political institutions, relations of power including gender, and the historical conditionality of democracy, justice, and peace in order to show the link between the past and present. In addition to courses in history and politics, didactic courses are obligatory as well.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 1,000 Euro per semester.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	luetz@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Key Information

Application period	September 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	3 semesters
Contact	apt@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Social and Cultural Anthropology

The program provides students with the ability to do independent academic work and to analyze complex sociocultural configurations and processes. The program offers a differentiated engagement with theoretical questions that combine micro- and macrolevels and integrate social, cultural, and political-economic perspectives. Regional knowledge of Asian and African countries as well as an emphasis on international experience in the framework of a project to be carried out independently underscore the significance that the program places on intercultural understanding.

Sociology – European Societies

The program concentrates on the description and analysis of the social aspects of Europeanization: To what extent are European nation states already integrated into a European community? Under which conditions is further integration possible? And how have societies changed on a national level as a result of economic and political Europeanization? The course also considers Europe and Europeanization within a global context. Completion of the master's degree program provides graduates with the qualifications and tools to work in such academic and political institutions as research centers, international organizations, and NGOs.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	masteranthro@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	ma-soziologie@fu-berlin.de

Visual and Media Anthropology

The master's program in visual and media anthropology focuses on the relationships between culture and media in a number of areas, such as problems in representation of culture and gender through media; the significance of ethnographic films and photography for social and cultural anthropology; the development of media in indigenous, diaspora, and non-Western communities; the influence of film/media on cultures; and visual and media anthropology in virtual cultures and social networks. This graduate degree in visual and media anthropology (Master of Arts) is a blended learning program (mixture of E-learning and on-site classes) and enables those who are already active in the media industry to gain visual and media anthropological knowledge.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 2,225 Euro per semester.

Key Information

Application period	April 30
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	tobecker@zedat.fu-berlin.de

DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

International Animal Health: Veterinary Public Health

The postgraduate program conveys specialist and contemporary knowledge and inter-disciplinary insights into the field of veterinary public health, particularly focusing on food safety in the developing and fast-developing countries in Southeast Asia. The master's degree program in veterinary public health (VPH) is divided into two study parts: part one comprises study modules (e.g., risk analysis, sanitary requirements, zoonoses, food-chain approach, disease surveillance, a VPH systems approach, regulatory tasks, etc.) at Freie Universität Berlin and CMU Thailand; part two includes field and laboratory work in the home country of the participant, and drafting the master's thesis; this step concludes with the oral defense.

Fees

The course fee is 18,000 Euro (some scholarships are provided by DAAD and the Thai government).

Small Animals Science

The program in small-animal science provides students with thorough theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of small-animal medicine. It is application-oriented and ties in with students' professional experience in the field of veterinary medicine. Students familiarize themselves with the thematic foundations, the elementary methods facilitating decisions and the conditions under which these methods are being applied, and learn to orient themselves within the relevant area of small-animal medicine. By taking this approach, the program can support students to integrate theoretical and practical foundations of small-animal medicine into professional practice.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 2,000 Euro per year.

Key Information	
Application period	March 31 of every second year (next date 2013)
Language	English
Degree	Master of Veterinary Public Health (MVPH)
Duration	4 semesters
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Key Information	
Application period	May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	6 semesters
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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Economics

The program provides expert knowledge, methods, and key qualifications that enable students to engage in independent scholarly work and communication, critical evaluation of scholarly findings, and responsible professional behavior. Graduates should be able to contribute to the discipline with their own research and develop appropriate solutions for complex economic problems. The program provides a well-grounded education in the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and economic policy as well as in quantitative methods.

European Studies


Initiated by the German Foreign Ministry in 1998, the master's program in European studies offered by Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Technische Universität Berlin prepares students for an international career. Students acquire interdisciplinary knowledge in the following fields: the EU as a legal community, the EU as an economic community, the EU as a political community, and the historical, cultural, and social foundations of the EU.

Fees

Fees total 7,500 Euro, including general semester fees and dues.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	viktor.steiner@fu-berlin.de

Key Information	
Application period	March 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of European Studies (M.E.S.)
Duration	2 semesters
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A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a dark maroon, ribbed, long-sleeved top. Her hands are on her hips. The background is a plain, light gray.

»The biggest advantage of the master's program is the broad range of elective courses as well as the high level of professors, with students having the unique opportunity to learn from international well-known academics. Giving a wide overview of economic research areas, the program offers many fields for specializing.«

Anna Kushch_Russia_Economics_3rd semester

Executive Master of Business Marketing

The Executive Master of Business Marketing program focuses on the know-how necessary to successfully market products and services to business clients in the following areas: marketing, distribution, management, and controlling. The program is aimed at professionals with academic training and is set up to cater to this audience in particular. This group includes especially managers, directors, and (senior) employees who work in distribution/sales, marketing, key account management, product management, and customer services/CRM.

Fees

Tuition fees currently total 14,000 Euro including general fees and dues.

Finance, Accounting and Taxation

The master's program in finance, accounting, and taxation, or FACTS, offers academically based, application-oriented in-depth studies in the areas of finance, accounting (financial accounting, managerial accounting or auditing), taxation, and supplements (especially law and related fields in business economics). Besides the possibility of completing a doctoral dissertation, the FACTS program opens many opportunities for gaining employment in industrial, auditing or consulting companies or institutions.

Key Information	
Application period	May 31 (Extension of deadline)
Language	German
Degree	Master of Business Marketing (MBM)
Duration	2 semesters
Contact	mbm@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	Klaus.Ruhnke@fu-berlin.de; tobias.sontopski@fu-berlin.de

Gender and Diversity Competence

Students in the program will examine categories of social inequality (gender, ethnicity, class, religious and sexual orientation, etc.) and how these relate to one another. The aim of the program is to achieve competence in handling these inequalities in terms of redressing injustices and achieving equal opportunities on social, individual, organizational, and structural levels.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a tuition fee of 1,500 Euro per semester.

Management and Marketing

The master's program promotes the acquisition of abilities in management and marketing on a theoretical and practical level. In order to develop technical competency, heuristics and problem-solving know-how is taught. Conceptual competency is developed through the solution of complex cases, the structuring of new problems, as well in debates and the master's paper. The increasing global interconnectedness in both scholarship and business puts ever greater demands on one's social and intercultural competence. For this reason, graduate students will participate in an obligatory exchange program in the third semester.

Key Information	
Application period	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	katharina.puehl@fu-berlin.de


Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	mastermm@fu-berlin.de

Public Economics

This program integrates the disciplines of public economics, economic policy, and macroeconomics. After a comprehensive review of the theoretical and empirical foundations of the key areas of economics, students obtain training to apply public economic theory to questions of economic policy. Drawing from this training, students can select their own personal specializations like the economic analysis of taxes and fees or the labor market. Students can complement this work by acquiring business-administration and jurisprudential skills.

Key Information

Application period	April 15 – May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	Master.PublicEconomics@ wiwiss.fu-berlin.de

A portrait of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling, wearing a red button-down shirt and a gold necklace. The background is a plain, light gray.

»I've chosen Freie Universität because of its reputation and my personal interest towards finance and controlling. The FACTS master's program offers an optimal platform for the combination of theory and practice, e.g. besides lectures there are many opportunities to participate in workshops and events. Apart from that Berlin is a fascinating and attractive city with lots of possibilities to spend time.«

Linxu Han_China_Finance, Accounting and Taxation (FACTS)_3rd semester

INSTITUTE FOR EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

East European Studies

In the interdisciplinary master's program in East European studies, students learn about the history, sociology, culture, politics, law, and economics of the region. In the modules of the core discipline, students analyze developments in Eastern Europe from the perspective of their primary discipline. In addition, students gain insight into another discipline of their choice. Practical skills are acquired by completing an interdisciplinary project and an internship. In this program, students also learn an eastern European language.

Key Information	
Application period	April 15 – May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters
Contact	master@oei.fu-berlin.de

East European Studies Online

East European studies, one of Germany's top ten international master's programs, offers graduate education and training about Eastern Europe. The accredited program provides students with in-depth, multidisciplinary knowledge on topics related to this exciting, fast-growing region. The skills necessary to be able to work for public and private organizations in or concerning the region as well as to conduct further academic work are taught. In full-time blended learning, four one-week in-house classes are combined with modules offered through an Internet-based learning-management system.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay a total of 11,900 Euro for the two-year full-time program and 12,900 Euro for the four-year part-time program.

Key Information	
Application period	April 30
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters for full-time students, 8 semesters for part-time students
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INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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