

Graduate prospectus



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. It offers graduate courses of outstanding quality across an extraordinary array of disciplines. It is a place of intellectual excitement and world-class research. Freie Universität was 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 establishing 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, whether you enroll in a master's or a doctoral program.

I would be delighted if you considered Freie Universität Berlin your first choice for graduate study. An additional bonus of the university is its embeddedness in a culturally and intellectually highly attractive capital city.

I hope this prospectus will inspire you to apply.

Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt
President

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The Philological Library building has been the recipient of many awards since its opening in 2005.

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.

Truth, Justice, Freedom

The three words framing the seal of Freie Universität Berlin reflect values at the core of the university's academic ethos since its establishment in December 1948.

Veritas – truth – is the highest goal of teaching and research as these are understood at Freie Universität Berlin. The commitment to truth in a modern sense means to ascribe a clear epistemological interest to academic pursuits and to protect this from the dangers posed by arbitrariness. The goal of truth is to promote scholarship's intellectual concept of itself as well as its methodological sustainability and its inner dynamic.

Justitia – justice – complements truth. If knowledge of the truth is the goal of scholarly activity, then it needs to be linked with social responsibility. In such terms, justice means anchoring research and teaching within society and orienting this toward a generally recognized canon of values in the spirit of personal responsibility. An essential aspect of this concept of justice is making academic learning available to young people from around the world regardless of social class, gender, nationality, faith, or ethnic origin.

Libertas – freedom – is the third and last guiding principle and stresses the general condition that must be created if research and teaching are to be successful. Only where scholarship can autonomously determine its goals and mission free from external interference – from the state,

church, and society – can it do justice to its aim of engaging in the socially responsible pursuit of knowledge.

Facts and Figures

- **Students:** 32.000
- **Professors:** 403 including 68 junior professors
- **Departments and Central Institutes:** 15 (including medicine)
- **Subjects:** about 100
- **Doctoral Programs:** 23
- **Collaborative Research Centers:** 29 (including medicine)
- **Government Subsidies:** 284 million euro each year
- **External Funding:** 90 million euro each year (Figures exclude programs in medicine)

These guiding principles are as important in combination with each other as they are individually. Truth without freedom becomes rigorous dogma; justice without truth becomes a unsubstantiated norm, freedom without justice becomes a game without commitment. Truth, justice, and freedom must complement each other as values if they are to illuminate the intellectual responsibility to which research and teaching are to be committed. As their meanings interact, veritas, justitia, and libertas form the foundation on which scholarship at Freie Universität Berlin stands.

Freie Universität Berlin stands for ...

1. Encouraging academic ability in the spirit of freedom, truth, and justice
2. Providing outstanding academic training for young scholars from Germany and around the world
3. Systematically supporting research planning, aiding young scholars, and engaging in international cooperations
4. Fostering research excellence with a special focus on interdisciplinary work
5. Providing academic opportunities at all levels of higher education
6. Facilitating intellectual exchange among instructors and students on socially relevant, global, and future-oriented issues
7. Improving academic performance by bundling competencies into networks
8. Strengthening Berlin as a center of learning through regional, national and international cooperation
9. Promoting socially responsible global thinking and acting
10. A service-minded administration



Creative spaces in the Philological Library

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.

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 information 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



The 'Berlin Brain'

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.

The German Excellence Initiative

The Excellence Initiative was launched by the German government and the academic community to promote outstanding research projects and institutions in German higher education, strengthen cutting-edge research, and bring more attention to German scholarship and research.

There are three primary lines of funding:

Graduate Schools

Graduate schools – in the German understanding of the term – include small and large PhD programs built around innovative and often interdisciplinary questions and are headed by leading scholars. As internationally recognized centers of science and scholarship, graduate schools provide the ideal environment for highly qualified doctoral students. The Excellence Initiative selected 39 German graduate schools to receive five years of funding.

Clusters of Excellence

Clusters of Excellence were created to engage universities in scholarly networking and collaboration in research fields showing particular promise, and have the goal of strengthening these universities' international visibility and competitiveness. Besides various universities, non-university research institutions and partners from industry also make significant contributions to the clusters. Under the Excellence Initiative, a total of 37 Clusters of Excellence at numerous German universities receive funding over a period of five years.

Institutional Strategies

Universities have been called on to develop long-term strategies for continuing to expand and enhance their cutting-edge research and improve support for young scholars and researchers. This means identifying existing strengths and sharpening profiles in all fields. Under the Excellence Initiative, a total of nine universities and their institutional strategies have received funding for five years.

Freie Universität Berlin and the Excellence Initiative

Freie Universität Berlin was successful in obtaining funding in all three lines of the German Excellence Initiative. Two excellence clusters and four graduate schools were approved for funding as were one cluster and one graduate school at Charité, the joint medical school of Freie Universität and Humboldt-Universität. In addition, Freie Universität participates in a cluster at Technische Universität Berlin. Freie Universität's institutional strategic plan to transform itself into an International Network University, too, gained recognition by the initiative. The university now has the institutional structure to position itself as a beacon of excellent research: The Center for Cluster Development promotes the creation of interdisciplinary clusters; the Dahlem Research School serves as an umbrella for structured doctoral programs; and the Center for International Cooperation initiates and supports international partnerships.

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 long-standing 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.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK UNIVERSITY



International Summer University student

International from the Very Beginning

Support from the international community made the founding of Freie Universität Berlin possible and impulses from around the world have continued to shape it ever since. As a result of West Berlin's isolation, particularly during the early post-war period, it became a matter of survival for Freie Universität Berlin to establish connections to institutions, organizations, and individuals in western Germany, Europe, and the world beyond. As early as the 1950s, the university had formed partnerships with such renowned American universities as Stanford, Princeton,

Yale, and Columbia as well as many universities in Western Europe.

What began as a necessity rapidly evolved into a successful strategy: Today, Freie Universität Berlin has over 150 partnerships with academic institutions worldwide, and the university is a mecca for international researchers. Indeed, for visiting scholars receiving support from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Freie Universität Berlin is their second-most frequent choice in Germany. A total of about 600 foreign scholars contribute to research and teaching diversity every

year. Students at the university are also very diverse: Of the approximately 32,000 students studying in over 100 subject areas, 18 percent are from abroad.

Freie Universität Berlin's Offices Abroad

As an International Network University, Freie Universität Berlin maintains a network of offices around the globe. Currently, it has seven offices located in New York, New Delhi, Beijing, Moscow, Brussels, Cairo, and São Paulo. In many cases, the university shares its offices with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and other German research institutions.



Professional support services enable international students to get started without delay



These offices act as regional hubs, constituting points of contact for foreign researchers and students interested in working or studying at Freie Universität Berlin. The offices also help to establish cross-border research and institutional cooperation efforts and take an active role in developing the university's network of partnerships. Representatives from the offices attend important fairs and events, publish regional newsletters, and offer a range of activities, including lectures and alumni events.

International Students

Studying abroad can be a big challenge, especially at the beginning. The various steps that lie between applying and matriculating are often entirely new territory for students. Freie Universität Berlin supports its international students to get started as well as to find their way around the university when they arrive. This helps to ensure that their academic studies will be successful. After international students are admitted and before they depart for Berlin, they are encouraged to browse Freie Universität Berlin's Internet portal, *Distributed Campus*. There they find information about the study programs, the German university system, and living in Berlin.

Once students have arrived, the International Club can be a great place of support. It is where students from around the globe can meet to go to the cinema or a museum together or organize parties for club mem-

bers and friends. A varied program of activities gives students a chance to get to know their peers as well as their new city: www.internationalerclub.de

Exchange Programs

Student exchange programs have always played an important role at Freie Universität Berlin. Currently, exchange agreements are in place with more than 60 uni-

versities. Students enrolled at Freie Universität Berlin's partner universities can attend Freie Universität Berlin through one of these exchange programs. Similarly, students enrolled at Freie Universität Berlin can go abroad through such a direct exchange. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers numerous grants for students and researchers who would like to spend some time abroad. Another option is



Henry Ford Building

The Henry Ford Building is the first major building constructed for Freie Universität Berlin. It was built between 1952 and 1954 with a donation from the American Henry Ford Foundation and reopened in 2007

after extensive refurbishment. By constructing the entire length of the foyer in glass, the architects gave the building a sense of lightness in spite of a total area topping 18,000 square meters.



Philological Library

Even before it was opened in 2005, the Philological Library had a nickname: 'The Berlin Brain.' The library was designed by the internationally renowned architect Lord Norman Foster and his team. The collections of 13 institute libraries were

combined under one roof to create a central location for research in the humanities. The library contains approximately 750.000 books, 640 well-equipped study areas, and 100 Internet research stations. Located in the center of the humanities

and social sciences building, the Philological Library's structure features a light, spacious, and very modern interior. It embodies the innovative and forward-looking spirit of Freie Universität Berlin.



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Perspektiven

'Perspektiven' – The bronze sculpture created by Volker Bartsch commemorates those students of Freie Universität Berlin and Deutsche Hochschule für Politik who lost their lives for freedom. The sculpture was donated to Freie Universität Berlin by the bank Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie.

Short-term Programs for International Students – FUBiS and FU-BEST

Freie Universität Berlin's summer and winter program, FUBiS is intended for students and graduates from abroad who want to obtain initial insights into the German culture and language. FUBiS offers students a high-quality short-term summer and standard-length winter program. By participating in FUBiS, students benefit academically, culturally, and personally. FUBiS offers German language classes as well as courses in such subjects as history and politics, German literature, architecture, and art history. Thematic foci include Berlin, Germany, and Europe. All courses except the German language classes and the literature courses are taught in English. Excursions augment the coursework in the program, giving participants and opportunity to experience the excitement of Berlin. Most of the

courses are suitable for both first-year students and graduates. FUBiS awards internationally recognized credits for its courses, so participants benefit from making contact with other students from around the world and their course work counts toward their degrees at their home universities: www.fubis.org

The FU-BEST program started in the summer of 2005 and offers foreign students an introduction to German language, history, and culture. Organized in trimesters, the program consists of courses on German and European history, literature, theater studies, and political science as well as a comprehensive language program with about 15 hours a week of instruction. Most subject courses are taught in English: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/fubest>

participating in the European Erasmus program. It makes it possible to experience other European universities and take advantage of what they offer academically and in terms of language and culture.

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WELCOME TO BERLIN!

Welcome to Berlin!

Berlin is the capital of Germany. With a population of 3.4 million inhabitants, including people from more than 180 nations, Berlin is Germany's largest city and one of the most extraordinary cities in Europe. For over a century, events here have either mirrored or determined what has happened in the rest of the world. And two decades after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the city is once again on the move to become an international metropolis on par with London, Paris, Shanghai, and New York.

First documented in the 13th century, Berlin was the capital of the Kingdom of Prussia, the German Empire, the Weimar Republic, and the Third Reich. After World War II, the city was divided and the world's most powerful military systems faced off here. The eastern part of the city became the capital of East Germany while West Berlin became a Western exclave, surrounded, since 1961, by the infamous



The humanities and social sciences building of Freie Universität

Berlin Wall. Following the fall of the wall in 1989 and German reunification one year later, the city regained its status as the capital of Germany, continuing to experience dramatic changes ever since. 'It's this weight of history, the sense of living in a hothouse where all the dilemmas of

contemporary Europe are nurtured, that gives Berlin its excitement and troubling fascination.' (The Rough Guide to Berlin)

Scientific Region Berlin

Berlin represents one of the largest, most diverse science regions in Europe. It has



In between lectures

an unusually large density of academic, science, and research organizations and serves as the host city to a large number of research and medical conferences. Approximately 190,000 people from all over the world study, teach, work, and perform research at the city's four universities, several universities of applied sciences, four art colleges, 19 private university-level schools and colleges and more than 70 research institutes. Germany's major national research organizations, including the Fraunhofer Society, the Helmholtz Association, the Leibniz Association, and the Max Planck Society, have several institutes in the capital. Berlin is also home to eight research institutes of German federal ministries.

Universities and colleges, research companies, and business enterprises are closely connected in Berlin. Scientists and entrepreneurs find the ideal conditions for developing new ideas and taking them to market as products at Berlin's 24 technology parks and entrepreneurship centers. Some of the primary industries in Berlin include optoelectronics, traffic engineering, IT, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, biomedical engineering, and biotechnology.

Student Jobs in Berlin

It is common for many German students to have part-time jobs to finance their living expenses, especially when they do not receive a grant or only have partial funding. Students often find jobs in restaurants, in the service sector, or directly at the university. Freie Universität Berlin publishes job ads for students every week. Such jobs have several advantages: Because of their close proximity, they are easy to perform while concentrating on academic work; you could find one with a link to your academic interests; wages are agreed on in advance and therefore appropriate.

Graduate Life and Leisure Activities

Over the years, Berlin has evolved into a global destination for young people and artists attracted to the city's liberal lifestyle. Many young leaders also come to Berlin to learn more about global governance and international science. Famous for its vibrant nightlife, the city is an ideal place for students and young people. Berlin is not only the home of numerous first-class symphony orchestras, more than 170 museums – many of them world-

renowned, lots of theaters, over 400 art galleries, and three opera houses but also lots of clubs, restaurants, and alternative venues. Its urban and historical legacy has also made it a popular setting for international film productions and festivals such as the Berlin Film Festival also known as *Berlinale*.

Around one-third of the area comprising Berlin consists of forests, parks, gardens, rivers, and lakes. The city is indeed very green and environmentally aware, and the extensive, extremely efficient public trans-

Berlin is also a great place for biking and walking. Bike lanes criss cross nearly all neighborhoods, bringing you everywhere.

Those wishing to balance their studies or research with athletic activities can choose from an extensive sports program offered by the university's center for sports activities. From A for Aikido to Z for Zeitgenössischer Tanz (contemporary dance), numerous team and individual sports, relaxation techniques, and martial arts are available to students. The university also has its own beach volleyball court.



Berlin's Brandenburg Gate

portation system adds to the feeling of being in an area with an extraordinarily high quality of living. A particularly interesting attraction is Berlin's Botanical Garden with its glorious 19th century hothouses. These belong to Freie Universität Berlin and are one of the largest gardens of this kind in the world. Studying at Freie Universität Berlin also means getting free access to the city's transportation system. The administrative fees for the semester include a pass for all public transportation. For those who want it even more environmentally friendly:

Students at Freie Universität Berlin who would like to devote their free time to music can participate in one of the five ensembles of the Collegium Musicum of Freie Universität and Technische Universität Berlin. Among these are the chamber choir, the large choir, the small symphonic orchestra, the symphony orchestra, and university's big band. Performances usually take place in Berlin's Philharmonic concert hall. Music enthusiasts can also participate in the Junges Orchester, a music group organized by students.



Teaching takes place in various formats

BEFORE YOU APPLY ...

Fees and Finance

The majority of the master's degree programs and all PhD 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 or PhD. 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 institu-

tions 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: Master Students

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

Grants and Stipends: PhD Students

Freie Universität's structured PhD programs usually have a limited number of grants and stipends for its PhD candidates. Information and contact names can be found on the relevant homepages. Applicants to PhD programs who already receive aid from elsewhere can often be accepted in a program as associates. In addition, a wide variety of grant programs and foundations support the PhD projects of outstanding university graduate students.

Stipends can be full-time or part-time; grants may be used for finishing a thesis or alleviate temporary financial difficulties. Each agency has its own criteria for

Facts and Figures

- 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).

awarding financial support, but all require successful applicants to be academically exceptional and have PhD projects that will make a significant scholarly contribution. For general information about support for young scholars and an overview of grant programs and foundations, please visit: www.fu-berlin.de/en/forschung/nachwuchsfoerder

Language

Proficiency in German is required from applicants for the majority of master's degrees and PhD programs 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 who did not earn their high-school diploma from a recognized school where German was the language of instruc-

tion. 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 exempt as are those who have an exemption from their PhD committee.

It is still recommended to have at least a basic knowledge of German to be able to interact in daily life. A free online test is offered by the Goethe-Institut (www.goethe.de).

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 a number of other states including Australia, Brazil, Japan or the US, may apply for a visa after entering Germany. Your entry visa has to be approved by the immigration authority (Ausländerbehörde) in Berlin which will give you 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.

The Confucius Institute



The Confucius Institute at Freie Universität Berlin is a non-profit institution for the advancement of knowledge of the language and culture of China abroad. The institute was founded jointly by Freie Universität Berlin and Beijing University. It was the first Confucius Institute to be opened in Germany.



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 degree from a university (or equivalent institution) where the language of instruction is not German are invited to take the DSH examination (German language exam for admission to a university) at Freie Universität Berlin's language center. 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.

Information

The online forms and extensive information for international students can be found at www.uni-assist.de/english.html

All other interested graduates should apply online directly to Freie Universität Berlin. Online-application form: www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/bewerbung/master/

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.

Information

For more details about applications and admission including contact information: www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/bewerbung

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.

Information

For more details about matriculation including contact information: www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/immatrikulation

Master's Degree Programs in English

(including joint master's degree programs with other universities)

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. This also applies to some joint master's degree programs that Freie Universität Berlin participates in with other universities, some of them abroad, and the Berlin universities' joint medical school, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. For these master's degree programs, applications are not always submitted to Freie Universität Berlin.

- **Chemistry (M.Sc.)**
- **East European Studies Online (M.A.)**
- **English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture (M.A.)**
- **Euromasters (M.A.)**
- **European and International Business, Competition and Regulatory Law (MBL)**
- **Health and Society: International Gender Studies Berlin (M.Sc. in Public Health)**
- **International Health (M.Sc.)**
- **International Relations Online (M.A.)**
- **International Animal Health, Concentration: Transboundary Animal Disease Management (MTADM)**
- **Medical Neurosciences (M.Sc.)**
- **Molecular Medicine (M.Sc.)**
- **Physics (M.Sc.)**
- **Polymer Science (M.Sc.)**
- **Postgraduate Studies in International Animal Health (M.Sc.)**
- **Sociology – European Societies (M.A.)**
- **Trans-Atlantic Masters (M.A.)**
- **Visual and Media Anthropology (M.A.)**

Joint Master's Degree Programs

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.

These programs require proficiency in German, with the exception of those programs mentioned above where the language of instruction is exclusively English.

- **Applied Epidemiology (M.Sc.)**
www.charite.de/en/studies/study_programs/postgraduate_study_programs

- **Cerebrovascular Medicine (M.Sc.)**
www.charite.de/en/studies/study_programs/postgraduate_study_programs
- **Consumer Health Care (M.Sc.)** www.consumer-health-care.de
- **Euromasters (M.A.)** www.bath.ac.uk/esml/em
- **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
- **Medical Neurosciences (M.Sc.)** www.medical-neurosciences.de/en
- **Molecular Medicine (M.Sc.)** www.molecular-medicine-berlin.com
- **Polymer Science (M.Sc.)** www.polymerscience.de
- **Public Health (Master of Public Health)**
http://bsph.charite.de/en/academic_programs
- **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.unc.edu/depts/tam

Double-Degree Master's Programs

Freie Universität Berlin has four international master's degree programs that offer students a double degree from Freie Universität Berlin 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 Lomonosov Moscow State University:

Dual German-Russian master's degree program in communications and journalism (M.A.)

With University of Amsterdam:

Double master's degree program in comparative Dutch studies/Comparatieve Neerlandistiek (M.A.)

Master of Education: Becoming a Teacher in Berlin

Graduates wishing to become teachers in a state school in Berlin usually need to have a Master of Education degree. This master's degree program requires a bachelor's degree with a teacher training component (Lehramtsoption) as an initial degree.

Graduates interested in the master's degree program in education who earned their initial degree abroad can, ideally, have their credit points count toward a bachelor's degree with a teaching option, but directly applying to a master's degree program in education is not possible. A bachelor's degree with a teacher training component (Lehramtsoption) is an admission requirement for the master's degree program in education.

It is currently possible to earn a master's degree in education at Freie Universität Berlin in the following subjects:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Elementary Education
- English
- French
- German
- Greek
- History
- 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:

Freie Universität Berlin
Info-Service for Students and Applicants
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E-mail: Info-Service@fu-berlin.de
Program information through online chat:
Mondays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.



DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACY

Biology

The research-oriented master's program in biology is a bilingual study course (German and English) that offers students in-depth expert knowledge and methodology in biology. The program largely allows students the flexibility to concentrate on research fields of molecular and cell biology, neuro- and behavioral biology, biodiversity, evolution, and ecology. The program is modularly constructed. Content is communicated in the form of introductory, basic, expansion, and in-depth modules and concludes with the master's thesis. With the possibility of flexibly combining modules with an early specialization, this study program strengthens independence and individual responsibility in academic research. With this study program, competencies are achieved that qualify graduates for jobs or further research in universities, research institutions, industry or management.

Key Information

Application period	July 1–August 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor degree in biology or biology-related program with biology content of at least 30 credit points.
- Proof of English skills (level B2 CEFR) for applicants whose native language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution where English is the language of instruction.

This program is currently being redesigned, therefore all information is conditional. Please refer to the website for the latest information.

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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).

Key Information

Application periods	April 15– May 31 (winter semester) October 15– November 30 (summer semester)
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in chemistry or an equivalent degree with credits in chemistry that correspond to the bachelor's program in chemistry at the Freie Universität Berlin.
- With certain restrictions, it is possible to complete the master's degree program by taking classes solely in English. The necessary English language skills must as a rule be proven by exam results.

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»Studying chemistry at Freie Universität is truly fascinating. The labs are well equipped and the professors are helpful, always trying to give motivation, especially to the foreign students. The program is also bilingual, so non-German speakers can take most of their courses in English. It's also important to mention that living in Berlin is amazing, for there is always a ton of things going on. Berlin is a cultural city with so many museums, exhibitions and concerts that you can never get bored in this city. Living in Berlin is a unique opportunity to broaden your horizons.«

Efi Papapavlou_ Greece_ Chemistry_ Semester 2, Master





DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Geography

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 subject-specific 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in geosciences with credit points in geography corresponding to the bachelor's program in geography at Freie Universität Berlin, or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

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Key Information	
Application period	July 1–August 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree (B.Sc.) in geosciences with a geosciences component that corresponds to the bachelor's degree in geological sciences at Freie Universität Berlin, or an equivalent university degree in a relevant field.

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 Homepage: www.geo.fu-berlin.de/fb/studium/studiengaenge2/mscgeologie.html

Key Information	
Application period	July 1–August 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters



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.

Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree in geosciences or physics with 40 credit points in meteorology, as well as 55 credit points from the areas of physics, mathematics, and computer science, with at least 30 credit points in physics and 20 credit points in mathematics.

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

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 Homepage: www.geo.fu-berlin.de/en/met/





Educational Studies: Education, Culture, and Forms of Knowledge

The research-oriented program deals with education, culture, and forms of knowledge. Its scope of inquiry includes such areas as the analysis of educational processes that support the search for individual and collective identity; forms of knowledge in a globalized future; the theoretical recognition and empirical analysis of forms of knowledge with respect to the past, present, and future; and the theoretically well-grounded reconstruction of social and cultural forms of knowledge throughout its entire spectrum.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with at least 90 credit points in education or an equivalent degree.

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

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Educational Studies: Research and Development in Social and Educational Organizations

The master's program addresses the development of pedagogical institutions and their planning and controlling on various levels. The challenges of globalization, demographic change, and the knowledge society will be addressed on a societal level as will issues of need orientation and the design of social space on a regional level. On the organizational level, the issues examined are quality and organizational development; on the micro level, the focus is on pedagogical professionalism. The topics will be made concrete in four fields of practice: early childhood education, youth welfare, school, and further education.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with at least 90 credit points in educational studies or an equivalent degree.

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

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 Homepage: www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/studium/studiengaenge.html

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are required to pay a total of 2,800 Euro for the study program.

Key Information	
Application deadline	April 30
Languages	German, English
Degree	European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (EMCR.)
Duration	2 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

There is a current tuition fee of 2,200 Euro per academic year in addition to the general semester fees and dues.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

There is currently a tuition fee of 2,400 Euro per year in addition to general semester fees and dues.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	June 30 (every two years)
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
Duration	4 semesters

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

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

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Key Information	
Application deadline	July 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	2 semesters

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in history and culture of the Middle East with a focus on Arabic studies from the Freie Universität Berlin or its equivalent from a program that is similar in terms of content and structure.
- Proof of language skills in English (level B2 CEFR) for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution of higher education where English was the language of instruction.
- Proof of written Arabic language skills (level B1 CEFR).
- Proof of fluency in reading one of the following languages: French, Italian, Latin, Russian, or Spanish (level B2 CEFR), or oral skills in a modern Arabic dialect (level C2 CEFR).

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

Art History: 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Eastern Asian art history comprising at least 60 credit points or an equivalent university degree in a cultural studies field or an Eastern Asian studies field (Chinese studies, Japanese studies, Korean studies) with at least 30 credit points in Eastern Asian art history.
- Proof of English language skills (level B1 CEFR).
- Proof of skills in an Eastern Asian language (level A2 CEFR): Chinese, Japanese or Korean.

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

»Religious studies is inherently interdisciplinary, and the religious studies program at Freie Universität Berlin is ideal in this respect, not only because of the university's openness to movement and cooperation between departments, but also simply due to its location in Berlin, a multicultural and dynamic city. Freie Universität Berlin has given me endless possibilities to deepen my knowledge in my chosen field and provides a wonderfully inspirational environment to pursue my studies. The city of Berlin is a magnet that attracts thinking minds from all over the world to study and live in this environment with its many offerings and possibilities. I appreciate the secular, sociocultural, and historical critical approach to religious studies at Freie Universität.«

Frederika Tevebring_ Sweden_ Religious Studies_ Semester 3, Master

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in art history or equivalent university degree with credit points in art history corresponding to the program at Freie Universität Berlin with at least 60 credit points.
- Proof of English language skills (level B1 CEFR).
- Proof of Latin language skills and another foreign language (level B1 CEFR).

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 Southern Asia

The historic and contemporary objects of artistic production – including image production not intended as art – and of architecture from different cultures are studied comparatively in the master's program. These are interrogated in terms of their aesthetic structure, content, preconditions, contexts, functions, and modes of production and reception under the specific historical, cultural, religious, and political conditions of the respective societies. In the concentration on South Asia, students will acquire broad, in-depth expert knowledge of the artistic production of the cultures of South Asia, native views of art, and art theory as well as the history of the discipline including relevant textual traditions.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in art history, cultural studies, or Southern Asian studies or an equivalent with a module of at least 30 credit points in South Asian art history, or South Asian Studies.
- Proof of English language skills (level B1 CEFR).
- Proof of languages skills in one of the following South Asian languages: (level A2 CEFR): Bengali, Hindi, Newari, Nepali, Pali, Persian, Sanskrit, Tamil, Tibetan, or Urdu.

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Chinese studies from the Freie Universität Berlin or an equivalent degree that corresponds to the content and structure of the bachelor's degree program in Chinese studies at Freie Universität Berlin – with at least 60 credit points in courses focusing on China of which at least 30 credit points are in Chinese; or 30 credit points in courses with a focus on China as well as language skills acquired in 600 hours of instruction.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

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



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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in ancient history with a focus on classical archaeology or an equivalent university degree that corresponds in terms of content and structure to the program at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of language skills in Latin and ancient Greek (Latinum or Graecum or proof of equivalent level).
- Proof of skills in a modern foreign language: English, French, or Italian (level B2 CEFR).

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in ancient studies with a focus on Egyptology from Freie Universität Berlin or an equivalent degree in ancient studies/Near Eastern studies from a foreign university in which at least 60 credit points were acquired in modules or exams that were thematically linked to ancient Egypt.
- Proof of English skills (B2 CEFR) for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution of higher education where English was the language of instruction.

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.



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

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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in ancient history from Freie Universität Berlin with a focus on the archaeology of ancient Western Asia or an equivalent degree with an archaeology of ancient Western Asia component that corresponds to this element in the bachelor's program in ancient history at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of language skills in two foreign languages relevant to the subject, preferably Latin, English, French, Italian, Russian, Arabic, Persian or Turkish (level B1 CEFR).

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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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in ancient history from Freie Universität Berlin with a focus on ancient oriental studies or an equivalent degree with an ancient Oriental studies component that corresponds to that of the bachelor's study program in ancient history with a concentration ancient oriental studies at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of language skills in at least two foreign languages relevant to the subject, especially Latin, English, French, Italian, Russian, Arabic, Persian or Turkish (level B1/2 GER).

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History: Focus on Ancient History

This program offers specialist 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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in history or an equivalent degree with a history component that corresponds to this element in the bachelor's program in history at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of Latin language skills equivalent to the German Latinum.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

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History: Focus on Early Modern History

The period between 1450 and 1850 is a multilayered 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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in history or an equivalent degree with a history component that corresponds to the bachelor's program in history at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).
- Proof of skills in another foreign language (level B1 CEFR).

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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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in history or an equivalent degree with a history component that corresponds to the bachelor's program in history at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).
- Proof of skills in another foreign language (level B1 CEFR).

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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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in history or an equivalent degree with a history component corresponding to that component of the bachelor's degree in history at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of language skills in Latin equivalent to the German Latinum.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

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Sophie PerL_ USA_ Public History_ Semester 1, Master

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in the history and culture of the Near East (focus on Iranian studies) or Central Asian studies, Indo-European studies, ancient history, history, cultural studies, linguistics, literary studies, social studies, political science, ethnology, or religious studies with proof of Persian language skills on the level of the bachelor's degree program Middle East history and culture with an Iranian studies concentration at Freie Universität Berlin, or an equivalent university degree that corresponds in terms of content and structure.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).
- Proof of skills in an additional language: French, Russian, or Italian (level B1 CEFR).

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in the history and culture of the Near East from Freie Universität Berlin or an equivalent degree that corresponds in terms of structure and content.
- Proof of Arabic language skills (writing: level A2 CEFR) as well as written and oral English language skills (level B2 CEFR) and the ability to read an additional foreign language used in international scholarly discourse (French, Spanish, Italian, or Russian) (level B2 CEFR).

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Japanese studies or an equivalent university degree that corresponds to the program at Freie Universität Berlin in terms of content and structure, with a proportion of Japan-specific courses and language classes of at least 60 credit points.
- Proof of English language skills (written and oral; level B2 CEFR).

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Key Information	
Application period	April 15–May 5
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters



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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Jewish studies or history with at least 60 credit points in Jewish studies, history, or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of Hebrew language skills (Hebraicum or equivalent) as well as of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) or equivalent.
- Knowledge of Latin or Greek (Latinum or Graecum or equivalent).

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Jewish studies or history with at least 60 credit points or an equivalent degree in either Jewish studies or history.
- Proof of language skills in Hebrew (Hebraicum), proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) or equivalent.

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



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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Korean studies/Eastern Asian studies from Freie Universität Berlin or equivalent with credit points in eastern Asian archaeology that correspond to the bachelor's program in Korean studies/East Asian studies at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of language skills in two languages relevant to the discipline, especially Korean (level Topic B) and English.

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in archaeology with an emphasis on prehistoric archaeology or an equivalent degree that corresponds to the bachelor's program in prehistoric archaeology at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of English skills (level B2 CEFR) for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution of higher education where English was the language of instruction.

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in history or a related field or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).
- Initial experience in the environment of public history education and outreach (e.g., in the media, museums, archives, publishing houses, history workshops, or history marketing) is desirable. The master's course in public history is not, however, a further-education program that requires work experience.

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



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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in the humanities, cultural studies, or social sciences with at least 30 credits in religious studies, or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) and proof of language skills in either French, Spanish, Italian, Latin or Ancient Greek (level A2 CEFR).

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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 Islamicized 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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in the history and culture of the Near East at Freie Universität Berlin with a focus on Turkic studies, or an equivalent degree that corresponds in terms of content and structure to the program at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution of higher education where English was the language of instruction.

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Morten Paulsen_ Denmark_ LL.M._ Semester 1, Master



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

European and International Business Law, Competition Law, 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.

Admission Requirements

- Applicants must have successfully completed a degree course in law at a German or non-German university.

Fees

Tuition fees total 8,000 Euro for the one-year full-time program and 9,000 Euro for the two-year part-time program plus additional general fees and dues.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	May 31
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Business Law (MBL)
Duration	1-year program for full-time students, 2-year part-time program for professionals

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

Fees

There is a tuition fee of 1,200 Euro per semester in addition to the general semester fees and dues.

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Key Information	
Application period	April 1–June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	3 semesters



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.

Admission Requirements

- Applicants must have successfully completed the program of study required for the conferral of a first law degree from a non-German university.

Fees

Tuition fees total 800 Euro per semester in addition to the regular registration fees.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	June 15
Language	German
Degree	Magister Legum (LL. M.) Master of Laws (LL. M.)
Duration	2 semesters





DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in bioinformatics with components in mathematics, computer science, chemistry/biochemistry, biology, and bioinformatics that correspond to the bachelor's degree program in bioinformatics at Freie Universität Berlin, or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B1 CEFR or equivalent).

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Key Information	
Application period	July 1–August 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in computer science or an equivalent university degree that covers the computer studies component of the bachelor's program in computer science at Freie Universität Berlin.

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in mathematics or an equivalent degree with a number of credit points in mathematics corresponding to that of the bachelor's program in mathematics at Freie Universität Berlin.

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





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.).

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent, preferably in modern-language studies with a literary focus.

Fees

There is currently a tuition fee of 500 Euro per semester in addition to the general semester fees and dues.

Key Information

Application deadline	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

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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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- Participation in application process.

Fees

Students are currently required to pay tuition fees of 500 Euro per semester in addition to the general semester fees and dues.

Key Information

Application deadline	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

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»Applied literary studies at Freie Universität Berlin is something quite special, and

an outstanding opportunity to learn something about the practical side of the

literature business. After five years of theoretical study, I was very happy to

finally get to the practical side of things. We have instructors directly from the

literature field, and thus obtain the opportunity to make many useful contacts.

Berlin has now become my second hometown, I love living here.

A great city!«

Alexandra Lysakova_ Russian Federation_ Applied Literature_ Semester 3, Master

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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in a program with at least 60 credit points in Greek or Latin studies with proof of Latin and Greek language skills, or an equivalent degree with equivalent training.

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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.

Key Information	
Application period	February 15–April 1
Language	Dutch
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.), optional double degree with the Universiteit van Amsterdam
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent university degree with at least 60 credit points corresponding to the program Nederlandse taal en cultuur at Universiteit van Amsterdam or the core of the bachelor's program in Dutch studies at Freie Universität Berlin.

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.

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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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

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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.

Key Information	
Application deadline	June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

Student tuition fees are currently 300 Euro per semester in addition to general fees and dues.

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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, un compartmentalized, 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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in English language and literature or an equivalent degree with a minimum of 60 credit points from another language program or in general and comparative literature, anthropology, communication studies, cultural studies, linguistics (general and comparative), philosophy, psychology, or sociology with a minimum of 30 credit points in English language and literature.
- Proof of English language skills (level C1 CEFR) for applicants whose native language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution where English is the language of instruction.

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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	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in philology or an equivalent degree from a German or foreign higher education institution with a philology content of 60 credit points, of which at least 20 credit points must be in linguistics.
- Proof of language skills in English (B2 CEFR receptive).
- Proof of language skills in another modern European language.

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»I decided to study in the European languages program at Freie Universität Berlin because the master's program is not only about linguistic theories but also enables me to learn other languages in a multicultural environment. My fellow students come from all over Europe and around the world, and that allows for an easy exchange between languages and cultures. The faculty cares about our own opinions and suggestions for the master's program in order to improve according to our needs. Studying at Freie Universität Berlin gives you the chance to participate in many interesting conferences and cultural events.«

Ilaria Morrone Mozzi_ Italy_ European Languages_ Semester 3, Master

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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in film studies or an equivalent degree that corresponds to the bachelor's degree program at Freie Universität Berlin in terms of content and structure.

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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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with at least 60 credit points in literary studies or equivalent.
- Proof of language skills in English (level B2 CEFR).
- Proof of language skills in another modern language, especially French, Spanish, Italian, or Russian (level B2 CEFR), or in Latin or Greek.

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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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in German philology from Freie Universität Berlin or an equivalent degree.

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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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's or an equivalent degree with an emphasis on German philology or German studies. Academic history must consist of at least 60 credit points that include at least 20 credit points in modern German literature.

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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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent with an emphasis on German philology or German studies. Academic history must consist of at least 60 credit points that include at least 20 credit points in modern German literature and at least 10 credit points in medieval German literature/language.



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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in music or another subject in the humanities or sciences with at least 30 credit points in music theory (harmony and counterpoint) or an equivalent.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in philosophy or an equivalent degree with at least 60 credit points in philosophy.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) or equivalent.
- Latinum or Graecum or proof of language skills in French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, or Chinese (level B2 CEFR).

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with at least 60 credit points in Romance languages and literatures or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of language skills in French, Italian, or Spanish (level B2 CEFR or an equivalent).
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR or an equivalent).

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

Theatre 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in theater studies or an equivalent degree that corresponds in content and structure to the bachelor's program in theater studies at Freie Universität Berlin.



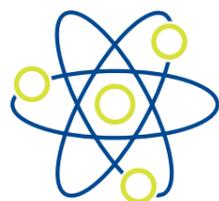
Key Information

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

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»When looking for the best university to continue my study of physics, I came across Freie Universität Berlin, where the curriculum is more experimental than theoretical, something I found exciting. The faculty is quite impressive, and both faculty and staff are always willing to help, in light of the fact that the program is quite demanding. Taught completely in English, the program enables students from all over the world to participate. The elective courses include a wide range and the assignments encourage you to do research that is helpful in developing knowledge and awareness of many aspects of physics. Furthermore, whenever you need resources, the department library offers you more than enough.«

Yasemin Ekinci_Turkey_Physics_Semester 1, Master



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 deadlines	August 15 (winter semester) February 15 (summer semester)
Language	English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in physics or an equivalent degree corresponding to the bachelor's degree in physics at Freie Universität Berlin.
- Proof of English language skills (level B1 CEFR) for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution of higher education where English was the language of instruction.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

Fees

There is a tuition fee of 1,200 Euro per semester in addition to the general semester fees and dues.

Key Information

Application period	April 1–June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	3 semesters

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

In the double master's program, students from all over the world receive high-standard academic training with a strong international focus while also acquiring 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

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

Key Information

Application deadline	May 1
Languages	German, French
Degree	Master of Arts in Political Sciences/ Master de Sciences Po, specialisation "Affaires Internationales" or "Affaires Européennes"
Duration	4 semesters

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German-French Double Master in Public Policy & Management

The German-French Double Master offers an intercultural and interdisciplinary approach to business and public-administration management. It has both a research and a professional dimension. 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

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 instalments; Berlin: enrolment fees.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	May 1
Languages	German, English, French
Degree	Master of Science in Management/ Master in Public Policy & Management
Duration	4 semesters



German-Russian dual Master's program in Communication and Journalism

The German-Russian master's program trains students to be qualified journalists and media experts. The program is offered jointly by Lomonosov Moscow State University and Freie Universität Berlin. It qualifies for a career in the media and PR, in academia, politics, diplomacy, international organizations, private enterprises, and NGOs.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

Fees

At Lomonosov Moscow State University student pay tuition fees, at FU Berlin they have to pay enrolment fees.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	Mid-July
Languages	German, Russian
Degree	Master of Arts in Communication and Journalism (M.A.), double degree with Lomonosov Moscow State University
Duration	4 semesters

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 (about 25%)
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- University degree with at least 60 credit points in the field of media and communication studies (including at least 10 credit points in research methods).
- Proof of language proficiency in English (English proficiency at level B2 CEFR).

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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.

Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree in political science or an equivalent degree with a minimum of 90 credit points in political science, at least 20 credit points of which must be in the area of political theory (modern political theory, political intellectual history, legal foundations, and political economy) and political systems (political system of the Federal Republic of Germany, comparative analysis of political systems, political sociology, and regional political analysis), and at least 10 credit points in the area of international relations (this includes theory, empiricism, and history of international relations, peace and conflict research, and European integration).

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

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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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

In addition to regular administrative fees students must pay a tuition fee of 350 Euro per semester for participation in the program.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	September 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	3 semesters

Public and Corporate Eco-Management

Global environmental change demands new skills from decision-makers and political and business leaders. Experts need skills in policy analysis, a legal background, and tools to develop corporate strategies, so this area of study combines these three perspectives within an interdisciplinary program. Teaching in the program is closely connected to research and taps an international network.

With its location in Berlin, the program is able to directly cooperate with the federal government and parliament as well as with businesses and academic institutions.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent degree.

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



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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with at least 60 credit points in ethnology or social or cultural anthropology or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

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

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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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent degree with a sociology component of at least 60 credit points.
- Proof of proficiency in English (level B2 CEFR).
- Sociology can be studied in both German and English in this program, i.e. proficiency in German is not required.

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

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»I chose Freie Universität Berlin to do my master's degree because the program here is unique in its focus on European societies in the context of their increasing integration, and constitutes the perfect means to dismantle any stereotypes towards the EU. It's about people and their attitudes, needs, and values; about societies with varying social orders and diverse visions or conceptions of what Europe is or should be. Another focus of the program is methodology in terms of individual and country comparisons. The supervision is excellent, and, with a mere 40 students participating in the program, instructors are very accessible and provide a great deal of support. People say that Berlin is a city that's forever young, and I couldn't agree more. All my friends who visit me here just don't want to leave.«

Monika Verbalyte_ Lithuania_ Sociology – European Studies_ Semester 3, Master

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- Proficiency in English (fluent in writing and speaking).
- Basic technical skills in film, video, or photography.

Fees

Tuition fees total 4,450 Euro for each year of study (2,225 Euro per semester) in addition to administrative fees.

Key Information	
Application deadline	April 30
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

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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.

Key Information	
Application deadline	March 31 of every second year (next date: 2011)
Language	English
Degree	Master of Veterinary Public Health (MVPH)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- A recognized degree in veterinary medicine; a minimum of three years of relevant professional experience, preferably in Southeast Asia; applicants should not be older than 40 years of age at the time of application.

Fees

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

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Small Animal 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.

Key Information	
Application deadline	May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	6 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Program participants must be licensed veterinarians in Germany or hold an equivalent degree in veterinary medicine from a foreign university.

Fees

Students are currently required to pay tuition fees of 2,000 Euro per year in addition to general semester fees and dues.

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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.

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in economics or an equivalent degree with at least 50 credit points in economics and at least 30 credit points in mathematics, statistics, or econometrics.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) if English is not the student's mother tongue and the degree was not obtained at an institution where English is the language of instruction.

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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
- the historical, cultural, and social foundations of the EU

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

- Fees total 7,500 Euro, including general semester fees and dues. The program will help students seek sources of funding.

Each year, 25 fellows are selected from all across Europe and taught by leading scholars and high-level practitioners from Germany and abroad.

Key Information	
Application deadline	March 30
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of European Studies (M.E.S.)
Duration	2 semesters

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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.

Admission Requirements

- An initial degree qualifying the student for entry into a profession or an equivalent degree.
- Professional experience, preferably in the marketing of products or services to business clients. (Note: Professional experience will only be taken into consideration if there are more applicants than available places in the program).

Fees

- Tuition fees currently total 10,000 Euro including general fees and dues.

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Key Information	
Application deadline	May 31
Language	German
Degree	Master of Business Marketing (M.B.M.)
Duration	2 semesters

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 (external accounting, internal accounting or controlling), 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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in economics or law with a minimum of 45 credit points in the foundations of business-tax theory, financing, finance, and internal/external accounting and in legal areas related to economics; as well as a minimum of 16 credit points in the foundations of mathematics, foundations of statistics, and economic computer science; or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR or equivalent).
- Ability to conduct supervised work on subjects in the area of economic theory using scholarly methods as exhibited by the presentation of a final paper in German or English, usually a bachelor's thesis or similar.

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Key Information	
Application period	July 1–August 15
Languages	German, English
Degree	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration	4 semesters

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

There is a tuition fee of 1,200 Euro per semester in addition to the general semester fees and dues.

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Key Information	
Application period	April 1–June 30
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	3 semesters

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in management and marketing with a minimum of 45 credit points in management and marketing as well as foundations of mathematics, statistics, and economic informatics with a minimum of 16 credit points, at least 12 credit points in the foundations of mathematics and foundations of statistics, or an equivalent degree.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) or equivalent.
- Ability to conduct supervised research within the area of management and marketing, using scholarly methods. This is to be demonstrated with a final paper in German or English, usually a bachelor's thesis or similar.

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



»Freie Universität Berlin is a great university in an outstanding location. After my first diploma, I wanted to get a degree that on the one hand would be recognized around the world, but also one that would make it possible to work both in the practical world of the profession as well as in the academic sphere. The master's program at Freie Universität in finance, accounting and taxation seemed just the right thing for my needs. My professional goal is to work in auditing, and the program offers excellent preparation for that. The coursework is very strong and well-structured, and faculty advising is outstanding. At the same time, a link to practice is established in seminar papers, guest lectures and workshops alike.«

Tsvetana Dinkova_ Bulgaria_ Finance, Accounting and Taxation_ Semester 3, Master

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in economics or the equivalent degree with at least 80 credit points in economics, mathematics, statistics, and econometrics where at least 40 credit points must be in the area of economics.
- Proof of English language skills (level B2 CEFR) for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree was not obtained at an institution of higher education where English was the language of instruction.

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

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INSTITUTE FOR EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

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.

Key Information	
Application deadline	April 30 (online applications only)
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Applicants must hold an initial degree (bachelor's degree or equivalent) in a subject related to international relations (IR), be proficient in English, and have at least one year of relevant professional experience.

Fees

- Tuition fees total 7,650 Euro per year (plus administrative charges and bank charges if applicable).

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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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent degree with a share of at least 60 credit points in political science, sociology, law, economics, history, cultural studies, or literary studies.
- Proof of English language skills (level C1 CEFR).

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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.

Key Information	
Application deadline	April 30
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree.

Fees

In addition to the general semester fees and dues, students are currently required to pay tuition fees of 4,450 Euro per year.

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INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies

The master's program in interdisciplinary Latin American studies links problem-oriented training in the disciplines of cultural anthropology, history, Latin American studies, Brazilian studies, sociology, politics, or economics with regional foci and expert profiling. Thematic emphases are placed on the historical, political, and social transformation processes as well as the cultural dynamics of Latin America. In so doing, transregional and global processes of integration and interdependence, changing ideologies, and gender-specific questions are given special attention.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree with at least 60 credit points in one of the following disciplines: ethnohistory, Brazilian studies, history, Caribbean studies, Latin American studies, political science, social and cultural anthropology, sociology, economics, literary and cultural studies, or social sciences.
- Proof of Spanish or Portuguese language skills (level B2 CEFR) or similar.

Key Information

Application period	April 15–May 5
Languages	German, Spanish, Portuguese, English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

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JOHN F. KENNEDY INSTITUTE FOR NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

North American Studies

In the master's program North American studies, historical developments, structures, and institutions of the region of North America are analyzed and interpreted in their respective political, social, economic, historical, and cultural contexts. Furthermore, regional questions and issues are treated across disciplines. Foundational knowledge is provided in obligatory interdisciplinary courses in all six disciplines offered. This knowledge can be broadened in two freely chosen areas of concentration.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree in one of the following subjects: North American studies, history, cultural studies, literature, political science, sociology, economics, or in an interdisciplinary subject with at least 60 credit points in one of the aforementioned subjects.
- Proof of English skills (level C1 CEFR).

Key Information

Application period	April 15–May 31
Language	English
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

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»My studies at the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin have been both challenging and enriching. The faculty and staff, from the professors to the library and the grounds staff, is terrifically supportive and works hard to ensure a professional learning environment. As an American citizen studying in Berlin, an engaging cosmopolitan city, I have found the master's program well-structured and balanced by its inclusion of all voices in framing the ongoing debate within American Studies.«

Terence Kumpf_ USA_ North American Studies_ Semester 4, Master



DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Freie Universität Berlin is an excellent place to do research and pursue doctoral studies. As one of the leading research universities in Germany, Freie Universität Berlin offers a rich, inspiring academic and research environment in one of Europe's most exciting cities.

What is a Doctorate?

A doctorate is the first stage of engaging in independent research as well as the qualification step necessary for a career in academia. Doctoral candidates are normally involved in a research project under the supervision of a professor ('Doktorvater/Doktormutter'). In Germany, a doctorate can only be earned at a regular university, not at a university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule).

The results of research carried out to earn a doctorate must be summarized in a doctoral dissertation; in exceptional cases, this may take the form of a collection of articles previously published in peer-reviewed academic journals. An oral exam follows the dissertation at which the dissertation is defended ('Disputation'), or a test on the dissertation as well as on topics from related fields ('Rigorosum'), depending on the faculty's regulations. After passing these examinations, the dissertation must be published before the student receives the diploma and is permitted to use the doctoral title. Degree titles also vary between the departments: See glossary for an overview. Most structured doctoral programs run over a period of three years, individual doctorates may take longer.

There are two ways to earn a doctorate at Freie Universität Berlin: an individual supervised doctorate and a structured doctorate.

What is an Individual Doctorate (Apprentice Model)?

The traditional and still prevalent system of attaining a doctorate in Germany is through carrying out independent research. The doctoral candidate's individual research work is usually performed under the supervision of one professor. Attending courses at university and following a structured curriculum is often recommended but not mandatory.

Unlike bachelor's or master's degree programs, doctorate degree programs do not have a central admissions office. They have neither an application deadline nor a systematic selection procedure. Instead, the supervisor facilitates access to a research group and/or department. As a result, the application is directly made to the supervisor who decides if the research topic is of joint

interest and currently relevant. Reading pertinent academic literature and attending conferences are common strategies to identify a potential supervisor.

After finding a potential supervisor, prospective doctoral students then apply for official admission to the supervisor's department. The application along with any matters concerning acceptance as a doctoral candidate are considered by a special departmental doctorate-degree committee. Following acceptance by the department, doctoral candidates enroll as doctoral students. The central registration office carries out enrollment, which is compulsory for all doctoral candidates at Freie Universität Berlin.

The doctorate degree can be awarded in all subjects represented by at least one professor at the university. Further information is available from the relevant department.

What is a Structured Doctorate?

In this approach, the doctoral candidate participates in a structured educational program that provides a framework for selected doctoral candidates to work on projects related to a shared interdisciplinary research topic. Coursework accompanies the program to lay the groundwork for candidates to carry out their research tasks. Frequent exchange with fellow candidates and extensive contact with a team of supervisors help develop the project. Participating in conferences and publishing the results of research work early on ensures contact with the academic community right from the start. The standard length of time for completing a doctorate degree is no longer than three years.

Research training groups (Graduiertenkolleg) are one kind of structured doctorate program. Often international if a foreign partner university is involved in the project, these programs usually admit 10 to 15 doctoral candidates. Research training groups focus on one research topic from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Graduate schools (Graduiertenschule) are another kind of structured doctorate program. They are mainly funded through the German Excellence Initiative and are modeled after doctoral



The Auditorium Maximum at night

programs in the United States, although they are generally much smaller in scale. Several graduate schools can be found at one university, each with an interdisciplinary orientation that ensures the exploration of a range of fields.

Prospective doctoral candidates apply directly to their chosen doctoral program. Depending on the structure of the respective program, admission deadlines are once or twice a year at fixed dates and vary from program to program. This prospectus provides deadlines at the time of print. The current deadline can always be found on the program's website. Applications will not be accepted after the deadlines. Available openings for doctoral candidates are normally advertised between six and nine months before the start date of the program. In some doctoral programs, participation with external funding is usually possible at any time.

Research topics are largely predetermined by the scope of subjects the doctoral program focuses on. A successful application

therefore requires that the candidate's profile fits the program's subject-area focus. English is frequently used in courses and in everyday interaction; nevertheless, German language skills are often required.

Costs

Tuition is free for all doctoral programs at Freie Universität Berlin, however, all doctoral candidates have to pay administrative fees (Semesterbeitrag). These total around 250 Euro a semester and entitle students to use public transportation in Berlin for free (Semesterticket).

Admission Requirements

Departments define the doctoral admission standards. These include the university degree, subject of the degree, and minimum grades along with other requirements such as language. These standards may vary slightly among departments. The formal standards and rules for admission as a doctoral candidate as well for the final dissertation and defense are laid down in the regula-

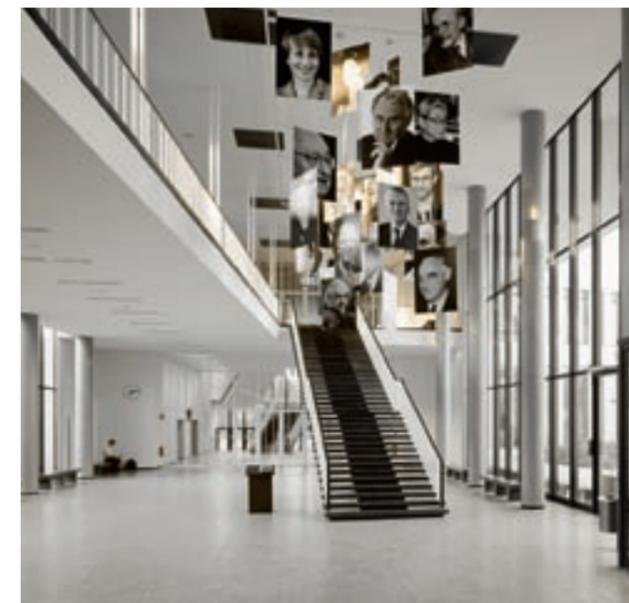
tions for doctoral degrees (Promotionsordnung) of the respective department. English translations are available.

One general requirement, however, is the commitment of a professor to supervise the doctoral candidate's research. Another requirement is an academic degree equivalent to the German Diplom or Magister or a master's degree in a subject related to the field of doctoral research. Under certain conditions, a bachelor's degree or a degree from a university of applied science may also be accepted.

Some doctoral programs may have even stricter admission requirements. Please see the program websites for details.

Language Requirements

The doctoral regulations state the languages in which the dissertation may be written. Sometimes it is possible to select a language; in this case, proof of the required language skills must be furnished. If the dissertation is to be written in German, a passing score on a German language exam such as the DSH (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang) or TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache) is mandatory for students whose first language is not German.



Interior of the Henry Ford Building

Dahlem Research School

The Dahlem Research School (DRS) comprises a select group of outstanding doctoral programs and graduate schools at Freie Universität Berlin. Doctoral candidates accepted to one of the member programs gain automatic access to DRS services.

Training Program

The Transferable Skills Program of Dahlem Research School consists of a wide range of courses. It aims to develop the potential of young researchers and focuses on areas considered crucial for personal and professional advancement in the research environment.

Grant Program

DRS offers a range of additional funding opportunities to its individual members as well as to its programs. The funding program aims to provide incentives for outstanding academic performance, activities contributing to institutional goals – e.g., internationalization – and supporting specific target groups.

Targeted Career Development

A portion of this training program helps develop appropriate career paths and opportunities that meet the needs of the broader employment market. DRS Career Talks complement this effort and feature a diverse range of occupations.

Welcome Center & Orientation Weeks

The DRS Welcome Center is intended as a one-stop clearing-house for DRS-affiliated doctoral candidates and young researchers seeking information on nonacademic-related matters. The orientation weeks comprise one component of this service and are designed in particular to promote new international candidates' early integration.

Find out more about DRS: www.fu-berlin.de/drs

AREA STUDIES

Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

Research Focus

The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. Its area of study includes Muslim societies in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia as well as Muslim communities in Europe and North America. The research foci are plural traditions, traveling traditions, rethinking of social order, contested governance, and sacred topographies.

Disciplines

Anthropology, Arabic studies, Asian and African studies, comparative ethics, geography, history, Iranian studies, Islamic studies, political science, Semitic philology, Turkology

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 15 doctoral candidates per year; 11 scholarships
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: November 30
Language: English
Website: www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de/

Between Spaces: Movements, Actors, and Representations of Globalization

Research Focus

The International Research Training Group provides an innovative contribution to the study of globalization by contributing the perspective of Latin America. The program studies movements among different world regions and the new spaces that emerge in both past and present periods of intensifying global interconnections.

Disciplines

History, political science, sociology, economics, social and cultural anthropology, literature, and cultural studies

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universität Potsdam, El Colegio de México, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social

Key Information
Admission: Grants to 15 PhD students and 2 post-doctorate researchers are available. Participation with external funding as an associated doctoral candidate is possible. CONACYT provides grants for 10 PhD students and 1 post-doctorate researcher from Mexico. Please check the website for information about open positions.
Start of Program: Anytime
Application deadline: New applications are welcome when open positions are available
Languages: Spanish, English
Website: www.lai.fu-berlin.de/entre-espacios/

Caspian Region Environmental and Energy Studies

Research Focus

Over the last few decades, the Caspian region has gained importance in global and regional security. New geopolitical and economic conditions have precipitated legal, political, and economic problems. Furthermore, these conditions have caused highly complex, interrelated environmental problems. A research gap will be closed by the doctoral projects to be undertaken within the program. New approaches to remedy the conflicts and problems of this region will be explored.

Disciplines

Political and social sciences, earth sciences, law, economics, East European studies

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 15 doctoral candidates per year
Start of Program: Winter semester: October 1 Summer semester: April 1
Application deadline: Winter semester: August 1 Summer semester: February 1
Languages: English, German
Website: www.fu-berlin.de/sites/crees/

Graduate School of North American Studies

Research Focus

Globalization and the emergence of new transnational dependencies and threats are challenging traditional interpretations of freedom and democracy, transforming the role and function of the United States as an exemplary modern democratic society. The investigation of the historical foundations and possible future developments of the social, economic, and cultural changes facing North America at the beginning of the new century calls for a broadly designed cross-disciplinary analysis. The eight research areas of the graduate school are designed to provide a comprehensive and systematic – but by no means exhaustive – framework for the analysis of developments and changes in post-9/11 American society.

Disciplines

Cultural studies, literature, history, political science, sociology, economics

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 11 scholarships each year. Participation with external funding is possible. Visiting doctoral candidates are welcome as guests for up to one year.
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: January 31
Language: English
Website: www.gsnas.fu-berlin.de

History and Culture of the Metropolis in the 20th Century

Research Focus

The Transatlantic Graduate Research Program Berlin–New York is an interdisciplinary cooperation between Technische Universität Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin in Germany and Columbia University, Fordham University, City University New York (CUNY), and New York University in the US. The program follows a three-year cycle and encourages interdisciplinary and comparative research on 20th-century European and North American urban areas as well as the study of today's metropolitan problems. The central focus of this program is the research and writing of individual dissertations; participation in colloquia, workshops and annual conferences; and a six-month stay in New York City.

Disciplines

History, architecture, urban planning, geography, political science, sociology, economics, cultural anthropology, cultural studies, literature, art history

Institutions Involved

Center for Metropolitan Studies (CMS), Technische Universität Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin

Latin American Studies from a Comparative and Transregional Perspective

Research Focus

The doctoral program deals with Latin American states, cultures, and societies. Students can deepen their knowledge on Latin America by combining different disciplinary perspectives. This approach allows students to interrogate these areas in their interdisciplinary relations, leading to comprehensive knowledge of a region. Through its studies program and academic research training, the program offers an interdisciplinary education where students explore and examine region-specific knowledge in a transregional context.

Disciplines

Economics, history, literary and cultural studies, political science, sociology, social, and cultural anthropology

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 12 to 15 scholarships are awarded each cycle. Participation with external funding is possible. Guest doctoral candidates for up to one year are welcome.
Start of Program: Presumably spring 2011
Application deadline: The next call for applications is planned for summer/autumn of 2010.
Languages: German, English
Website: www.geschundkunstgesch.tu-berlin.de/fachgebiet_neuere_geschichte/menue/dfg_graduiertenkolleg/parameter/en/

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies

Research Focus

The three-year program has a strong focus on social-science theories and methods, but it also welcomes applications from scholars working in adjacent disciplines such as history, economics, and law. Dissertation topics should engage with one of the following three research areas:

- The analysis of national and transnational causes and consequences of political, societal, and cultural globalization.
- The new challenges to governance in international and transnational settings as well as in areas of limited statehood, including issues of politicization and legitimacy.
- The comparative study of regional cooperation, particularly with regard to the European Union.

Disciplines

Political science, sociology, economics, law, history, regional studies

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, Hertie School of Governance, Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)

Key Information
Admission: Maximum of 15 doctoral candidates per year. Scholarships are available.
Start of Program: September 1
Application deadline: January 31
Language: English
Website: www.transnationalstudies.eu

Graduate Center of Economic and Social Research

Research Focus

The goal of the Graduate Center of Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Berlin (DIW) is to provide outstanding young doctoral students from all over the world with a research environment and an institutional training structure that allows them to develop their talents. Graduates of the center will be exceptionally qualified to engage in the academic analysis of economic and social-policy issues: they will possess excellent methodological skills, in-depth experience with handling empirical data, and detailed institutional knowledge of the economic and societal structures of many countries, in addition to having the crucial ability to disseminate their research results.

Disciplines

Economics, statistics, sociology, other social sciences

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, Universität Potsdam

Key Information
Admission: Approximately 15 scholarships each year
Start of Program: September 1
Application deadline: April 15
Language: English
Website: www.diw.de

Graduate School of Global Politics

Research Focus

The Graduate School of Global Politics (GSGP) offers a three-year PhD program in global politics that combines academic research and practical experience. The integrated German-Chinese program is a cooperative endeavor between Freie Universität Berlin and Chinese partner universities and involves doctoral candidates of two or more universities. PhD candidates are supervised by renowned scholars and spend up to 12 months at a partner university during a research exchange. The structured coursework includes theories of international relations and methodology in social sciences as well as coursework in research management and communication skills.

Disciplines

Political and social sciences, law, economics

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, Fudan University Shanghai (School for International Relations and Public Affairs), other Chinese universities upon request

Multilevel Constitutionalism: European Experiences and Global Perspectives

Research Focus

The Berlin research training group Multilevel Constitutionalism: European Experiences and Global Perspectives analyzes the prospective role of law and constitutionalism at the global level against the background of European experiences. Underlying and overarching topics include the legal consequences of increased interdependence and interaction among societies in the era of globalization and the function of the law as an instrument to preserve peace among individuals, nations and states. Europe may constitute the model for or the counterpoint to the evolution in the international legal order. The central function of states as an essential organizing feature persists in the global system of governance but may be subject to changes in light of the multilevel constitutionalism model or other new conceptual approaches.

Disciplines

Law, history, political science, philosophy

Institutions Involved

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information

Admission: 8 to 10 doctoral candidates per year

Start of Program: October

Application deadline: February 1

Language: English

Website: www.cgp-phd.org/

Research on Organizational Paths

Research Focus

Why do organizations become inert, and how do organizational path dependencies emerge? How can established technology paths be redirected? How can a new path be created – in the field of alternative energies, for instance? These are just a few of the many research questions that students in Pfadkolleg address in their dissertations. Doctoral candidates come from a variety of different disciplines, including business studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, law, and engineering.

Disciplines

Business studies, economics, political science, sociology

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information

Admission: Unlimited number; 15 scholarships every three years

Start of Program: April 2011

Application deadline: December 2010

Languages: English, German

Website: www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/forschung/pfadkolleg/

HUMANITIES

Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies

Research Focus

The Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies promotes and supervises PhD projects that excel in terms of theory and conception. All these should have a specifically philological focus and apply comparative methods to European, American, Arabic, or Asian literatures. Research areas include the relationship between literature and other types of texts, the links between literary texts and processes of linguistic reflection, rhetoric and poetics, and the correlations between literature and other media as well as between literature and discourses of knowledge.

Disciplines

Arabic languages and literature, German and Dutch languages and literature, English language and literature, Greek and Latin languages and literature, Japanese studies, art history, North American studies, general and comparative literature, philosophy, Romance languages and literature, theater and dance studies

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Up to 15 doctoral candidates per year; 10 funded through scholarships
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: January 31
Languages: German, English
Website: www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/en/friedrichschlegel/

History and Cultural Studies

Research Focus

Organized by the respective departments of Freie Universität Berlin, the interdepartmental program of history and cultural studies has an unusually broad historical and geographic perspective that encompasses the entire spectrum of cultural-history epochs – from prehistoric periods to the present, and includes a great number of European and non-European cultures and regions. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of this PhD program, participants not only become acquainted with a great variety of topics and methodologies, they also become competent to work productively in the face of opportunities and difficulties of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research.

Disciplines

Classics and archaeology, history, art history, Oriental and East Asian studies, Jewish studies, Catholic theology, Protestant theology, comparative religious ethics, religion

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Please check the website for information about open positions. Participation with external funding is possible.
Start of Program: October
Application deadline: June 15
Languages: German, English
Website: www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/studium/promotion/dahlem-research-school/

Interart Studies

Research Focus

Engaging in works of art and events covering a wide range of time periods, the international research training group Interart Studies aims to devise new methodological approaches to emerging interart phenomena. At the same time, it serves to create new aesthetic categories that might adequately describe the tendency toward multimedialization, hybridisation, and performativization. The long-term goal of this area of study is the development of new theories referring to different types of interart phenomena that cannot be grasped by a single discipline within fine arts studies alone.

Disciplines

Theater studies, dance studies, film studies, art history, comparative literature, musicology, cultural theory, cultural anthropology

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, University of Copenhagen, Goldsmiths College London

Key Information
Admission: Admission is limited to a maximum of 10 doctoral candidates per year. Scholarships are available. Participation with external funding is possible.
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: May 1
Languages: German, English
Website: www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/en/v/interart/

Languages of Emotion

Research Focus

The graduate school is part of the cluster 'Languages of Emotion.' The cluster focuses on the interdependencies between language and affect. In the most widely discussed models of emotion in more recent psychology, language and cultural sign systems are ignored; while the current language models of modern linguistics disregard emotional processes. The cluster aims to reverse this trend in recent scholarly debates.

Disciplines

Anthropology, education, Arabic languages and literature, biology, film studies, Japanese philology, art history, literary studies, musicology, modern philologies, philosophy, political science, (neuro-)psychology, psychiatry, religious studies, sociology, linguistics, theater studies, and dance studies

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 15 doctoral candidates per year; 10 scholarships available
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: January 31
Languages: English, German
Website: www.languages-of-emotion.de

NATURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

Notational Iconicity: On the Materiality, Perceptibility, and Operativity of Writing

Research Focus

The concept of writing in the extended sense of notational inscription is of central importance to the humanities. While writing has predominantly been regarded simply as a means of recording spoken language, we believe it is important to consider the dimensions of notation that make writing more than merely a medium used to record spoken utterances. Activities such as writing calculations, editing text, dealing with scientific formulas, drafting diagrams, and writing musical compositions and the like cannot adequately be described by taking recourse to spoken language. The objective of the research training group is to contribute to a change in perspective that shifts perception from a phonographic, language-based concept of writing to an iconographic, language-neutral concept.

Disciplines

Philosophy, history of science, art history, ancient Near Eastern studies, media studies, literature, musicology, dance studies, medieval studies, computer sciences, East Asia studies, Egyptology

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Please check www.schriftbildlichkeit.de for information about openings. Scholarships are available.
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: PhD grants: February 15–April 1, 2011 Post-doctorate grants: February 15–April 1, 2010
Language: German
Website: www.schriftbildlichkeit.de

Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies

Research Focus

At the Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies (BSRT), innovative research is conducted in the rapidly expanding interdisciplinary field of regenerative medicine, which combines pure science, materials science, clinical disciplines, and biotechnology with the goal of repairing or replacing tissues and organs impaired by aging, disease, trauma, or congenital abnormalities. Regenerative medicine investigates the development of functional tissue or organ substitutes in vitro for implantation in vivo as well as the ability to remodel and regenerate tissue in vivo by cell delivery or targeted stimulation of (stem) cell differentiation to repair, maintain, or enhance organ function.

Disciplines

Biology and biochemistry track: biology, biochemistry, bioengineering, bioinformatics, or veterinary medicine; Chemistry, physics, and engineering track: engineering, physics, or chemistry; Clinical science track: medicine

Institutions Involved

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Up to 100 places. Scholarships are available.
Start of Program: Program start is published on the BSRT website.
Application deadline: Applications are accepted to the program twice a year. The application period is published on the BSRT website.
Language: English
Website: www.bsrt.de

Berlin Mathematical School

Research Focus

The Berlin Mathematical School (BMS) is a joint graduate school of the mathematics departments of the three Berlin universities. It offers a uniform setting for graduate studies (master's and doctoral degrees) in mathematics in Berlin and a coordinated, highly diverse range of courses in English. It also provides access to all math research groups in Berlin. BMS research is grouped into seven areas:

1. Analysis, geometry, and mathematical physics
2. Algebraic and arithmetic geometry, number theory
3. Probability, statistics, and financial mathematics
4. Discrete mathematics and optimization
5. Visualization and geometry processing
6. Numerical mathematics and scientific computing
7. Mathematical modeling and applied analysis

Disciplines

Mathematics

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 80 doctoral candidates per year; Scholarships are available.
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: December 31
Language: English
Website: www.math-berlin.de/

Biomedical Sciences

Research Focus

This program focuses on basic and applied research topics in the entire field of the life sciences. Its broad spectrum of research areas ranges from the exploration of individual molecules with high biomedical relevance and the discovery of mechanisms of infectious diseases to projects in step with current practices in areas like patient care and nutritional science. Doctoral candidates participate in scientific projects related to investigations carried out by the groups involved in the departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy as well as the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Freie Universität Berlin.

Disciplines

Biology, chemistry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information

Admission: Unlimited number

Start of Program: Continuous

Application deadline: None

Languages: German, English

Website: www.vetmed.fu-berlin.de/einrichtungen/sonstige/drs/Rules_and_Regulations/

Cellular Mechanisms of Learning and Memory Consolidation in Hippocampal Formation

Research Focus

Formation of explicit memory is one of the most important aspects of human behavior and forms the foundation of our individuality. Conversely, disturbance of the cellular and molecular processes underlying learning and memory can result in a variety of neurological and psychiatric disorders such as temporal lobe epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease. Each of the 13 scholars in this research training group will bring his or her specific expertise to these issues. Using physiological, morphological, cell biological, genetic, and behavioral methods as well as the modeling of neuronal network properties, students will have the opportunity to contribute to this exciting field in the neurosciences in an excellent environment for training in modern neurobiological methods.

Disciplines

Biology, biochemistry, medicine

Institutions Involved

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Key Information

Admission: A total of 12 fellowships for PhD students in natural science. These fellowships are awarded for two years with a possible extension of one more year. Three fellowships for students of medicine. Participation with external funding (associate status) is possible.

Start of Program: Second funding period started October 1, 2009.

Application deadline: At present, we have two openings for PhD students and one opening for a medical student. Please refer to our website for details.

Language: English

Website: www.charite.de/GRK1123



»Germany has a long tradition in science and Berlin houses numerous excellent research institutions. So Freie Universität Berlin was an obvious choice for me. And for doctoral students the program of the Dahlem Research School offers a lot of interesting courses which help you to develop your soft skills which are fundamental to a scientist in today's world.«

Afonso da Costa_ Portugal_ Doctoral student at DRS program Biomedical Sciences_ Semester 3

Complex Surfaces in Material Science

Research Focus

The physical and chemical properties of the surfaces of materials play an important role in many large-scale applications, such as in heterogeneous catalysis and corrosion inhibition. With the shrinking dimensions of electronic and optoelectronic devices, surface properties are of increasing relevance in these fields as well. The International Max Planck Research School on 'Complex Surfaces in Material Science' aims to combine the expertise of several strong research groups of the three Berlin universities and the Fritz Haber Institute to create a unique opportunity for foreign and German students to engage in cutting-edge research and obtain a thorough training in the methods, concepts, and theoretical bases of the physics and chemistry of surfaces.

Disciplines

Chemistry, physics, materials science

Institutions Involved

Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Fluorine as a Key Element

Research Focus

The doctoral program 'Fluorine as a Key Element' offers participating graduate students an educational program that features the introduction of fluorine into diverse chemical structures with the aim of discovering novel compounds that will have applications in catalysis, materials science and pharmaceutical and biological chemistry. The intention is to fill a growing knowledge gap at German universities.

Disciplines

Inorganic, organic, physical, and theoretical chemistry; biochemistry; pharmaceutical chemistry

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 5 to 8 scholarships each year; open to students from participating groups who receive funding from external sources.
Start of Program: October 1
Application deadline: Continuous application throughout the year
Language: English
Website: www.imprs-cs.mpg.de/

Key Information
Admission: Please check the website for information on open positions. A total of 16 scholarships. Participation with external funding is possible and welcome.
Start of Program: For current information, please go to the website.
Application deadline: For current information, please go to the website.
Languages: English, German
Website: www.chemie.fu-berlin.de/grkfluor

Genomics and Systems Biology of Molecular Networks

Research Focus

This international research training group (IRTG) is comprised of scientists from several German and international institutions. It concentrates on the training of doctoral students in the emerging field of genomics and systems biology of biomolecular networks. The focus lies on the integration of two strong areas of modern biology, bioinformatics and molecular systems biology, to enable a deep understanding of complex cellular regulatory networks – from their components to systemic properties.

Disciplines

Bioinformatics, theoretical and computational biology, biochemistry, physics, chemistry or a related subject.

Institutions Involved

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Max-Planck-Institut für Molekulare Genetik, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Max-Delbrück-Centrum für Molekulare Medizin

Key Information
Admission: 20 scholarships for science PhD students; 5 qualifying scholarships for bachelor's degree holders with outstanding grades; 5 scholarships for research students.
Start of Program: April 2006
Application deadline: Applications welcome whenever there are open positions.
Language: English
Website: www2.hu-berlin.de/biologie/irtg

Genetic and Immunologic Determinants of Pathogen-Host Interactions

Research Focus

The ZIBI Graduate School is associated with the Center for Infection Biology and Immunity (ZIBI), an institution founded by scientists working in this field. The scientists are affiliated with institutes of Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin as well as with such well-known institutes as the Max-Planck-Institut für Infektionsbiologie, the Robert Koch Institut, and the Deutsches Rheuma-Forschungszentrum. The strength of our graduate school is the diversity of our laboratories. The school encourages students to conduct independent research using such different approaches as molecular, cellular, and organismal biology. Projects aim to elucidate genetic, biochemical, and organismal bases of infections and immune reactions.

Disciplines

Biology, biophysics, biochemistry, medicine, veterinary medicine

Institutions Involved

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Max-Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: A total of 10 to 12 scholarships per year plus 18 scholarships every three years. Participation with external funding is possible.
Start of Program: October 1; extra start in spring 2011 (18 scholarships)
Application deadline: January 15
Language: English
Website: www.zibi-graduateschool-berlin.de

Hormonal Regulation of Energy Metabolism, Body Weight, and Growth

Research Focus

Hormonal regulation of energy metabolism, body weight, and growth represents a key research topic in endocrinology and medicine, especially in view of the still increasing pandemic of obesity in children and adults. Obesity-related diseases have become one of the major challenges of healthcare systems. Several new hormones produced by the various types of adipocytes and other cells have recently been discovered and shown to be involved in the signaling to the hypothalamic regulation circuits that balance energy homeostasis. The research teams of the graduate school are collaborating to identify novel targets, mediators, and mechanistic principles to form the basis for preventive and translational research and will share their expertise to promote the scientific education of young investigators in this relevant research topic.

Disciplines

Medicine, endocrinology, biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, pharmacology, nutritional sciences

Institutions Involved

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin

Impact of Inflammation on Nervous System Function

Research Focus

Inflammation is a central mechanism in the most relevant neurological diseases, and it contributes to the generation of pain. We are now beginning to understand the impact of the immune system on different nervous-system functions and diseases. Conversely, the immune system receives signals from the nervous system. The fate of immune cells within the nervous system is dependent on their interaction with the cells of the nervous system. This newly created research network deals with the underlying mechanisms of immune/nervous system crosstalk under physiological and pathological conditions.

Disciplines

Biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics, chemistry, physics, or a related subject

Institutions Involved

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: We offer 10 to 14 scholarships in each funding period. Participation with external funding is possible. Visiting doctoral candidates are welcome.
Start of Program: Presumably April 1, (provided DFG funding is continued)
Application deadline: January 15
Language: English
Website: www.endogk.de

Infectious Diseases and Immunology

Research Focus

The International Max Planck Research School for Infectious Diseases and Immunology (IMPRS-IDI) brings together a number of internationally recognized research groups. The research projects are in the areas of pathogenity mechanisms, pathogen-host interactions, pathogen-host coevolution, chronic inflammations, autoimmune diseases, neuroimmunology, development and differentiation of immune cells. The mission of the IMPRS-IDI is to develop students into creative, responsible and self-confident young researchers. Therefore, particular emphasis is put on an active participation of the students.

Disciplines

Biology, immunology, biochemistry

Institutions Involved

Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Robert Koch Institute, German Rheumatism Research Center, Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, Freie Universität Berlin, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

Key Information
Admission: Each year 10 fellowships are awarded.
Start of Program: Usually in October
Application deadline: Usually at the end of January
Language: English
Website: www.zibi-graduateschool-berlin.de

International Max Planck Research School for Computational Biology and Scientific Computing

Research Focus

The International Max Planck Research School for Computational Biology and Scientific Computing (IMPRS-CBSC) is embedded in a variety of scientific groups working at the interface of life sciences (molecular biology, genome research) and formal sciences (mathematics, computer science). Its research focus is the mathematical and computational side of research in sequence analysis, theoretical structural biology, computational chemistry and drug design, molecular evolution, genome analysis, and data analysis methods in functional genomics.

Disciplines

Bioinformatics, mathematics, scientific computing

Institutions Involved

Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics (MPIMG), Zuse Institute Berlin (ZIB), Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Normally 3 to 6 doctoral candidates are admitted per year. Scholarships are available.
Start of Program: September and October
Application deadline: End of February
Language: English
Website: www.imprs-cbpc.mpg.de/

»Between my Biocomputing research group, the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genomics, and the orientation weeks at Freie Universität's Dahlem Research School, I had the softest landing possible in Berlin! The German language course provided by the DRS was an amazing introduction to both German language and culture. I love the way my Biocomputing group combines theory and application, and I enjoy learning from group members' vast experience. As part of my program I have the opportunity to attend many interesting seminars at the MPI and collaborate with great scientists. After work, I enjoy the cultural vibe in Berlin, there is always something going on in the city, it is never boring!«

Sharon Bruckner_ Israel_ Doctoral candidate at IMPRS Computational Biology and Scientific Computing_ Semester 2

Leibniz Graduate School of Molecular Biophysics

Research Focus

The graduate school aims to integrate experimental methodologies in use at research institutions in the Berlin area that focus on the quantitative description of molecular biology (e.g., X-ray crystallography, NMR and EPR spectroscopy, cryo-electron microscopy, protein thermodynamics, CD and fluorescence spectroscopy, electro-physiology, femtosecond laser spectroscopy, etc.). The ultimate goal of the program is to improve education in the field of biophysics so PhD students master more than one technique in structural biology in addition to molecular biology.

Disciplines

Biochemistry, chemistry, physics, biology, medicine

Institutions Involved

Forschungsinstitut für Molekulare Pharmakologie (FMP), Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information

Admission: 15 scholarships were awarded in 2007. Participation with external funding is possible. The program is up for renewal in 2011.

Start of Program: Next start unknown, depends on DFG

Application deadline: October 31

Language: English

Website: www.fmp-berlin.de/lgs.html

Life Course: Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics (LIFE)

Research Focus

The International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE) is an international collaboration between the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, and Universität Zürich. The goal of the Research School is to study developmental changes in human behavior over evolutionary and ontogenetic time. LIFE takes an integrative and interdisciplinary approach to understanding human development in a changing world, connecting evolutionary, ontogenetic, historical, and institutional perspectives.

Disciplines

Evolutionary biology, developmental and aging biology, developmental and cognitive psychology, developmental and cognitive neuroscience, life course sociology

Institutions Involved

Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, Universität Zürich

Key Information

Admission: We offer 3 to 5 scholarships each year. Participation with external funding is possible. (On average, there are 8 open positions altogether each year.)

Start of Program: April 1 and October 1

Application deadline: November 30

Language: English

Website: www.imprs-life.mpg.de

Methods for Discrete Structures

Research Focus

Modern methods of discrete mathematics show remarkable diversity, variety, and flexibility: the spectrum they cover includes algorithmic, randomized, geometric, topological, algebraic, and optimization methods. The combination and interaction of such tools have enormously increased the power and range of combinatorial reasoning in recent years, especially for applications in computer science, optimization, and operations research. The primary aim of the RTG is to provide participants with an overview and broad command of such methods to create a basis for excellence in their research.

Disciplines

Mathematics, computer science

Institutions Involved

Technische Universität Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Key Information
Admission: 12 scholarships are awarded each year. 1 post-doctorate position is awarded each year. Participation with external funding is possible.
Start of Program: Varying (for announcements see website)
Application deadline: Varying (for announcements see website)
Language: English
Website: www.math.tu-berlin.de/MDS/

Molecular Plant Science

Research Focus

The research groups participating in the graduate school of Molecular Plant Sciences are actively involved in national and international research programs engaging in the functional analysis of developmental and physiological processes in plants. These groups' research concentrates on *Arabidopsis thaliana* as a plant model and focuses on the generation, perception, and processing of internal and external signals in plants. Other species (e.g., tobacco, oilseed rape, rice, *Physcomitrella*) are studied as well, however. The research groups use a variety of state-of-the-art methods in molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry, physiology, and cell biology.

Disciplines

Molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry, plant physiology, cell biology, bioinformatics

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Unlimited number
Start of Program: Continuous
Application deadline: Continuous
Languages: German, English
Website: www.angenetik.fu-berlin.de http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~pflbioch/

Molecular Science

Research Focus

The program continues work and research done in the bachelor's and bilingual master's programs in chemistry, the master's degree in bioinformatics and polymer science, or the master's degree in physics as well as the previous Diplom program in biochemistry, which is currently being reorganized. Selected work groups from Freie Universität Berlin will cooperate with neighboring research institutions to foster interdisciplinary networking and integration of teaching and research activities. This approach ensures delivery of a well-organized high-level education in functional molecular systems in complex environments.

Disciplines

Chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacy, physics

Institutions Involved

Freie Universität Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Not restricted, but depending on availability of funding.
Start of Program: Continuous
Application deadline: Continuous
Language: English
Website: www.fu-berlin.de/sites/en/molecularscience/

Multimorbidity and the Aged

Research Focus

The research program explores the challenges of multimorbidity in an aging society and provides a close link to existing, relevant research at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin and elsewhere. The preparation of doctoral dissertations from three perspectives and multiple focal points is foreseen:

1. Clinical perspective with the thematic foci pain and movement, nutrition, and sleep.
2. Care-giving perspective with a focus on examining the appropriateness of care-giving structures and necessary professional development in health care.
3. User's perspective in healthcare services.

Disciplines

Nursing studies, physiotherapy, sport studies, occupational therapy, medicine, psychology, sociology

Institutions Involved

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Key Information
Admission: Please check the website for information on open positions. Fellowships are available. Participation with external funding is possible.
Start of Program: Second project phase since June 2008 (through December 2012)
Application deadline: Applications are currently not being accepted.
Language: German
Website: www.gradmap.de



»I am doing my PhD degree at Freie Universität Berlin, in the framework of the Freie Universität/China Scholarship Council joint program. My research focuses on plant molecular biology, the analysis of transposable element stability, and epigenetic dynamics in Arabidopsis. I study in the Genetics Department. My professor is both open and encouraging, and possesses a wide range of scientific knowledge. The students in my lab are really friendly and open, and they helped me a great deal when I joined the program. Berlin is really a great city, and I enjoy living and studying here very much.«

Zhenxing Wang_ China_ Doctoral candidate at DRS program 'Molecular Plant Sciences'_ 1st year

Sex- and Gender-Specific Mechanisms in Myocardial Hypertrophy

Research Focus

Myocardial hypertrophy (MH) is one of the most frequent precursors of heart failure (HF) in humans. In the past, sex- and gender-specific clinical features, genetics, pathomechanisms, and molecular phenotypes in the myocardium have been underestimated. The scientific aim of this graduate program is to analyze the mechanisms of sex-specific differences in the pathophysiology of myocardial hypertrophy.

Disciplines

Medicine, pharmacology, health sciences, and biology

Institutions Involved

Center for Cardiovascular Research (CCR), Campus Benjamin Franklin, Campus Mitte, Campus Virchow, Campus Buch of the Charité

Key Information

Admission: 11 PhD and 2 MD scholarships for each funding period. A number of projects have been designed for PhD students. They are all integrated into running projects and also supported by external funding.

Start of Program: The graduate school was established in October 2001 and is now in its third funding period, which will continue through October 2010.

Application deadline: Applications are not being accepted at the moment, but associates are welcome.

Language: English

Website: www.charite.de/graduierntenkolleg754



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SUPPORT

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

Center for Academic Advising and Counseling Services

The university's student information center provides 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, coordinating 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

adversely affect academic work, he or she can also make an appointment with the psychological counseling service, either in person or by phone. All conversations are kept strictly confidential. www.fu-berlin.de/en/studienberatung

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/sites/en/familienbuero

Career and Entrepreneurship

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

Freie Universität Berlin also encourages its students, graduates, and faculty to become entrepreneurs and to set up their own companies. Its highly acclaimed spin-off service, 'profund', offers professional advice on all entrepreneurship-related issues and provides office space to entrepreneurial teams. As a result of this support, numerous successful companies in various sectors (information technology, life sciences, services) have been generated.

IT Services at Freie Universität Berlin

Freie Universität Berlin is known for its first-class IT services. WLAN is available on Campus. ZEDAT (Zentraleinrichtung für Datenverarbeitung) is Freie Universität Berlin's central data-processing unit. Its



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computers are available to all members of the university and can be used for individual or project work. ZEDAT also offers training sessions for various applications; visit www.zedat.fu-berlin.de

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

Center for Continuing Education

The Center for Continuing Education holds more than 800 events a year in the area of academic and professional continuing education. Aimed at people both within and outside the university, these activities range from one-day seminars to programs lasting several years. Many programs are implemented jointly with other institutions. A particular focus of the Center lies in providing continuing-education opportunities for young academics, a field in which Freie Universität Berlin has had a pioneering role. The Center places particular emphasis on helping women while they earn their PhDs or engage in postdoctorate work by offering special seminars; visit www.fu-berlin.de/weiterbildung/



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GLOSSARY

Bachelor's degree

Initial academic degree and entry requirement for a master's degree program.

CCD

Center for Cluster Development. The center coordinates Freie Universität Berlin's entire system of collaborative research. It assists researchers in processes to develop research specialties (clusters) that foster innovations in industry (particularly the sciences), politics (social sciences), and cultural development (humanities).

CEFR

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching and Assessment.

CIC

Center for International Cooperation. The center aims to strengthen and expand the international research and academic network of Freie Universität Berlin. Through its liaison offices, it supports the vision of the International Network University by raising the university's global visibility and attractiveness.

Cluster of Excellence

Clusters of Excellence were created to engage universities in scientific networking and collaboration in research fields showing particular promise. This concept strengthens the international visibility and competitiveness of universities. In addition to various universities, nonuniversity research institutions and industry partners also play an important role within the clusters.

Credit points

Quantified means of measuring the amount of learning based on the workload students need to achieve the expected outcomes of a learning process at a specified level.

DAAD

German Academic Exchange Service.

DFG

German Research Foundation.

Doctoral degree

Academic degree awarded to a doctoral candidate who has completed a specific procedure consisting of a written thesis and either an oral examination or a defense of the thesis. Freie Universität Berlin and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin award the following doctoral degrees: Dr. iur., Dr. med., Dr. med. dent., Dr. med. vet., Dr. phil., Dr. rer. medic, Dr. rer. nat., Dr. rer. pol., PhD

DRS

Dahlem Research School. This university institution embodies a structured, systematic approach to developing young researchers at Freie Universität Berlin. Beginning with the doctorate, DRS targets all stages of academic career development and provides an institutional framework to support and promote junior academics at an interdepartmental level.

DSH

Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang. DSH is a language exam taken at universities that assesses whether an applicant's language skills are sufficient for studying at a German university. DSH tests proficiency in reading, listening, writing, and speaking.

Graduate school

Graduate schools – in the German understanding of the term – include small and large PhD programs built around innovative and often interdisciplinary questions and are headed by leading scholars. As internationally recognized centers of science and scholarship, graduate schools provide the ideal environment for highly qualified doctoral students.

IMPRS

International Max Planck Research School.

Master's degree program, consecutive

A program that builds on an initial degree and provides a deeper, more focused exploration of subjects studied to earn a bachelor's degree.

Master's degree program, nonconsecutive

A program that complements an initial degree and adds to existing skills and qualifications.

Master's degree program, professional

A program that requires postgraduate work experience.

Research training group (RTG)

Research training groups are DFG-funded institutions within universities where young researchers receive special support. The main purpose of these groups is to train doctoral students within a subject-based research program and a structured training program.

Semester

In Germany, an academic year is divided into two semesters, a winter semester that begins in October and ends in March and a summer semester that begins in April and ends in September.

TestDaF

Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache. Test-DaF is an international language exam accepted as proof of sufficient proficiency in German for those who wish to study in Germany and need to provide such proof.

DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTES

Each of Freie Universität's departments consists of various institutes pooling teaching and research in specific disciplines.

Department of Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy Institutes

- Institute of Biology
- Institute of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Institute of Pharmacy

Department of Earth Sciences Institutes

- Institute of Geographical Sciences
- Institute of Geological Sciences
- Institute of Meteorology

Department of Education and Psychology Institutes

- Institute of Education
- Institute of Psychology

Department of History and Cultural Studies Institutes

- History – Friedrich-Meinecke-Institute
- Art History
- Ancient Studies
- East Asia and the Middle East
- Jewish Studies
- Catholic Theology
- Institute of Comparative Ethics
- Institute for the Study of Religions

Department of Law Institutes

- Civil Law
- Criminal Law
- Public Law

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Institutes

- Institute of Mathematics
- Institute of Computer Science

Department of Philosophy and Humanities Institutes

- Peter Szondi Institute of Comparative Literature
- Institute for Cultural and Media Management
- Institute for English Language and Literature

- Institute for German and Dutch Languages and Literature
- Institute for Greek and Latin Languages and Literature
- Institute for Romance Languages and Literature
- Institute for Theatre Studies
- Institute of Philosophy

Department of Physics Institutes

- Institute of Experimental Physics
- Institute of Theoretical Physics
- Physics Education

Department of Political and Social Science Institutes

- Otto-Suhr-Institute of Political Science
- Institute of Sociology
- Institute for Media and Communication Studies
- Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Department of Veterinary Medicine Institutes

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- Institute of Veterinary Physiology
- Institute of Veterinary Biochemistry
- Institute of Animal Nutrition
- Institute of Virology
- Institute of Immunology and Molecular Biology
- Institute of Microbiology and Epizootics
- Institute of Food Hygiene
- Institute of Meat Technology and Hygiene
- Institute of Animal and Environmental Hygiene
- Institute of Animal Welfare and Behavior
- Institute of Veterinary Pathology
- Institute of Parasitology and Tropical Veterinary Medicine
- Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Institute of Biometrics and Data Processing

Clinics

- Institute of Poultry Diseases
- Equine Clinic: Surgery and Radiology
- Ruminant and Swine Clinic
- Animal Reproduction Clinic
- Small Animal Clinic

School of Business and Economics Institutes

- Business Administration
- Economics

Central Institutes

- Institute for Latin American Studies
- Institute for East European Studies
- John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin

By June 1st, 2003, the medical schools of Freie Universität Berlin and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin merged into one: Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (CUB). Charité comprises four campuses: Campus Benjamin Franklin, Campus Charité Mitte, Campus Virchow-Klinikum, and Campus Berlin Buch. Charité students are members both of Freie Universität and Humboldt Universität. www.charite.de/en/charite

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

The Freie Universität offers three types of Master's programs:

Programs that are deepening the knowledge from the respective Bachelor (consecutive = c), those that complement a first degree and add to existing skills and qualifications (non-consecutive = n-c) and programs that require postgraduate work experience (professional = p).

In the following only those programs are listed for which applications are submitted directly to Freie Universität.

- Applied Literary Studies (p)
- Arabic Studies (c)
- Art History: Focus on Eastern Asia (c)
- Art History: Focus on Europe and America (c)
- Art History: Focus on Southern Asia (c)
- Arts and Media Administration (p)
- Bioinformatics (c)
- Biology (c)
- Chemistry (c)
- Chinese Studies (c)
- Classical Archaeology (c)
- Classical Philology (c)
- Comparative Dutch Studies (c)
- Computer Science (c)
- Dance Studies (n-c)
- East European Studies (c)
- East European Studies Online (p)
- Economics (c)
- Editorial Studies (p)
- Educational Science: Education, Culture, and Forms of Knowledge (c)
- Educational Science: Research and Development in Social and Educational Organizations (c)
- Egyptology (c)
- English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture (c)
- Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich Master's Program in the History, Theory and Practice of Jewish-Christian Relations (n-c)
- European and international Business, Competition, and Regulatory Law (p)
- European Languages (c)
- European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (p)
- European Master in Intercultural Education (p)
- European Studies (p)
- Executive Master of Business Marketing (p)
- Film Studies (c)
- Finance, Accounting and Taxation (c)
- Gender and Diversity Competence (p)
- General and Comparative Literature (c)
- Geography (c)
- Geological Science (c)
- German-French Double Master in Political Sciences – Affaires européennes/Affaires internationales
- German-French Double Master in Public Policy & Management
- German-Russian dual Master's program in Communication and Journalism

- German as a Foreign Language: Teaching Culture (c)
- German Literature (c)
- German Literature: Focus on Medieval Literature (c)
- History: Focus on Ancient History (c)
- History: Focus on Early Modern History (c)
- History: Focus on History of the 19th/20th Century (c)
- History: Focus on Medieval History (c)
- History and Cultures of Ancient Western Asia: Focus on Ancient Oriental Studies (c)
- History and Cultures of Ancient Western Asia: Focus on Archaeology of Ancient Western Asia (c)
- Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies (c)
- International Animal Health: Veterinary Public Health (p)
- International Relations Online (p)
- Iranian Studies (c)
- Islamic Studies (c)
- Japanese Studies (c)
- Judaism in Historical Context – Judaism in Hellenistic-Roman and Islamic-Christian Context (c)
- Judaism in Historical Context – Modern Judaism and Holocaust Studies (c)
- Korean Studies/Eastern Asia Studies (c)
- Magister legum: Master of Laws (p)
- Management and Marketing (c)
- Mathematics (c)
- Media and Political Communication (c)
- Meteorology (c)
- Musicology (c)
- North American Studies (c)
- Philosophy (c)
- Physics (c)
- Political Science (c)
- Politics and German Post-War History (p)
- Prehistoric Archaeology (c)
- Public and Corporate Eco-Management (n-c)
- Public Economics (c)
- Public Health: Psychosocial Prevention and Health Promotion (p)
- Public History (c)
- Religious Studies (c)
- Romance Literatures (c)
- School Development and Quality Assurance (p)
- Small Animal Science (p)
- Social and Cultural Anthropology (c)
- Sociology – European Societies (c)
- Theatre Studies (c)
- Turkic Studies (c)
- Visual and Media Anthropology (p)

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Area Studies

- Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (DRS)
- Between Spaces. Movements, Actors and Representations of Globalization (DFG-RTG)
- Caspian Region Environmental and Energy Studies (DRS)
- Graduate School of North American Studies (DRS)
- History and Culture of the Metropolis in the 20th Century (DFG Transatlantic Graduate Research Program Berlin/New York)
- Latin America Studies from a Comparative and Transregional Perspective (DRS)

Social Sciences

- Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (DRS)
- Graduate Center of Economic and Social Research
- Graduate School of Global Politics (DRS)
- Multilevel Constitutionalism: European Experiences and Global Perspectives (DFG-RTG)
- Research on Organizational Paths (DRS)

Humanities

- Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies (DRS)
- Graduate School Languages of Emotion (DRS)
- History and Cultural Studies (DRS)
- Interart Studies (DFG-RTG)
- Notational Iconicity: On the materiality, perceptibility and operativity of writing (DFG-RTG)

Natural and Life Sciences

- Berlin Mathematical School (DRS)
- Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies (BSRT)
- Biomedical Sciences (DRS)
- Cellular Mechanisms of Learning and Memory Consolidation in the Hippocampal Formation (DFG-RTG)
- Complex Surfaces in Material Science (IMPRS)
- Fluorine as a Key Element (DFG-RTG)
- Genetic and Immunologic Determinants of Pathogen-Host-Interactions (DFG-RTG)
- Genomics and Systems Biology of Molecular Networks (International Research Training Group: Germany/USA/Japan)
- Hormonal Regulation of Energy Metabolism, Body Weight and Growth (DFG-RTG)
- Infectious Diseases and Immunology (IMPRS)
- Computational Biology and Scientific Computing (DRS) (IMPRS)
- Leibniz Graduate School of Molecular Biophysics
- Life Course: Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics (IMPRS)
- Methods for Discrete Structures (DFG-RTG)
- Molecular Plant Science (DRS)
- Molecular Science (DRS)
- Multimorbidity and the Aged (Research Training Group)
- Sex- and Gender-Specific Mechanisms in Myocardial Hypertrophy (DFG-RTG)
- The Impact of Inflammation on Nervous System Function (DFG-RTG)

IMPRS = International Max-Planck Research School

DFG-RTG = Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – Research Training Group

DRS = Dahlem Research School

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