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Master's degree



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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
In cooperation with	Nanjing University (China), Beijing Foreign Studies University (China)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English• Chinese
Languages	German (75%) Chinese (15%) English (10%) The Master's thesis has to be written in German with a Chinese abstract.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Applicants to the University of Göttingen: 15 July for the following winter semester; Chinese applicants are subject to the application deadlines and admission regulations of Nanjing University and BFSU.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	The study programme imparts theoretical and methodological knowledge in linguistic and literary studies emphasising intercultural and cross-cultural comparative aspects. Each of the participating universities has its own study focus, concerning both academic and specific professional training, reflecting the particular educational aims and traditions of the respective German studies departments. Thus the programme is tailored to the corresponding professional fields in Germany and China. The focal point at the University of Göttingen lies upon "cultures in contact" with special courses in translation and cultural transfer, studies on cultural themes and comparison. The study specialisation at Nanjing University concentrates on "Cultures of Education and Knowledge". It mainly questions the comparison of educational concepts, German and Chinese scientific communication and models of multilingual and intercultural learning scenarios. The key topic at Beijing Foreign Studies University is "Translating Cultures of Law and Business" with a specialisation on interpretation and modes of intercultural business communication.

The structure of the study programme is modular. Practically relevant key competences such as the consolidation of foreign language skills, occupationally relevant work placements/internships and courses in economics or politics complement the programme.

Course Details

Course organisation	<p>(1) The course is conceived as a German-Chinese dual degree programme and thus offers students the opportunity to complete a structured programme of study at the University of Göttingen and one of the two partner universities.</p> <p>(2) The study concept envisages Chinese and German students completing their studies together to the greatest possible extent and from the beginning of their studies entering into an intercultural study situation, working and learning cross-culturally in teams and tandems. In order to implement this concept, the programme is divided into two study phases.</p> <p>(3) All students complete the first year of study together at the University of Göttingen. All students complete the second year of study in China, whereby an equal number of Göttingen students continue their studies at the partner universities in Nanjing and Beijing, respectively. The Nanjing and Beijing students return to their own university. The Göttingen students choose one of the partner universities, where they complete the second study year (third and fourth semesters).</p> <p>(4) The structure of the course of study and the curriculum integrate the structural provisions of the German and Chinese higher education systems. They thereby combine a common subject area as a specific basis, compulsory for all students, with an academic and job-oriented differentiation of the various study focuses at the participating higher education institutions.</p>
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International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Language training provided • Training in intercultural skills • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context • Content-related regional focus
Diverse intercultural background of students	<p>All students are multilingual and at least 50% of the students are international students.</p>
Integrated internships	<p>An internship of 120 hours is to be completed during the spring break between first and second semester (for Chinese students in Germany) and during winter break between third and fourth semester (for German students in China).</p>
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAAD
Name of DAAD funding programme	<p>Internationale Integrierte Studiengänge mit Doppelabschluss</p>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	<p>No</p>
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	<p>No</p>

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Fees are around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains in Germany free of charge. Fees: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee Semester ticket: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html
Costs of living	The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are approx. 800 to 1,000 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens. For further information, please see the following link: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	Germany scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium): https://uni-goettingen.de/en/218535.html

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Prerequisite for entrance to the Master's programme is a Bachelor's degree of at least 180 ECTS credit points (six semesters) in German studies or a closely related area.
Language requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants whose native language is not German are required to be proficient in the German language at the level of DSH 2 or C1.1 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Proof of this proficiency is pursuant to the examination regulations of the German Language Examinations for Entrance to a Higher Education Institution by Foreign Students (DSH). A Bachelor's degree in a relevant area of study may be recognised as proof of the required language proficiency. 2. The language entrance requirements consist of proficiency in two modern foreign languages, of which at least one must be at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Proof of this proficiency is given through possession of the Certificate of University Higher Education Entrance Qualification or an equivalent language qualification. For students whose native language is not German, German counts as one of the two foreign languages. Students whose native language is not Chinese must demonstrate 80 hours of Chinese lessons before they begin the programme.
Application deadline	Applicants to the University of Göttingen: 15 July for the following winter semester; Chinese applicants are subject to the application deadlines and admission regulations of Nanjing University and BFSU.
Submit application to	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Seminar für Deutsche Philologie Abteilung Interkulturelle Germanistik Barbara Dengel MA Käte-Hamburger-Weg 6 37073 Göttingen

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

The university supports students in finding part-time jobs in local industries and businesses. A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de

Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or work contract.

Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to find a job. Non-EU students are permitted to work a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.

Accommodation

The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen in finding accommodation and serves as a point of contact for related queries. The Accommodation Service also publishes suitable offers from private landlords in Göttingen and collaborates with the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the number of available accommodation options in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible.

For further information, please see the following link: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html>

Career advisory service

The [Career Service](#) offers individual support whether you want to work in Germany or abroad.

Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, there are workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities.

For international students and prospective graduates, the project "Start Guides" offers assistance in developing and realising individual career perspectives in Germany.

If you have a promising business idea or are interested in the topic of founding a company, [start-up support](#) is offered! The university supports you with advice, funding, qualification formats and network contacts.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The [International Office](#) provides a wide range of services for international students and doctoral candidates.

German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their [first weeks](#). There is also an [orientation week](#) for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university.

[Study Buddy Programme](#) as a part of the project Integration and Diversity at Göttingen University (InDiGU)

[Foyer International](#): Cultural evenings and more for all students

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