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Master's degree



GFL and German Linguistics and Literature

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German
Languages	German only
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	International applicants: 15 January for the summer semester and 15 July for the winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Master's programme consists of the following modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientierungsmodul/Orientation (seminar, lecture)• Deutsch als Fremdsprache/Deutsch als Zweitsprache: Theorien und Modelle/German as a foreign language/German as a second language: theories and models (lecture, tutorial)• Grundlagenmodul: Germanistische Sprachwissenschaft/German linguistics: theoretical basis (seminars)• Grundlagenmodul: Germanistische Literaturwissenschaft/German literature: theoretical basis (seminars) <p>Profil 1: Deutsch als Fremdsprache/Deutsch als Zweitsprache und Germanistische Linguistik/Profile 1: German as a Foreign Language/German as a Second Language and German Linguistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sprachlehr- und -lernforschung/Second language teaching and learning research (seminars)• Entwicklungen in der Sprach- und Kulturvermittlung/Current trends in the teaching of language and culture (seminars)• Germanistische Linguistik/German linguistics (seminars)• Forschungs- und Anwendungsmodul/Research and application module (seminar, research project, mentoring internship)• Mastermodul/Master's module (colloquium, lecture)• Individueller Ergänzungsbereich/Individual studies <p>OR</p>

Profil 2: Deutsch als Fremdsprache/Deutsch als Zweitsprache und Germanistische Literaturwissenschaft/Profile 2: German as a Foreign Language/German as a Second Language and German Literature

- Sprachlehr- und -lernforschung/Second language teaching and learning research (seminars)
- Entwicklungen in der Sprach- und Kulturvermittlung/Current trends in the teaching of language and culture (seminars)
- Germanistische Literaturwissenschaft/German literature (seminars)
- Forschungs- und Anwendungsmodul/Research and application module (seminar, research project, mentoring internship)
- Mastermodul/Master's module (colloquium, lecture)
- Individueller Ergänzungsbereich/Individual studies

Course Details

Course organisation	Courses take the form of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Independent work as well as active participation in academic discourse is expected and encouraged.
Diverse intercultural background of students	We have got a high proportion of international MA students.
Integrated internships	An internship is not obligatory, but strongly recommended.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	<p>Since Bielefeld University does not charge tuition fees, every student only has to pay a social fee. The social fee includes the contribution to the social ticket for free public transport in the city and area of Bielefeld and on regional trains and buses in North-Rhine Westphalia for the whole semester.</p> <p>The current semester contribution is approximately 300 EUR.</p>
Costs of living	Costs for studying in Germany are relatively high due to the living expenses.

- Rent in a room in student halls of residence or a private student hall, in a room or flat comes to approx. 280 EUR per month.
- The expected costs for student health insurance and other medical fees are about 80 EUR per month.
- Depending on your lifestyle, you might spend about 150 EUR on food each month.
- Altogether, monthly costs for food, clothes, leisure activities, social fees, travel expenses, telephone bills, and the other mentioned expenses add up to approx. 850 EUR.

There are several ways of cutting expenses in Bielefeld. For example, it is possible to rent a room in a student residence for about 230 EUR, and a meal at the student canteen (Mensa) costs only about 2.60 EUR.

Funding opportunities within the university	No
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Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	A university degree (BA) in German as a Foreign Language or in German Philology (duration of studies: six semesters), or equivalent
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Language requirements	Good knowledge of German is required and must be documented with a TestDaF certificate with at least a level 4 result, a GDS or KDS certificate (Großes/Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom), a DSH certificate (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber) with at least level 2, TELC C1 Hochschule or equivalent.
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<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/international/come-in/studium/studium-mit-abschluss/sprachkenntnisse/index.xml>

English reading skills are required.

Application deadline	International applicants: 15 January for the summer semester and 15 July for the winter semester
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Submit application to	Apply via the online portal .
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For further information about the application to the Master's programme, please use the following link: www.uni-bielefeld.de/bewerbung.

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	Basically, with your residence permit (stamp in your passport), you will receive a work permit for 120 work days per year. This allows you to work 120 full days (eight hours per day) or 240 half days (up to four hours per day). This condition must be noted expressly in the passport by the authorities.
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Accommodation	Please try to secure accommodation in Bielefeld as early as possible. In Bielefeld, a broad range of accommodation options can be found at affordable prices. Students residences are run by the public "Studierendenwerk" or private organisations, and shared flats are very common.
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Offers of accommodation can be found online by following the links below:

- [Studierendenwerk Bielefeld](#) (dormitories)
- WG-gesucht.de (private shared accommodation)

The International Office supports students who are searching for accommodation.

Career advisory service

Career planning is a step-by-step development and clarification process that requires individual strategies. Based on a strengths- and resource-oriented approach, we support you in developing your own career prospects.

Depending on your needs, our Career Service at Bielefeld University will accompany you throughout the entire process or in individual steps.

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/themen/career-service>

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

At PunktUm, our German Learning Centre, we offer a comprehensive range of academic support programmes that are designed to meet the needs of international members of the Bielefeld University. These include the Academic Mentoring Programme for Master's students, the Peer Mentoring Programme for Bachelor's students, and semester-long workshops designed to help all students and researchers with academic writing. We also offer individual consultations on academic writing in German as a Foreign Language (DaF) or German as a Second Language (DaZ).

The International Office provides an orientation programme for all international members of Bielefeld University, including degree seekers (BA and MA), double degree students, Erasmus/cooperation students, doctoral students, scholars, interns, and refugees/preparing applicants. Example of activities include Café International, campus tour, introductions to digital services and administrative procedures.

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