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# Master's degree



GLOBAL  
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## Master's in Global History

Freie Universität Berlin • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Global History
In cooperation with	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	All core courses are held in English. German courses are offered, but they are optional. Students can also choose to take courses in languages that are specific to their regional interests.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<a href="https://www.global-history.de/admissions/index.html">https://www.global-history.de/admissions/index.html</a>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>Today's interconnected world is not a new phenomenon. It looks back on a long history of exchange and interaction. The history of migration and trade, of empires and nation-states, of religion and the environment, of ideas, of communication and war have all contributed to linking different parts of the world, albeit unevenly.</p> <p>The MA Global History programme is dedicated to exploring the various trajectories of cross-border entanglements across the globe. Unlike programmes that treat Global History as an extension of imperial or economic history, our approach emphasises the entanglements between specific regions and global structures. By focusing on comparisons, connections, and processes of global integration, the programme helps students to understand the forces that have continuously shaped and restructured the world.</p> <p>Global history is one of the most innovative and productive fields of scholarly inquiry today and challenges us to think about history and its methodologies in new ways. It acknowledges a broad variety of different perspectives and aims to arrive at a non-Eurocentric reading of the global past.</p>

### Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>The MA Global History offers a programme in which students learn to reconstruct the history of global entanglements. It is built around the fusion of historical skills with the specific competences of area studies. All students attend courses in Global History that reflect the theory and practice of writing Global History.</p> <p>Part-time studies are possible.</p> <p>This is a joint degree programme (Freie Universität Berlin [FU] and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin [HU]).</p> <p>More detailed information about the structure of the Global History MA programme can be found on our website: <a href="https://www.global-history.de/program/studies/index.html">https://www.global-history.de/program/studies/index.html</a>.</p>
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Integrated study abroad unit(s)</li> <li>• Specialist literature in other languages</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> <li>• Content-related regional focus</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated study abroad unit(s)</b>	Students are able to apply for the Erasmus+ programme at the FU and the HU as well as other study abroad options available at both universities.
<b>Integrated internships</b>	Students have the option of completing an internship in Module 10 of the course.
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	<p>In total, the semester contribution amounts to 312.89 EUR. It includes a fee of 198.80 EUR for the transportation ticket contribution. This allows you to use public transportation in Berlin for free. Other costs covered by the semester contribution include a 50 EUR enrolment fee, a 54.09 EUR semester contribution to the student support service ("studierendenWERK Berlin"), and a 10 EUR contribution to the student union.</p>
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	A Bachelor's degree in history, area studies, or a related field that includes equivalent historical or area studies topics (minimum of 60 credits), which can be proven with a transcript of records
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**Language requirements**

Applicants must prove their English skills at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages with their application. Please find more information on our website: <https://www.global-history.de/admissions/language/index.html>.

**Application deadline**

<https://www.global-history.de/admissions/index.html>

**Submit application to**

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Germany

## Services

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**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

There are many ways of earning money while you study, for example as waiting staff, academic assistants, or private tutors. Knowledge of German will improve your chances of finding a part-time job, but it isn't necessarily required. However, it is important to be aware of the legal regulations.

The student support service at the university, called studierendenWERK Berlin, and the local representative of the "Bundesagentur für Arbeit" (Federal Employment Agency) can provide information about jobs for students. When searching for a job, look at online job boards, ads in local newspapers, and notice boards on campus.

**Accommodation**

You have the option to stay in a public/private student dormitory or in a private (shared) apartment. Student dormitories are not administrated by the university itself, so Freie Universität Berlin does not have any on-campus housing. However, it works together with "[studierendenWERK Berlin](#)" regarding student accommodation.

If you do not wish to stay in a student dormitory, you can try to find a room or an apartment on the private housing market. Many students in Berlin live in shared apartments ("WGs"). You can find these offers online (e.g. [WG-gesucht](#) or [Craigslist](#)) or on notice boards on campus.

Available rooms/apartments near the university are rare. Therefore, students mostly commute from other parts of the city. The commute via public transportation usually takes between 30 minutes and an hour, which is considered a normal travel time in Berlin due to the city's size.

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Used to a more traditional approach to the historical discipline, I was not entirely sure what to expect from the Global History MA. I had a fulfilling experience because of the theoretical rigour and the flexibility regarding the different subjects we can study from a Global History perspective. This MA really compels you to go deeper into historical research. I enjoyed the class discussions where different perspectives meet and professors always encourage students to express their insights.

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# Freie Universität Berlin

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Freie Universität Berlin is a leading research institution. It is one of the 13 German universities being funded through the German government's Excellence Strategy and is part of the only University Consortium of Excellence, the [Berlin University Alliance](#), which consists of four partners in Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

You can choose from more than 180 subject areas. No matter which area you are interested in, be it archaeology, physics, Jewish studies, law, or psychology, you will find your subject at Freie Universität Berlin.

As an international university, Freie Universität Berlin has partnerships with numerous universities across the world and maintains offices in Beijing, Cairo, Eastern Europe (Tbilisi, Georgia), New Delhi, Moscow, and São Paulo. About 17 percent of the students come from abroad, as do 38 percent of the doctoral students. At Freie Universität Berlin, you will meet people from all over the world.

Various support services are available for students. In particular, students who are new to a German university and to Berlin will profit from these services, for example, the introduction week, the mentorship programme, or the Student Services Centre. UniSport offers programmes ranging from Aikido to Zumba, which are very popular among students. The many cafeterias and canteens on campus offer food and drinks; this also usually includes fair trade, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options. Environmental protection and sustainability are generally important topics at Freie Universität Berlin, and there are many opportunities to get involved in related activities offered by students and the university.



## University location

Freie Universität Berlin is one of the major universities in the capital of Germany. It is located in the green district of Dahlem, in the south-western part of the city. There is no other campus in Berlin that is as green as the campus of Freie Universität Berlin. You can simply step out of the university buildings to enjoy outdoor activities: lunch on one of the many terraces and rooftops, swimming in the nearby lakes, or reading between cherry and apple trees. Dahlem is also home to one of the biggest botanical gardens in Europe. By using public transport, you can easily access the heart of Berlin and enjoy its cultural life and diversity. The U3 subway line connects Dahlem with the popular and central districts of Schöneberg, Kreuzberg, and Friedrichshain; however, all of the other districts can also be easily reached.

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