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# Master's degree



**MA Anthropology**

Leipzig University • Leipzig

## Overview

Degree	Master of Arts Anthropology
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The language of instruction is English. Students can choose to write the MA thesis in English or German.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<b>BA degree from non-German institution: 31 May</b> (application to the Department of Anthropology and to <a href="https://www.uni-assist.de/en/">https://www.uni-assist.de/en/</a> )  <b>BA degree from German institution: 31 May</b> (application to the Department of Anthropology) <b>and 1 September</b> (application to <a href="https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de/">https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de/</a> )
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The MA Anthropology is intended for students who have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology or a related discipline and wish to broaden and deepen their knowledge base of the discipline and develop advanced academic skills.</p> <p>The MA Anthropology is a two-year programme with <b>astrong research orientation</b>. During the first academic year, students read advanced theory, reflect on research method, improve academic skills (writing of research proposal, advanced essay writing in the style of a journal article, etc.) and deepen their <b>regional expertise</b> (students can choose electives from across the faculties of social sciences and humanities, such as African Studies or Global Studies). During the third semester, students <b>conduct research</b> for their Master's thesis or undertake an internship. The last semester is devoted to writing an MA thesis (approx. 30,000 words). <b>All core courses are offered in English</b>. Electives may be taught in English or German. Please see the language requirements before enrolling.</p>

## Course Details

**Course organisation**

During the **first semester**, students attend classes on "Current Debates" in the discipline and on the relationship between "Technology and Culture". Both modules offer training in anthropological theory. In addition, students will train in their regional specialisation.

The **second semester** is devoted to methodological training. Students will attend the module "Advanced Method in Anthropology" and write a project proposal for their MA project. They will reflect on how best to communicate anthropological knowledge in the public sphere in the module "Anthropology and Communication". Students will engage in advanced training in their regional specialisation.

**Semester three** is devoted to research. Students will conduct fieldwork for their MA project. Alternatively, students can undertake an internship for practical training.

Students write the MA thesis in **semester four**.

- International elements**
- International guest lecturers
  - Specialist literature in other languages
  - Language training provided
  - Training in intercultural skills
  - International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
  - Content-related regional focus

**Course-specific, integrated German language courses** No

**Course-specific, integrated English language courses** No

## Costs / Funding

**Tuition fees per semester in EUR** None

**Semester contribution** Approx. 270 EUR per semester  
<https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/studying-at-leipzig-university/during-your-studies/getting-started/>

**Costs of living**

You will need about 1,000 EUR a month for your living expenses in Leipzig. Of course, this figure is only an estimate and depends on how much you spend. Here are some examples of monthly expenses in Leipzig:

Rent: 300 - 450 EUR  
 Health insurance: approx. 90 EUR  
 Study materials: approx. 100 EUR  
 Food, clothing, miscellaneous requirements: approx. 350 EUR

In addition to monthly costs, you will have to pay deposits for your accommodation, UniCard, etc. at the beginning of your stay.

Please also note that you will have to pay the semester fee and, if applicable, the semester ticket at the beginning of each semester.

**Funding opportunities within the university** No

# Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Bachelor's degree</b> in anthropology or a related discipline</li><li>2. successful completion of an <b>admission test</b> ("Eignungsfeststellungsprüfung")</li><li>3. central online admission</li></ol>
Language requirements	The "Master of Arts Anthropology" is taught in English. Excellent skills in academic English (at level B2) are required. Knowledge of German is not a requirement.
Application deadline	<b>BA degree from non-German institution: 31 May</b> (application to the Department of Anthropology and to <a href="https://www.uni-assist.de/en/">https://www.uni-assist.de/en/</a> )  <b>BA degree from German institution: 31 May</b> (application to the Department of Anthropology) <b>and 1 September</b> (application to <a href="https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de/">https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de/</a> )
Submit application to	Please submit your application via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:master.ethnologie@uni-leipzig.de">master.ethnologie@uni-leipzig.de</a>

# Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	The Studentenwerk provides a platform for job-seeking students.
Accommodation	<p>The city has plenty of accommodation available at reasonable prices, much of which is a real treat in which to live. Many of the 19th century houses scattered all over the city were extensively, and often expensively, renovated in recent years. Most students live in the neighbouring districts of Südvorstadt and Connewitz, where the pre-WWII buildings are equally well preserved, as these areas of the city also have an ample supply of enticing bars and an alternative culture scene.</p> <p>There is a wide range of reasonably priced apartments and rooms in Leipzig. A room in the halls of residence run by the Studentenwerk Leipzig (Leipzig Student Services) has the advantage of already being furnished and enables you to make contact with other students.</p> <p>Shared apartments, so-called "Wohngemeinschaften" (WG), are particularly popular among Leipzig students. In a shared apartment, two or more students share a whole apartment, which includes a bathroom and a kitchen. There are various ways to find a room or a shared apartment. For example, you can find a place to live through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• accommodation adverts</li><li>• housing and room agencies</li><li>• the Akademisches Auslandsamt (International Centre) accommodation service for ERASMUS and exchange students.</li></ul> <p>Rent for a single room in a student residence is approx. 220 EUR. Private housing can be found on the Internet: <a href="http://www.studenten-wg.de">http://www.studenten-wg.de</a> and <a href="http://www.wg-gesucht.de">http://www.wg-gesucht.de</a></p>
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome event</li></ul>
Supervisor-student ratio	1:3

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