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Master's degree

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MA German as a Foreign and Second Language (DaFZ)

University of Kassel • Kassel

Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in German as a Foreign and Second Language
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German
Languages	German
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Students without a German degree, for the following winter semester: 31 July Students with a German degree, for the following winter semester: 1 September
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The "German as a Foreign and Second Language" Master's degree programme in Kassel is equally based on theory and practice as well as on research. Thus, in addition to acquiring linguistic and didactic knowledge and teaching expertise, students develop skills in empirical research.</p> <p>The first semester comprises the following compulsory introductory lectures and seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "(Psycho)linguistic basics of German as a foreign and second language"• "Research methods in German as a foreign/second language"• "Observation and analysis of foreign/second language teaching/classrooms"• "Theories of foreign/second language acquisition and learning"• "Methods of teaching foreign/second languages" <p>In the following two semesters, students acquire knowledge and develop and deepen their skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Factors influencing the process of teaching and learning a foreign/second language (autonomy, motivation, learning style, etc.)• National and international standards and curricula of teaching foreign languages• Principles of teaching German to specific learner groups (e.g., children, adults, students, professionals, illiterates)• Language (learning) awareness, bi- and multilingualism, etc.

- Current trends in teaching language and culture
- Linguistic skills in phonetics/phonology, lexis, grammar, literature, and cultural studies
- (Digital) media in foreign/second language teaching and learning (e.g., e-learning, blended learning, m-learning)
- Development, evaluation and implementation of learning (digital) media
- Analysis of teaching materials

The Master's programme comprises an intensive teaching phase that is prepared, accompanied and evaluated in affiliated seminars and tutorials (either in the second or in the third semester).

In addition, there is an obligatory study project in which students learn how to plan, carry out, and evaluate a project in the context of learning and teaching German as a foreign/second language (either in the second or in the third semester).

The "German as a Foreign and Second Language" Master's degree programme is genuinely international in its scope. As a result of the socio-political changes having taken place in Germany in the past five years and the subsequently emerging necessity for improving the language support and integration of recent migrants and their children, the focus of the Master's programme has been adapted to changes in second language perspectives.

Course Details

Course organisation	Modular arrangement of courses (lectures, seminars, tutorials and independent project work in groups); student working groups; intensive tutoring and individual support
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language training provided
Integrated internships	Obligatory teaching practicum
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	Mandatory registration fees allow students to use public transport free of charge and the university's refectories and cafeterias at reduced prices. The registration fee for the winter semester 2020/2021 was 290 EUR.
Costs of living	In order to cover personal expenses while studying in Kassel, it is recommended that students budget around 750 to 900 EUR per month for accommodation, food, health insurance, books, and

miscellaneous expenses.

Funding opportunities within the university	No
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Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

- Undergraduate degree such as BA degree or equivalent in German, German Studies, German as a Foreign or Second Language, or other subject related fields with a grade "B" (2.5) or better
- VERY IMPORTANT: An excellent letter of motivation (3,000 characters without spaces) is required. Consulting the following text is highly recommended: <https://www.uni-kassel.de/fb02/index.php?elD=dumpFile&t=f&f=397&token=380b2ad9afa05610f8ccc8574a66b82950a3511>

Language requirements

Excellent command of German (TestDaF 4x4 / DSH-2 or equivalent certificates – see the Kassel University website)

A good command of academic English is required.

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Submit application to

Universität Kassel
c/o uni-assist e.V.
11507 Berlin
Germany

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Students can apply for various part-time jobs or work as student assistants on campus. Please have a look at www.uni-kassel.de. Some departments also provide positions as tutors or working students.

Accommodation

International students enrolled at the University of Kassel can choose between staying at a student residence hall ("Wohnheim") or private accommodation. There are about 1,000 rooms available in the student residencies around the campus. Please have a look at <https://www.studierendenwerk-kassel.de/en/wohnen/>. Rent for a room varies between 200 and 350 EUR per month depending on the location and facilities. Students can choose single apartments with en-suite facilities or a shared flat with fellow students. Private furnished or unfurnished accommodation in Kassel is also available and can be found in the local paper, on flyers on campus, or on the Internet (e.g. social media).

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