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# Master's degree



## Human Geography: Globalisation, Media, and Culture

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz • Mainz

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Human Geography
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The programme is entirely taught in English.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<b>1 September (for the winter semester)</b>  If you have obtained your school leaving certificate or a study degree abroad, you will need to request a <a href="#">recognition of your foreign certificates</a> in order to apply for admission to a Master's degree programme at JGU. Please note that the recognition process may take up to six weeks.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Human Geography: Globalisation, Media, and Culture international Master's programme engages with the dynamic relationships between people, place, and culture by paying particular attention to the effects of diverse global entanglements. With a thematic focus on questions of mobility, identity, creativity, digitisation, knowledge production, and human-nature relations, the programme has profound relevance for tackling some of the major global challenges of our times. A special emphasis is put on the crucial role of (digital) media in both facilitating global connectivities and producing powerful spatial narratives of our globalised world.</p> <p>So what does the programme offer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical human geographic perspectives on an entangled globalised world</li><li>A thorough engagement with current debates relating to globalisation, (digital) media, and culture</li><li>Combining theoretical debates and empirical research practice</li><li>Insights into a range of different research methods, techniques, and practical skills, e.g. the production of short films, podcasts, or blogs</li><li>Exciting teaching and research environment complemented by international visiting scholars and experts</li><li>The chance to design and carry out your own empirical research project during an on-site workshop</li></ul>

- Augmented career opportunities due to a mobility window to study abroad or pursue an internship in a professional field of your choice

Due to the integrative character of human geography, the course draws on the rich body of conceptual and methodological scholarship from geography as well as other social sciences and humanities. Through a number of different course formats (lectures, seminars, methodological exercises, research projects, field trips, and your own independent dissertation project) students will be enabled to critically and actively engage with the above-mentioned themes in a vibrant international academic context.

The programme provides advanced training in geographical thought and analysis by focusing on the complex mediations between people, place, and culture in our highly interconnected world. This unique attention to processes of globalisation, mediatisation, and cultural practices reflects the research expertise within Human Geography at JGU as well as the strong interdisciplinary embedding of the programme, in particular with regard to media studies, anthropology, and ethics.

The programme is based on the activities of three major research groups in Human Geography at JGU (Digital and Media Geography, Social Geography, and Cultural Geography) whose members regularly contribute to international debates. Students are invited to participate in the groups' international research networks, e.g. through spending study time abroad and engaging in discussions as part of the international lecture series.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

A key feature of our study programme is the balance between theory and practical application, with a strong focus on interactions between these two perspectives. Throughout the programme, an emphasis is placed on the empirical investigation of topics and their reflexive engagement with geographical concepts. We offer core modules in social and geographical theories and methodologies, along with more research-led modules developed in close relation with ongoing cutting-edge research projects in our department. Furthermore, the course includes skills training in different media workshops (e.g. camera and editing techniques, blogging, and diverse digital methods) and actively incorporates reflections on personal experience to let students benefit from their diverse international backgrounds.

The Master's programme comprises eight modules and 120 credit points in total. The study plan includes theoretically-based introductory modules in media geography, cultural geography, and globalisation geography as well as applied practice modules, a research workshop with an excursion, and the possibility for an exchange programme or internship.

While all students have to take the core modules (module 1–4), they can set their own focus by selecting two options from a range of applied media geography courses (module 5) and workshops. Moreover, in the third semester, students are asked to choose between studying at one of our exchange partner institutions (domestic or abroad), taking courses of neighbouring disciplines, or gaining more practical experience during an internship related to the thematic focus of the programme. Regarding the final thesis project, students are encouraged to work with the supervisor who best matches their thematic and regional interests.

If you have detailed questions about the structure of the programme, please send an e-mail to the programme's academic adviser: [glomcu@geo.uni-mainz.de](mailto:glomcu@geo.uni-mainz.de).

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### International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

### Integrated internships

As part of the Professional Skills and Specialisation module in the third semester, you can choose whether you would like to complete a semester abroad or do an internship.

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	The semester contribution amounts to approx. 360 EUR. The fee includes a semester ticket that covers public transport in the Rhine-Main metropolitan area and a discount at the university's cafeterias. Additionally, there will be one-off charges for the research workshop.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	JGU offers support in finding a suitable scholarship: <a href="https://www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/scholarships/">https://www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/scholarships/</a>

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>A Bachelor's degree in geography or a related discipline within the social sciences and humanities (e.g. Anthropology, Media Studies, Sociology, Political Sciences, or Cultural Studies, preferably including empirical research training) combined with a strong motivation to explore the world through the lenses of human, cultural, and media geography.</p> <p>You can find a detailed list of the documents and selection criteria to be enclosed in your application (e.g. degree certificates, proof of language proficiency, letter of motivation, personal interview) <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Language requirements	Applicants need to provide proof of the required English skills (e.g. TOEFL with at least 213 points, IELTS with a band score of at least 5.5, TELC English B2-C1).
Application deadline	<p><b>1 September (for the winter semester)</b></p> <p>If you have obtained your school leaving certificate or a study degree abroad, you will need to request a <a href="#">recognition of your foreign certificates</a> in order to apply for admission to a Master's degree programme at JGU. Please note that the recognition process may take up to six weeks.</p>
Submit application to	The application for the course of studies has to be submitted online ( <a href="#">Jogustine</a> portal).

## Services

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**Accommodation**

Numerous shared houses or apartments as well as rooms in student housing make life affordable and allow getting in touch with other students. More information is available [here](#).

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates****International Office:**

<https://www.studium.uni-mainz.de/en/starting-your-studies-as-an-international-student/>  
<https://www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/>

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📷 <https://www.instagram.com/geounimainz/>

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