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Master's degree



History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	All basic and obligatory courses are held in English, except for the language courses, which are taught in the respective foreign language. In the optional studies segment, there may be courses that are offered in German only, depending on the field of study selected.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	15 January for the following summer semester 15 July for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The MA programme in "History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region" is designed for students who want to specialise in the culturally and historically complex Baltic Sea region. It consists of interdisciplinary seminars and lectures that train students for various fields of activity, e.g. cultural exchange or working for companies and NGOs in the Baltic Sea region. The focus of the programme lies on the humanities, especially on history, cultural studies, literature, and linguistics.

Course Details

Course organisation	The first part of the programme consists of an introduction to cultural studies as well as to current interdisciplinary research on the Baltic Sea region.
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The second part of the programme consists of language courses. Students can choose from a wide range of languages of the Baltic Sea region, including German (for students who have no command of German or who want to improve their skills in German as a foreign language), Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Russian, Polish, Estonian, Lithuanian, and Latvian. Courses are offered from beginner to advanced levels (A1 to C1). However, the acquisition of these languages requires an advanced level of German (B2 or higher).

The third part of the programme is made up of lectures and seminars on the history as well as on languages and literatures of the Baltic Sea region from a comparative perspective.

Furthermore, there is an optional studies segment in which students can choose from lectures and seminars taken from other Master's programmes at the Faculty of Humanities and Arts, including but not limited to courses on Lower German, History, Art History, Music, German, Baltic, Finnish, Scandinavian, or Slavonic studies.

Last but not least, the programme includes an obligatory semester abroad. Students can study at partner universities throughout the whole Baltic Sea Region. This international study unit can be used to specialise further in a single culture or field of study or to widen the individual scope of study by adding disciplines with a focus on the Baltic Sea region that are not part of the curriculum in Greifswald.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Integrated study abroad unit(s) • Specialist literature in other languages • Language training provided • Courses are led with foreign partners • Projects with partners in Germany and abroad • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context • Content-related regional focus
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	The third semester has to be studied at a partner university abroad. Students can choose from our partner universities which are to be found throughout the entire Baltic Sea region. Depending on the field of study and/or the language/culture that the student has decided to focus on, they will receive advice from the local course coordinators as to which partner university will fit best to their individual profile. The local coordinators will also help in compiling the study programme of the semester abroad, which will also ensure that the credits acquired at the host university (30 ECTS points) will be fully recognised by the local examination board. The study abroad units offer the chance to sharpen the individual profile of each student and/or to gain insight into fields of study that are not part of the study programme at the University of Greifswald. Therefore, there are no strict regulations regarding contents of seminars or lectures that will be attended at the host university.
Integrated internships	Credit points can also be acquired via optional internships during the stay abroad, but internships do not form an integral part of the study programme.
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	A semester fee of 98 EUR (or 124 EUR for first-year students) must be paid every semester.
Costs of living	Around 850 EUR per month must be budgeted for accommodation, living expenses, health insurance, books, and miscellaneous expenses. The following link provides a fair picture of life in Greifswald, including living costs, daily expenses and leisure expenses: www.uni-greifswald.de/en/life/
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	The university provides a limited number of excellence scholarships and scholarships for outstanding social engagement. Eligible candidates are students in advanced semesters who clearly show above-average results.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	In order to study this Master's programme at the University of Greifswald, the applicants must hold a BA degree or equivalent academic qualification (successfully finished three-year full-time study programme) and have sufficient proficiency in English. As the focus of the course programme is on history and cultural studies (including languages and literatures), we invite applicants from these fields of study. However, application is also possible for students from other disciplinary backgrounds.
Language requirements	<p>Knowledge of English (B2 level, testified by certificates such as FCE, TOEFL (CBT) 213, TOEFL (iBT) 80, TOEFL (PBT) 550, TOEIC 785, IELTS 6.0, or at least seven years of classes in English as a foreign language at school) is a necessary requirement.</p> <p>Basic knowledge of German (A1) is desirable, but not a necessary precondition to enrol in the study programme. Students with no or limited knowledge of German are advised to take courses in German as a foreign language as part of their study programme (modules language skills I and II). Students with advanced skills in German (B2 or higher) can also take courses in other languages of the Baltic Sea region, including Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, Estonian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Polish, or Russian.</p>
Application deadline	15 January for the following summer semester 15 July for the following winter semester
Submit application to	Universität Greifswald c/o uni-assist e.V. 11507 Berlin Germany

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Students from countries outside the EU or EEA can work for four months per year (120 days full-time or 240 days part-time) without a work permit. Although Greifswald is a small city, there are some part-time jobs for students in the service sector (e.g. as a waiter/waitress or a language teacher) or at the university as a student assistant. For job opportunities, please refer to the following website: <https://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/university/information/jobs/>

Accommodation

In order to make moving to Greifswald easy, students enrolled at the university may take advantage of single or double rooms or choose individual apartments available within the six student residences managed by the "Studierendenwerk" (Student Services). Accommodation is also available for those with mobility impairments.

Private apartments are available throughout the town with a wide variety of prices, sizes, and locations. Many students find living together in a "WG" (shared flat) to be an ideal arrangement since they can share the expenses for heating, electricity, Internet, etc.

The following link provides detailed information on accommodation in Greifswald: <https://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/life/accommodation/accommodation-in-greifswald/>

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service

Supervisor-student ratio

Usually 20 students per seminar



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The university, at which students from more than 90 countries are presently registered, was founded in 1456 and is one of the oldest universities in Germany. Today, there are approx. 250 professors and 10,300 students, which is quite special (allowing close personal contact between teachers and students). There are plenty of sports facilities in and around Greifswald. With regard to its academic life, it has been said that there are towns all over the world that have a university, but in Greifswald, a university has a town.



University location

Greifswald is a lovely, youthful town just a few metres above sea level (population of about 60,000). It is situated amidst a beautiful natural landscape and lies just three kilometres from the Baltic Sea. It has good connections to the nearby islands of Usedom and Rügen (which are said to have Germany's loveliest beaches) and is a two-and-a-half-hour train ride away from the German capital, Berlin.

The weather in northern Germany is pleasant but varied. The winter can be harsh, with temperatures of -10 degrees Celsius at times. A cold wind often blows from the Baltic Sea. Still, there is not much snow in winter. Summer temperatures reach 20 to 25 degrees Celsius, or sometimes even more, and statistics show that Western Pomerania, the region around Greifswald, is one of the sunniest regions in Germany.

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/study/prior-to-studies/international-masters-degrees/masters-degree-course-history-and-culture-of-the-baltic-sea-region/>

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