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Master's degree



Data and Discourse Studies

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English, but students are free to select courses held in German.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	Please check the following page for the application deadlines.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Data and Discourse Studies programme examines the relationship between language, knowledge and society.</p> <p>The aim is to impart methodological competence in dealing with digital research data in the humanities and social sciences. These research data are primarily linguistic and visual data – texts and images. In view of the ever-increasing amount of data, there is a growing need for methods that not only measure and categorise the data but also explain and interpret it.</p>

Course Details

Course organisation

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International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in intercultural skills • Integrated study abroad unit(s) • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	The third semester is a mobility window that allows students to study at one of our partner universities, e.g., in Denmark or China, or they can complete an internship abroad.
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	<p>The registration fee totals about 300 EUR per semester. This includes administrative fees and a student ticket that is valid for short distance public transport in Darmstadt and the state of Hesse.</p> <p>Registration fees</p>
Costs of living	<p>Estimated living expenses are about 700 EUR to 900 EUR per month. Please note that these costs are just a rough estimation and can vary greatly depending on your way of life, your accommodation, etc.</p> <p>Costs and budget</p>
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for admission to the Master's degree programme (and thereby university enrolment) are comprised of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in one of the following disciplines: history, linguistics, literary studies, philosophy, political science, sociology, or a related subject. • Admission to the Master's degree programme may also depend on additional requirements. • For further questions, please contact the departmental adviser's office. Additionally, please note the general information on the Master's degree programme, including information for students with degrees from abroad. International Admission.
Language requirements	<p>The required evidence of English proficiency has to be one of the following certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL Test (paper-based 570, computer-based 230, Internet-based 88)

- IELTS 6.5
- UNiCert III
- CAE (Grade C1)

Application deadline Please check the following [page](#) for the application deadlines.

Submit application to [Online Application TU Darmstadt](#)

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment International students can work while studying at TU Darmstadt. For example, you can apply for any of the student jobs offered by TU Darmstadt.

[Jobs & part-time work](#)

Accommodation

TU Darmstadt's International Affairs Department assists international students in their search for accommodation through its Housing Assistance Office. A major science hub, Darmstadt is home to multiple research institutions, three universities, and many high-technology companies, all of which attract people from around the world. A wide variety of accommodations that vary in size, furnishing, and rent are available in Darmstadt and its vicinity. As the university does not own or manage student housing, we support students in finding housing in private and public student dormitories or on the private market. In order to improve your chances in finding the optimal place to live, we recommend that you start your search early. We are happy to assist you in this process. Please make sure to register online on the [housing assistance website](#) for international students.

Our services include the distribution of an “Accommodation Guide” that includes links to private and public student dormitories, hotels and youth hostels, and a “Housing Guide” that provides tips on how to search for accommodation in Darmstadt.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Tutors
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Welcome event



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Student of Data and
Discourse Studies

After my Bachelor's in English Studies, I wanted to take a more modern and technical direction for my Master's. The Master's programme in Data and Discourse Studies at TU Darmstadt gives me the opportunity to learn new skills and to combine them directly and actively with my previous knowledge. The high level of interdisciplinarity encourages lively discussion and opens up new perspectives. In addition, the focus on internationality is very positive for me.

Technical University of Darmstadt



Castle and campus city

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TU Darmstadt

By choosing **TU Darmstadt**, you are making an investment in your personal and professional future. Committed to academic rigour, cutting-edge research, and interdisciplinary collaboration, **TU Darmstadt** provides its community with an environment that sparks

innovation. Our challenging 113 academic programmes allow students to gain international experience at an early stage while preparing them for successful careers in research, education, and the private sector.

In addition to its acclaimed strengths in engineering and technology, **TU Darmstadt** offers prospective students a wide range of study programmes in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.

Our subject profile:

50% Engineering

35% Natural Sciences

15% Humanities

Founded in 1877, **TU Darmstadt** is one of Germany's leading universities of technology and a member of TU9, a network of the most distinguished German institutes of technology. **TU Darmstadt** is also the coordinator of the European University **UNITE! (University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering)** – an alliance of nine leading European universities of technology.

TU Darmstadt has a global reputation for outstanding technology transfer through industrial partnerships, award-winning teaching facilities, and highly ranked research output. Its distinct focus on interdisciplinary cooperation works as a catalyst for innovative approaches to technology in research and everyday life applications.

Committed to an international orientation in teaching and research, as well as the promotion of values like open-mindedness and mutual respect, TU Darmstadt is home to a diverse community of students and researchers from 120 countries. With more than 500 partner universities around the globe and 40 double degree programmes as well as a strong network of industrial partners in the region, our alumni are sought-after professionals on the local, national, and international level. The QS Graduate Employability Ranking regularly ranks **TU Darmstadt** among the best universities in the world.

At **TU Darmstadt**, it is our priority to support international students in navigating this new environment. The International Student Services (ISS) team is happy to assist you before and during your stay.



University location

General note: **Germany** has one of the world's best health care systems. The country has been coping comparably well with the Coronavirus pandemic.

With around 160,000 inhabitants and well over 40,000 students (roughly 26,000 of whom are at **TU Darmstadt**), the **science city of Darmstadt** offers a high quality of life as well as numerous cultural and tourist attractions in the immediate vicinity. Due to the city's location in the centre of the **dynamic Rhine-Main region** and an excellent public transportation system, **Darmstadt** is well connected to destinations in **Germany** and around Europe.

A metropolitan high-tech centre in the heart of Europe, **Darmstadt** is the birthplace of numerous inventions that have changed our daily lives: from the radio-controlled clock, Plexiglas®, and the first enzyme-based washing agent to the liquid crystals in our mobile phones and notebooks. As the home of Art Nouveau, the internationally renowned European Space Agency, and research facilities like Fraunhofer Institutes, **Darmstadt** offers a creative and innovative milieu for living, studying and conducting research.

- Getting around: All TU students are equipped with a semester ticket ("**Semesterticket**" in German), which provides free access to public transportation and local trains throughout the state of Hesse.
- The **University Sports Centre** at **TU Darmstadt** gives students the opportunity to find a healthy balance between work and personal life. There are also plenty of opportunities to participate in activities at the university stadium or swimming pool. Entry is free of charge to both facilities. During the ongoing pandemic, students have the option of taking online classes.
- Finally, **Tutor International** is a project at **TU Darmstadt** supporting international students culturally, academically and socially. Our aim is to assist international students with their orientation and integration into student life and German society. As a multicultural and international team, we are well aware of the differences in cultural backgrounds, and we are here for you as companions and friends. Connect with us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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