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Master's degree



Global History

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts (MA)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	All necessary courses are taught in English, and all exams are held in English. Students may nevertheless attend courses taught in German and may also take exams in German if they wish.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-timepart-time (study alongside work)
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Application period 1 March to 15 July
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The aim of the Master's programme in Global History at the University of Bayreuth is to enable students to recognise and analyse complex social, political, cultural and economic phenomena of the present in their global and historical contexts.</p> <p>The programme has a modular structure with a different number of modules in four columns:</p> <p>Column 1 (Foundations of Global History) consists of four compulsory modules which form the basis of this programme. The students will acquire basic knowledge about the Global History approach with its specific paradigms, theories and methods. All four modules contain methodological reflections of different historiographical approaches, of entanglements between</p>

political, social, economic and cultural history and the analysis of global encounters and conflicts.

Column 2 (“Area Expertise”) consists of six elective modules. The acquisition of area expertise forms the first part (three modules) of this column. Students can select from four different options: “Africa” (A), “Europe” (B), “Atlantic World & the Americas” (C) and “Trans and other areas” (D). For each option, students will have to successfully complete three different courses/seminars that will focus on the history of the particular area(s), but they may do so from different chronological points of view (ancient, medieval, pre-modern, modern, contemporary) and by scrutinising different topics (for example, economic, social, cultural or religious phenomena).

The acquisition of additional language skills forms the second part of this column (three modules). Depending upon the chosen area expertise, students will learn a language or intensify their pre-existing language skills in three different language classes. The idea is to learn or refresh/intensify language skills that exceed the obligatory English and German skills according to the admission requirements of this programme.

Column 3 (“Specialisation”) consists of two elective modules. The “Specialisation I: Additional Area of Expertise” module is a chance – especially for those students choosing options A, B, C in column 2 – to broaden the scope of their area expertise by gaining additional expertise in a second focus area. This enables them to compare historical phenomena in different global areas. In the courses for the “Specialisation II: Methods and Skills” module, students will be introduced to different analytical tools and practices enabling them to apply specific methods (qualitative and quantitative) in their own academic investigations of specific historical phenomena. These methods (for example, from social sciences, literary studies, etc.), which are usually not part of a curriculum in history, will broaden the methodological tool kit of the students and help them approach historical phenomena in an innovative way.

Column 4 (“Master's thesis”) contains the whole process of conceptualising and writing the thesis in one compulsory module.

Students will be asked to present a report (“Forschungsbericht”) in the accompanying Master's class.

Course Details

Course organisation

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided

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

In Germany, students at all higher education institutions pay a semester contribution. This payment (University of Bayreuth: 142.85 EUR per semester) has nothing to do with tuition fees; rather, it covers your contributions to student services and the student government. At the

University of Bayreuth (which combines the campus in Bayreuth and our Faculty VII located in Kulmbach), it includes a "semester ticket" that allows you to use public transport in the region.

Costs of living

The cost of living in Germany, e.g. accommodation, food, clothing and recreational activities, is about average compared to other European countries. Living expenses are significantly lower than in countries like Denmark, Luxembourg or Switzerland, but they are rather high compared to countries like Poland, the Czech Republic or Italy. Compared to other large German cities, such as Munich, Berlin or Hamburg, Bayreuth's low cost of living and affordable housing make the city and the region particularly attractive to young people and families. The DAAD website will tell you what living expenses to expect in Germany: <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-financing/>.

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Scholarships for international students: International students and doctoral researchers have the opportunity to apply to the [International Office](#) for a study grant. Limited funding from the State of Bavaria and the DAAD is available for this purpose. The application deadline for the **winter semester is 31 August and for the summer semester 28 February**. All grants can be awarded for up to two semesters.

Unfortunately, first-semester students cannot be funded, i.e. applications cannot be submitted until the second semester of study for [funding](#) starting in the third semester of study. Above all, academic achievements from the previous semester are decisive for the evaluation of the application.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

The requirement for admission to the Master's programme in Global History is a **university degree with a final grade of 2.5 ("gut/good") or better in a Bachelor's programme in History**, which is comparable to the Bachelor's programme in History of the University of Bayreuth. This necessitates that the completed curriculum is sufficiently similar, and the obtained grades are sufficiently good. Nevertheless, admission may be subject to conditions.

Applicants whose degree is not in History but is in a closely-related discipline (e.g., Political Sciences, Ethnology, Cultural Studies, etc.) may also be admitted under certain conditions. Such conditions may be that particular modules from the Bachelor's programme in History ("Geschichte") at the University of Bayreuth need to be successfully completed within one year. Whether the criteria for acceptance into the Master's programme are met or not will be reviewed first by the board of examiners of this Master's programme and subsequently by the Admission Committee of the International Office on an individual basis prior to the enrolment process.

Language requirements

Language certificate ENGLISH level B2 (may be handed in later)

and

Language certificate GERMAN level A1 (may be handed in later)

Application deadline

Application period

1 March to 15 July

Submit application to

Online application via CAMPUSonline. You can find further details [here](#).

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many ways for international students to earn money while they study, but there are some restrictions. For more detailed information, please visit the [DAAD website](#).

The [University of Bayreuth's Career Services team](#) provides a central interface between student and professional life. The team offers guidance and support to students of all subjects with regard to starting their [careers](#).

For information regarding the **Corona virus**, please visit our [website](#) and also see <https://www.daad.de/en/coronavirus/>.

Accommodation

Accommodation for students

Bayreuth and Kulmbach have a number of student dormitories (both private dormitories and dormitories offered by the Association for Student Affairs) and a vast array of private rooms available. Under no circumstances should you assume that you will be assigned a room in the student dormitories! You will need to actively search for a room on your own – either in a private dormitory or on the private market.

More information regarding accommodation for students is available here: <https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/studies/accomodation/index.html>. Please also read the [DAAD's information](#).

Accommodation for international guests

All other international guests are requested to register via the [Welcome Services Database \(WelSe\)](#).

Accommodation for short visits

For short visits, we recommend searching for accommodation on Airbnb. In addition, a limited number of apartments are available in the [Alexander von Humboldt Guest House](#).

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Accompanying programme



Corporate video of the University of Bayreuth

It all begins with a dream – a search for knowledge and insights, important changes, every great idea. Welcome to the University of Bayreuth!

» more:

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University of Bayreuth



The University of Bayreuth is one of the most successful young universities in Germany.

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International, innovative, and interdisciplinary in research and teaching

Top-notch research, state-of-the-art teaching methods, international influences, diversity, and a springboard to a successful career – these are all things the University of Bayreuth stands for.

[The University of Bayreuth](#) is a dynamic campus university with currently about 13,000 students. Beyond the interdisciplinary research focus and excellence in teaching, the university has a clear vision of social responsibility and entrepreneurship. In the middle of [Kulmbach](#), our new satellite campus unites the perspectives of natural science, economics, law, social sciences, and behavioural science in one place in a way that has not yet been seen in Germany.

We have a close network of strategically selected [international](#) research partners, and we have strategic partnerships with universities around the globe. A wide range of innovative BA, MA and PhD programmes as well as our international summer schools are [conducted in English](#). There are presently around 1,770 international students from more than 100 countries on the Bayreuth and Kulmbach campuses. Focus areas in [research](#) include Nonlinear Dynamics, Polymer and Colloid Science, Molecular Biosciences, Ecology and Environmental Sciences, New Materials, African Studies, High Pressure and High Temperature Research, Cultural Encounters and Transcultural Processes, Innovation and Consumer Protection, Food and Health Sciences, Energy Research and Energy Technology, Governance and Responsibility.

Our university has an outstanding staff-to-student ratio. Our high performance levels, multidisciplinary collaborations and scientific excellence result in [high-ranking positions](#). In the 2021 THE ranking of “475 under 50”, the University of Bayreuth once again achieved a top position among the best universities in Germany. We have proven expertise in campus and curriculum [internationalisation](#), which is confirmed by the results of the extended internationalisation audit conducted by the German Rectors’ Conference, a close and successful project cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and a number of Alexander von Humboldt Awards for our international management and [service](#).

Welcome to our one-of-a-kind [campus](#) in Bavaria!

It is both the heart of our university and a source of inspiration. It is where friendships are made, collaboration is initiated, and ideas are conceived, ensuring that our university remains a beacon of innovation. Scientific exchange profits tremendously from the wide variety of disciplines our communicative campus brings together.

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Be sure that there is a **comprehensive and high-quality range of courses** in all degree programmes that will enable students to successfully begin and continue their studies – on campus or online.

University location

Welcome to Bavaria!

Seventy-six thousand people from **145 nations** chose the city of Bayreuth as their new home, and those numbers are steadily rising. Because of its 13,000 students, Bayreuth is the third-**youngest city in Germany**. Living here means not getting stuck in traffic jams every morning. The short distances in Bayreuth allow you to leave your car at home and to walk or ride your bike to work and to campus.

Career & Networking

The [Welcome Service](#) at the University of Bayreuth is here to assist you with any questions regarding living and [working](#) in the region of Bayreuth. The team of our International Office provides guidance and support for all international students, scholars, and their families before, during and after their stay at the University of Bayreuth. The aim is to ensure a quick, trouble-free and thus successful start as well as an unforgettable stay on our friendly campus in Bayreuth and Kulmbach.

A good climate for your entrepreneurial spirit

The University of Bayreuth takes its role as a regional motor of innovation very seriously. The [Office of Entrepreneurship & Innovation](#) was set up to help students gain [the necessary qualifications](#) in the area of entrepreneurial and innovative thinking and acting. In doing so, we nurture our students' willingness and ability to start their own companies. Our [Adviser for Start-Ups](#) provides start-ups and prospective start-ups with confidential guidance and support. Strong **innovation and research** institutions combined with high-performance medium-sized companies make for a steady rise in workforce and a guarantee for job security.

Your new home away from home

Bayreuth and Kulmbach offer a fast variety of childcare services as well as affordable **living space**. Step outside your front door and enjoy the **recreational activities**. Scenic northern Bavaria is great for sports activities: cycling, hiking, mountain-climbing, canoeing, rafting, and skiing are all excellent ways to enrich your leisure time. However, if you do happen to crave the feel of a bigger city now and then, Nuremberg is only a one-hour train ride away and Munich is only two-and-a-half hours away. You can reach Berlin in four hours by car or bus and Leipzig in half that time.

Have a great start. We look forward to meeting you!

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