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# Master's degree



## MA German as a Second and Foreign Language

Trier University • Trier

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>German</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in German.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	Admission is generally valid for two subsequent semesters. Applicants from countries requiring a visa for entering Germany should consider applying by 15 January for beginning their studies in the winter semester of the same year (respectively by 31 May for beginning their studies in the summer semester of the following year), giving them more time to complete the visa process and to prepare their stay.
Application deadline	<p>Non-EU citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15 January 2024 for the summer semester 2024 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2024/25)</li><li>31 May 2024 for the winter semester 2024/25 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2025)</li></ul> <p>EU citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15 January 2024 for the summer semester 2024 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2024/25)</li><li>15 July 2024 for the winter semester 2024/25 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2025)</li></ul> <p>Applicants with a BA or MA degree from a German university:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15 March 2024 for the summer semester 2024 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2024/25)</li><li>15 September 2024 for the winter semester 2024/25 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2025)</li></ul>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None

Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>Our MA in German as a Second/Foreign Language offers students of language, literature and cultural studies as well as students of social and educational sciences the opportunity to gain a qualification relevant for a variety of career fields in German as a foreign/second language. Examples of this include teaching language and culture at schools abroad, counselling migrants in Germany, or working in communications or editorial positions in education or cultural management, media or business. The programme provides future teachers with the skills they need to teach German as a second/foreign language in both German-speaking and non-German speaking countries. The Master's programme provides in-depth knowledge and skills for pedagogical work in the context of migration and inclusion, for language teaching in secondary and tertiary education, and specifically in migration-related multilingual learning groups. In addition, the MA is interdisciplinary and research-based. The aim of the MA programme is to prepare students for their future professional activity in Germany and abroad. The modules aim to impart linguistic, pedagogical and didactic skills and knowledge, especially on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basics of linguistics</li> <li>• acquisition of German as a second/foreign language</li> <li>• subject-specific didactics for German as a second/foreign language</li> <li>• promoting multilingualism</li> <li>• the role of language in subject teaching</li> <li>• German as a second/foreign language within the didactic principles of language teaching</li> <li>• professionalisation in the context of migration-related diversity</li> <li>• intercultural education, diversity-conscious work and migration education</li> <li>• the relationship between language, culture and politics</li> <li>• planning, implementation and evaluation of teaching</li> <li>• research practice</li> <li>• interdisciplinary priorities in elective modules</li> </ul>

## Course Details

Course organisation	<p>We admit students every semester, so you can begin your studies in Trier in October or April. The MA programme lasts four semesters and requires the completion of 120 credit points through the following coursework:</p> <p>Semester One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basics of German language didactics (10 ECTS)</li> <li>• German language and language teaching (10 ECTS)</li> <li>• German language studies: electives (10 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p>Semester Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature, culture and education in a pluralistic society (10 ECTS)</li> <li>• Teaching and learning in multilingual contexts (10 ECTS)</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary module: electives (10 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p>Semester Three:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research practice German as a second / foreign language (10 ECTS)</li> <li>• Teaching practice German as a second / foreign language (10 ECTS)</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary module: electives (10 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p>Semester Four:</p> <p>Master's dissertation (30 ECTS)</p>
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<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	Teaching practice (third semester) 10 ECTS
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Trier University does not charge tuition fees. Students only have to pay a semester contribution of approx. 300 EUR for the first semester and 285 EUR from the second semester onwards. This includes a semester ticket covering public transport in Trier and the Trier region. The fee acts as a contribution that benefits Trier Student Services ("Studierendenwerk Trier") and the student union. It also enables students to buy meals at reduced prices at the university's canteens.
<b>Costs of living</b>	Students should expect expenses of approx. 900–1,000 EUR per month. For instance, monthly housing costs are approx. 290 to 400 EUR (in a students' dormitory or a room in a shared flat) and 450 to 650 EUR (for a single apartment on the private market). A meal in the student cafeteria costs approx. 3 to 5 EUR.
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	Trier University offers some funding opportunities for international students in the final stage of their degree programmes (maximum duration: six months). However, there are no funding opportunities within the university for the whole course of study or the first three semesters of the programme.

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>If you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a Bachelor's or comparable university degree in teaching,</li> <li>• or have a Bachelor's or comparable university degree in a subject that includes a minimum of 30 ECTS of linguistics, literature or cultural studies or social and educational sciences,</li> <li>• have very good German skills (details below),</li> </ul>
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- want to expand your knowledge in an interdisciplinary degree programme,
- are interested in gaining both teaching experience and research practice,
- and also want to profit from the advantages of Trier University, we look forward to receiving your application!

Enrolment is possible every semester. Information on applying, the selection process, the required documents and other deadlines is available at:

<https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=711>

<b>Language requirements</b>	Very good German skills (level C1 / DSH 2)
<b>Application deadline</b>	<p>Non-EU citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 January 2024 for the summer semester 2024 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2024/25)</li> <li>• 31 May 2024 for the winter semester 2024/25 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2025)</li> </ul> <p>EU citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 January 2024 for the summer semester 2024 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2024/25)</li> <li>• 15 July 2024 for the winter semester 2024/25 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2025)</li> </ul> <p>Applicants with a BA or MA degree from a German university:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 March 2024 for the summer semester 2024 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2024/25)</li> <li>• 15 September 2024 for the winter semester 2024/25 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2025)</li> </ul>
<b>Submit application to</b>	Please apply directly via Trier University's Online Application Portal (PORTA): <a href="http://www.bewerbung.uni-trier.de">www.bewerbung.uni-trier.de</a>

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	<p>Students from the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland enjoy unrestricted access to the German labour market. International students from other countries are allowed to work 120 full days or 240 half days per year.</p> <p>The Career Service of Trier University and the "Agentur für Arbeit" provide an online database for student jobs. Jobs offers can also be found on the website of the "Bundesagentur für Arbeit": <a href="https://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de">https://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de</a>.</p> <p>Additionally, some temporary student jobs can be found on the university's bulletin boards. However, many job offers will require at least some knowledge of German.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Accommodation is available in student halls of residence through the Student Services Office (Studierendenwerk Trier: <a href="http://www.studiwerk.de">http://www.studiwerk.de</a>) or on the private market (e.g. <a href="http://www.hunderttausend.de">http://www.hunderttausend.de</a>). Monthly housing costs are approx. 280 to 400 EUR (for a basic dorm room with a shared bathroom) and 450 to 650 EUR (for a single apartment on the private market).</p>

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Individual advice provided by staff members
- Participation in language courses possible free of charge
- Extensive support (pre-course orientation, individual counselling) by the International Office
- Social and cultural offers by student clubs and unions

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