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Master's degree

Chinese Studies

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Chinese Studies
Teaching language	- English - Chinese
Languages	Courses are taught in English and partly in Chinese. Students write their Master's theses in English.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	**Winter semester:** If your first university degree was obtained at a foreign institution, apply via uni-assist: 31 May for the following winter semester (https://www.uni-assist.de/en/). If your first university degree was obtained at a German institution, apply via AlmaWeb: 15 September for the following winter semester (https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de). Aptitude test: 15 June for the following winter semester **Summer semester** If your first university degree was obtained at a foreign institution, apply via uni-assist: 31 December for the following summer semester (https://www.uni-assist.de/en/). If your first university degree was obtained at a German institution, apply via AlmaWeb: 15 March for the following summer semester (https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de). Aptitude test: 15 January for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The English-language Master's programme in Chinese Studies offers a comprehensive programme of postgraduate instruction for students with a BA in Chinese Studies as well as graduates from the humanities and social sciences with appropriate language skills in Modern Chinese. Focusing on religions and literature as well as economic and social history, teaching and research in Leipzig, the programme places an equal focus on China's traditions and to their ruptures and continuities in the

present day. We seek to provide our students with a historically grounded view of China, which will prepare them for either further graduate work in a PhD programme or for any occupation requiring a reflective understanding of China's past and present. Leipzig Chinese Studies alums today work in business, government, academia, cultural enterprises, and NGOs.

Course Details

Course organisation	**First year: Intensive Coursework**
	In the first year, students receive advanced training in modern and literary Chinese language as well as basic instruction in written Japanese as an important language of scholarship in Chinese Studies. In addition, students take a total of four modules on relevant topics in the areas of our faculty's expertise. Each module consists of a seminar and a tutorial, and it includes a wide array of readings in English and Chinese. Up to two modules in the Chinese Studies MA programme may be replaced with modules from other MA programmes at Leipzig University; this may be advisable if your thesis research requires disciplinary knowledge and skills not offered in the Chinese Studies MA programme itself. In the past, students have "imported" such modules from Economics, Anthropology, Political Science, Religious Studies, South & Central Asian Studies, Sociology, History, and Linguistics.
	Second year: Research and Master's Thesis
	The third semester is largely given over to preparatory research for your MA thesis (including the possibility of a semester abroad) and the fourth semester to the writing of the thesis (minimum 80 pages). Students will participate in the graduate colloquium and receive individual guidance from our faculty.
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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	- Integrated study abroad unit(s) - Specialist literature in other languages - Language training provided - Content-related regional focus
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	The third semester is largely given over to preparatory research for your MA thesis (including the possibility to spend a semester abroad where appropriate and suitable).
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	225 EUR per semester (currently)

Costs of living	Approx. 750 EUR per month Housing: The costs for renting a room are between 150 and 400 EUR per month. Food: About 250 EUR per month Health insurance: Student tariffs approx. 90 EUR per month Transportation: The semester contribution includes a special semester ticket for students which is valid for the whole mobility network of the "Mitteldeutscher Verkehrsbund".
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Certificate of a first undergraduate (Bachelor's) degree in Chinese Studies or in the humanities or social sciences accompanied by a proof of appropriate language skills in Modern Chinese (or proof that this degree can be achieved by the beginning of the Master's programme). Knowledge of Literary Chinese is required.
Language requirements	1. Spoken and written Mandarin at upper level/gaoji, grade 5 of the new HSK exam (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi of 2010), TOCFL (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language) Band B Level 3, or equivalent certification 2. English language competence at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or an equivalent, internationally recognised test certificate (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS)
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Submit application to	**Institute of East Asian Studies Academic Aptitude Test** Application procedure: https://oai.gko.uni-leipzig.de/index.php?id=4720 First degree from foreign institute: uni-assist (https://www.uni-assist.de/) First degree from German institute: AlmaWeb (https://almaweb.uni-leipzig.de)

Services

Accommodation	Students of Leipzig University can apply for a room in one of the dormitories of the "Studentenwerk Leipzig": https://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/housing/our-student-halls-residence
Career advisory service	Students have access to the services of the university's Career Service Centre.
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	- Buddy programme - Tutors - Specialist counselling

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