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Master's degree



GFL (in the Arab-German Context)

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Overview

Degree	Joint degree: Master of Arts (Leipzig University), Master of Arts and Education (Ain Shams University)
In cooperation with	Ain Shams University in Cairo (Faculty of Education / Centre of Excellence for German and Arabic as a Foreign Language EZ DAAF) Other courses in cooperation with universities in <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hanoi (Vietnam)• Guadalajara (Mexico)• Curitiba (Brazil)• Stellenbosh (South Africa)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German
Languages	Courses are held entirely in German. The Master's thesis has to be written in German. A good level in English is required for reading academic texts. References to Arabic are made in some courses at Ain Shams University. Other partner universities: see specific information here
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	Winter semester <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in Leipzig: October to March• in Cairo: September to February Summer semester <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in Leipzig: April to September• in Cairo: March to August Online elements are usually integrated in all study modules. Other partner universities: see specific information here
Application deadline	In Leipzig: 31 May In Cairo: usually in April

Other partner universities: see specific information [here](#)

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>The Master's programme in "German as a Foreign Language in the Arab-German Context" is a consecutive, research-oriented programme offered by the Herder Institute and the Centre of Excellence for German and Arabic as a Foreign Language (EZ DAAF) at the Faculty of Education of Ain Shams University in Cairo.</p> <p>The programme is aimed at graduates of German as a Foreign Language (GFL), Germanic Studies or related degrees who have a strong interest in Arabic-speaking countries. It is also particularly of interest for graduates with the degree combination of Arabic Studies and Germanic Studies / GFL.</p> <p>The teaching and research profile of the programme combines the professional strengths of the Herder Institute in Leipzig (linguistics / applied linguistics, didactics, cultural studies, language assessment) and the Centre of Excellence in Cairo (comparatively oriented literary studies and didactics of literature, contrastive linguistics and Arabic-German discourse analysis). In group work, joint projects, internships, and in the Master's thesis, students gain diverse insights into theoretical and practical issues of the subject of German as a foreign and second language.</p> <p>Special features of the programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the exposure to a different academic culture• an integrated exchange semester at the partner university• a compulsory internship, which can be completed as a supervised teaching internship at a renowned language teaching institution in Cairo• the supervision and assessment of the Master's thesis at both universities <p>The Master's programme comprehensively prepares students for a competent and reflective language teaching career. Graduates are also able to take on management tasks in curriculum planning, the organisation of language courses or the development of teaching and learning materials as well as activities in related fields, such as cultural mediation, (foreign) cultural policy, media and publishing or other areas of international exchange.</p> <p>For further information, please see this website.</p> <p>Other partner universities: see specific information here</p>

Course Details

Course organisation

Student workload: 120 credit points(including 10 credit points for the compulsory internship and 30 credit points for Master's thesis); each credit point represents 30 hours of student workload.

The remaining 80 credit points are earned in eight elective study modules. At both universities, a total of 26 modules are offered, from which students are free to choose. At least one module (10 credit points) must be completed in each of the following areas:

- Didactics / Methodology
- Linguistics / Applied Linguistics
- Cultural Studies / Literature

One of the four semesters, usually the third semester, is completed at the respective partner university. Part-time studies are possible. In this case, the semester abroad is then postponed to the fourth or fifth semester.

Tutorials are offered to support the students' research and academic writing skills.

- [Semester programmes at Herder Institute](#)
- [Study modules at Ain Shams University](#)

Other partner universities: see specific information [here](#)

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated study abroad unit(s) • International guest lecturers • Specialist literature in other languages • Content-related regional focus • Projects with partners in Germany and abroad • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	<p>All students will spend one semester at the respective partner university.</p> <p>Other partner universities: see specific information here</p>
Integrated internships	<p>Ten of the 120 credit points are assigned for the compulsory internship module including at least five weeks / 200 hours of practical work experience. The internship can be completed as a supervised teaching internship at a renowned language teaching institution in Cairo (e.g. German University in Cairo, Goethe Institute or German schools in Cairo) or in other related fields.</p> <p>A second internship module can be taken additionally as part of the elective modules.</p> <p>Other partner universities: see specific information here</p>
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAAD • ERASMUS+
Name of DAAD funding programme	<p>Programme in cooperation with Cairo: Funding for GFL degree programmes to support German Universities abroad (Förderung von DaF-Studiengängen zur Unterstützung deutscher Hochschulen im Ausland) Other courses: Integrated International Degree Programmes with Double Degrees (Integrierte internationale Studiengänge mit Doppelabschluss)</p>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Online learning

Pace of course	Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams)
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Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme)

Yes, compulsory

Types of online learning elements

- Access to databases with study material
- Discussion forums and / or groups
- Flipped Classroom
- Message Boards
- Online sessions
- Online study material provided by institution
- Online tutorials
- Video learning (Pre-recorded videos, Vlogs, Video-Podcasts)

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

Mandatory registration fees (approx. 260 EUR) allow students to use public transport free of charge and the university's refectories and cafeterias at reduced prices.

In Cairo, tuition fees are charged (approx. 460 EUR per semester for full-time students), but all students usually receive a scholarship, which covers 80% of the tuition fees. Students from Leipzig University are exempt from paying tuition fees in Cairo.

Costs of living

Compared with other German cities, the cost of living in Leipzig is relatively low. Students should budget around 800 to 900 EUR per month to cover their living expenses including rent, food, insurance fees and materials for their studies.

International students in Cairo should budget around 400 EUR per month.

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Students at Leipzig University can apply for a scholarship for the exchange semester in Cairo (Promos, Erasmus+). There are no scholarships available for living expenses in Leipzig.

Students at Ain Shams University usually receive a scholarship upon acceptance into the programme. This covers 80% of the tuition fees in Cairo and 100% of the exchange semester in Leipzig. For students from third countries, scholarships for living expenses in Cairo are possible.

For more information, please see [this website](#).

Other partner universities: see specific information [here](#)

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

- First degree in Deutsch als Fremd-/Zweitsprache / German as a Foreign/Second Language (Bachelor's, Magister Artium), Germanistik / Germanic Studies (Bachelor's, Magister Artium,

- Erstes Staatsexamen / Teacher Qualification) or their international equivalents
- Letter of motivation

Other partner universities: see specific information [here](#)

Language requirements	<p>For applicants at Leipzig University: German C1, English (reading) B2, Arabic A1</p> <p>For applicants at Ain Shams University in Cairo: German B2 (a C1 certificate must be provided before the exchange semester in Leipzig), English: National TOEFL (450 points)</p> <p>Further information</p> <p>Other partner universities: see specific information here</p>
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Technical equipment and programmes	Internet connection and regular access to appropriate devices for asynchronous participation and video conferences
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Submit application to	<p>You will find all information about the application process on this website.</p> <p>Application for our programme is possible at Leipzig University as well as at the Ain Shams University Cairo (and the other partner universities). This implies differences in the respective application procedure and in the details of the course of studies, which are noted when necessary.</p>
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Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	<p>Cairo: limited</p> <p>Leipzig: see offers in student job market organised by "Studentenwerk Leipzig - Jobvermittlung"</p>
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Accommodation	Student residence halls run by the " Studentenwerk Leipzig – Wohnen ", shared apartments, accommodation services and estate agencies
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Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutors • Specialist counselling • Cultural and linguistic preparation • Buddy programme • Welcome event
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General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates	<p>Students at Ain Shams University are supported in developing their academic language skills in German in a one-month preparatory course directly before the start of their studies as well as through an extensive tutorial programme.</p> <p>All students are advised by the programme coordinators in Leipzig and Cairo.</p> <p>In addition, students have access to all central counselling services at both universities</p>
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