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Master's degree



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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English• Other teaching language
Languages	<p>The core courses for the 78 CP and 42 CP major subjects are all taught in English. They also require knowledge of Persian.</p> <p>Some elective courses offered by the institute are taught in German.</p> <p>The module packages of 36 CP and 18 CP are mostly taught in German.</p>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	An application for Iranian and Persianate Studies is continuously possible until 30 September for the winter semester and 31 April for the summer semester. Admission/rejection letters will be sent as soon as possible.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Iranian and Persianate Studies MA programme deals in depth with various aspects of Iran and the Persianate world. It provides concepts, methods and theoretical foundations for independent, specialist and interdisciplinary work in the public or private sector later on. Students can choose from a wide range of courses covering different areas of Iranian and Persianate Studies from the time of the Islamic conquest up to the present. A specific focus of the programme in Göttingen is the study of Indo-Persian history and culture. Kurdish language courses are also offered.</p> <p>The MA in Iranian and Persianate Studies can be done as a major subject or as a module package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 78 CP major subject (single honours MA) – no other subject• 42 CP major subject – in combination with one other subject worth 36 CP or two other subjects worth 18 CP each• 36 CP module package (minor subject) – in combination with a major subject worth 42 CP• 18 CP module package (second minor subject) – in combination with a major subject worth 42 CP and another external module package worth 18 CP

In the **78 CP “Iranian and Persianate Studies”** major, students choose from a range of topics offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies as well as by neighbouring disciplines. The core courses in this major are characterised by intensive source studies in the original language (modern or classical Persian). Among many other topics provided for this MA programme, courses on Indo-Persian culture and manuscript and document studies are regularly offered. The institute offers a variety of other courses, regularly arranges summer schools and conducts student trips to the Persianate world.

Only students with sufficient knowledge of Persian can apply for this MA. The language of instruction is English. Course papers and theses may be submitted in English or German. This programme does not require any knowledge of German.

For the **42 CP “Iranian and Persianate Studies”** major, students choose from a range of topics offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies. The courses in this major are the same as in the 78 CP major, but fewer courses are taken, and no courses from neighbouring disciplines can be chosen.

Only students with sufficient knowledge of Persian can apply for this MA. The language of instruction is English. Course papers and theses may be submitted in English or German. While the programme of our institute does not require any knowledge of German, the language of the other subject might be German. Students who are interested in this major should inquire about the language requirements of their second subject, too.

The **36 CP package** consists of courses in Advanced Modern Persian in combination with other courses offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies.

The language of instruction in Advanced Modern Persian is German. Other courses are also taught in German. Knowledge of German (DSH 2 level) as well as basic knowledge of Persian are required for this minor.

The **18 CP package** consists of a course on the Cultural History of Iran in combination with one other course offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies. The language of instruction is German (DSH 2 level). No knowledge of Persian is needed.

Course Details

Course organisation

Iranian and Persianate Studies as a major subject

The **78 CP major subject** is a single honours MA consisting of three different areas of compulsory elective modules:

- Area I (36 CP) comprises courses with a strong focus on source studies in the original language (contemporary or pre-modern Persian).
- Area II (min. 18 CP) comprises other courses offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies.
- Area III (up to 24 CP) comprises modules taken from related disciplines and taught in English.

The **42 CP major subject** consists of the following two areas of compulsory elective modules:

- Area I (24 CP) comprises courses with a strong focus on source studies in the original language (contemporary or pre-modern Persian).
- Area II (18 CP) comprises other courses offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies.

Iranian and Persianate Studies as module package

The **36 CP module package** consists of

- courses in advanced modern Persian
- other courses offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies

The **18 CP module package** consists of

- the “Introduction to the Cultural History of Iran” module (12 CP).

- other courses offered by the Institute of Iranian Studies

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International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Specialist literature in other languages • Language training provided • Training in intercultural skills • Study trips • Content-related regional focus
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>Fees are around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains (in Lower Saxony and Bremen) and city buses in Göttingen free of charge. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.</p> <p>Fees: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee Semester ticket: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html</p>
Costs of living	<p>The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are about 850 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age.</p> <p>For further information, please see the following link: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html.</p>
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	<p>Germany Scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium): https://uni-goettingen.de/en/218535.html</p>

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>BA degree relevant to the field of Iranian and Persianate studies</p> <p>At least 50 CP in Iranian Studies or courses related to Iranian history, language and culture</p> <p>Sufficient knowledge of modern and pre-modern Persian</p>
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Language requirements	<p>For the 78 CP and 42 CP core courses:</p> <p>English: C1</p> <p>Persian: 36 CP in Persian Candidates who did not acquire sufficient CP at university can prove their knowledge of Persian by a test done at the institute.</p> <p>For the module packages of 36 CP and 18 CP:</p> <p>German (DSH 2)</p>
Application deadline	<p>An application for Iranian and Persianate Studies is continuously possible until 30 September for the winter semester and 31 April for the summer semester. Admission/rejection letters will be sent as soon as possible.</p>
Submit application to	<p>https://masterbewerbung.phil.uni-goettingen.de/de/master_applications/MA464866674/professional_studies</p>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	<p>The university supports students in finding part-time jobs in local industries and businesses. A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de.</p> <p>Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Non-EU students are subject to special regulations.</p> <p>Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to your job search. Non-EU students are permitted to work a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.</p>
Accommodation	<p>The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen in finding accommodation and serves as a point of contact for related queries. The Accommodation Service also publishes suitable offers from private landlords in Göttingen and collaborates with the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the number of available accommodation options in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible.</p> <p>For further information, please see the following link: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html.</p>
Career advisory service	<p>The Career Service of the University of Göttingen offers individual support to facilitate your successful transition from the academic to the professional world — whether you want to work in Germany or abroad. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific "Career Impulse Sessions", workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme in "Building International Careers" as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html.</p>
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome event • Specialist counselling

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

The International Office provides a complimentary pick-up service ("Buddy Exchange Service") from Göttingen railway station to the accommodation. German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their first weeks. <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/49307.html>

There is also an orientation week for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university. <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html>

Supervisor-student ratio

1:10

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