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# Doctorate



## International Doctorate Programme in Philology

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München • München

### Overview

Degree	PhD
Course location	München
In cooperation with	<a href="#">Elite Network of Bavaria</a>
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	German and English
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	8 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	The next call for applications is expected to start in spring 2025.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<b>About the IDK</b>  The IDK Philology: Practices of pre-modern Cultures, Global Perspectives and Future Concepts programme, located at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich), pursues the goal of comparing European concepts and practices of philological work with traditions in Egypt, the Near East, the Far East and the Indian subcontinent as well as in the Jewish and Arabic world. We seek to compare their similarities and differences and to work out continuities and discontinuities. Doctoral students gain access to a research environment that stimulates inventive approaches and encourages excellent results. Alongside working on their dissertation as an independent research project, doctoral students complete an accompanying curriculum (including compulsory and optional components) and acquire both philological competencies as well as IT and DH competencies. Their work will also contribute to the development of an e-learning tool, World Philology (learning software).

The IDK comprises the following disciplines: Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Catholic Theology, Classics (Greek and Latin Studies), Computational Linguistics, Egyptology (JMU Würzburg), English Studies, German Literature (1400-1700), German Medieval Studies, Indology, Jewish Studies, Legal History, Musicology, Protestant Theology, Romance Studies and Sinology (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg).

#### Course of study

The IDK Practices of pre-modern Cultures, Global Perspectives and Future Concepts programme strives to offer a best-practice model of doctoral education. This includes a balanced curriculum, innovative teaching methods and the personal engagement of all involved advisers, international cooperative partners and doctoral candidates.

The curriculum aims to balance course offerings for participants with the freedom necessary to conceive and complete the dissertation. The doctoral period is accordingly structured by a programme of study, which includes an input and output phase (four semesters each at most) and can be adjusted to the varying needs of each student.

The innovative coupling of the acquisition of philological competencies with training in IT and digital humanities, especially data literacy skills, is central to the IDK's teaching concept.

Overall, the IDK seeks to promote the following career goals: doctoral candidates will be prepared for academic as well as non-academic careers, maximising prospects of high-quality employment after degree completion. In addition to the required coursework completed by all participants, students fulfil an elective requirement, chosen according to their individual needs and interests.

Additional support is offered by the [GraduateCenter](#).

More information can be found on the [IDK homepage](#).

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## Course Details

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### Course organisation

#### International elements

- International guest lecturers

#### Special promotion / funding of the programme

- Other (e.g. state level)

#### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

#### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

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## Costs / Funding

#### Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

#### Semester contribution

In general, all students must pay two fees due to the "Studentenwerk":

Basic fee of 85 EUR + additional fee for the "Deutschlandticket"

<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/abc-study-guide/semester-ticket/index.html>

**Costs of living** Living costs (including accommodation and health insurance) in Munich range from 1,000 to 1,200 EUR per month.

**Funding opportunities within the university** Yes

**Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university** All funding opportunities can be found on the LMU Munich homepage.  
LMU Travel Grant, LMU Completion Grant

## Requirements / Registration

**Academic admission requirements** Successful degree in one of the participating disciplines (Master's, "Diplom" or teaching degree)

**Language requirements** Fluency in German or English. If you do not yet speak German, you are expected to acquire basic skills during the first year of the programme.

**Application deadline** The next call for applications is expected to start in spring 2025.

**Submit application to** No calls for applications at the moment

## Services

**Accommodation** The International Office helps visiting academics, PhD students, and postdocs who are travelling to Munich for a set period of time to find accommodation.

For further information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.lmu.de/en/study/important-contacts/international-office/index.html>

Rooms in shared flats are popular on the private market and reasonably priced at 400 to 600 EUR per month if located in central parts of Munich.

<https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additional-services/lmu-gateway/new-international-doctoral-candidates/phase-1-preparing-your-move-to-munich/index.html>

**Structured research and supervision** Yes

**Research training / discussion** Yes

**Support for international students and doctoral**

- Support with registration procedures

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