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Master's degree



Eastern European Cultural Studies

University of Potsdam • Potsdam

Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
In cooperation with	University of Warsaw The cooperation with the HSE Moscow will not be offered until further notice.
Teaching language	 German English Russian Other teaching language
Languages	At the University of Potsdam, courses are held in German (60%) and English (20%) as well as Russian, Polish and/or Yiddish (language courses). At the University of Warsaw, courses are predominantly held in Polish.
Full-time / part-time	 full-time part-time (study alongside work)
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The winter semester at the University of Potsdam usually starts in the middle of October. The summer semester at the University of Potsdam usually starts in the middle of April.
Application deadline	15 August for the following winter semester. 15 February for the following summer semester.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes

Description/content

The two-year Master's programme in Eastern European Cultural Studies trains students to become experts in the history and culture of Central and Eastern Europe.

The programme is interdisciplinary and combines Slavic literature, culture and media studies with Central and Eastern European history and politics as well as Jewish cultural studies. Our unique profile conveys a transcultural perspective of Central and Eastern Europe. Students gain specialised knowledge about the entangled Russian, Polish, German, Ukrainian, Belarusian and Jewish regional culture and history.

The programme aims also at the acquisition of methodical competences in regional cultural studies. By dealing with theoretical approaches to cultural phenomena (oriented towards text, image, media, space and performance studies as well as history and political science) students obtain competences that enable them to analyse cultural and societal processes of the past and the present in Central and Eastern Europe.

One main feature of the programme is the double degree option with our international partner:

• University of Warsaw: Students who choose this track will study one mandatory semester in Warsaw where they focus on culture, media and society of Poland, Ukraine and Belarus. Additionally, language courses in Polish, Ukrainian and Belarusian are offered.

The students can also choose a home track at the University of Potsdam with a single degree. This track sets a focus on intercultural studies including Jewish studies of Central and Eastern Europe.

The advantages of studying Eastern European Cultural Studies:

- the interdisciplinary course of study allows for a broad specialisation, creating a solid foundation for a career path in many professional fields
- optional double degree
- no tuition fees
- interesting options for a semester abroad: In addition to the double degree track, we cooperate with many universities in Central and Eastern Europe as well as with the University of Haifa in Israel. We support our students in finding a scholarship for a voluntary semester abroad.
- Students learn how to put their skills and acquired knowledge into practice by conducting an independent research project during the course of studies.
- Students acquire and consolidate their language skills in German, Russian, Polish, Yiddish, Ukrainian and/or Belarusian.
- a vibrant student life at our splendid and lively campus at Park Sanssouci in Potsdam near Berlin
- Students receive a semester ticket that enables them to use public transportation free of charge throughout Berlin and the state of Brandenburg.

Course Details

International elements	 International guest lecturers Specialist literature in other languages Language training provided Training in intercultural skills Courses are led with foreign partners 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	No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee of currently 292 EUR. This semester contribution includes the "Deutschland-Semester-Ticket" entitling you to free use of local public transport all over Germany.
Costs of living	The average monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam are 935 EUR, but this can vary between 600 and 1,100 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found here.
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Bachelor's degree or comparable university degree
Language requirements	 Home track: German at level CEFR B2 and English at level CEFR B1 Double degree with University of Warsaw: German at level CEFR B2, English at level CEFR B1 and Polish at level CEFR B1
Application deadline	15 August for the following winter semester. 15 February for the following summer semester.
Submit application to	More detailed information on the application process via the University Admissions Portal can be found on the link below: https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master/admissions-portal

Services

	capital city of Germany, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there. Please see this website for further information.
Accommodation	There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally,

	there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply. However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with fellow students. The housing market is very tight, so please start looking for an accommodation as early as possible. For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click here.
Career advisory service	The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	 Buddy programme Specialist counselling Visa matters Tutors

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