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# Master's degree



## Cultural Studies of the Middle East

University of Bamberg • Bamberg



## Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Cultural Studies of the Middle East
In cooperation with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg</li><li>• Elite Network of Bavaria</li></ul>
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	<p>Compulsory courses are held in English, course completion without German language skills is possible.</p> <p>If you already have German language skills, you will benefit in particular from the wide range of courses offered in our institutes.</p> <p>Students can choose to write the Master's thesis either in English or German.</p>
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full-time</li><li>• part-time (study alongside work)</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	Academic year starts in April (summer semester) and October (winter semester).
Application deadline	<p>At least two months before the start of the programme</p> <p>Please apply as soon as possible, visa application might take very long.</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No

#### Description/content

This MA programme focuses on diversity and historical change in the cultures of the Middle East. It offers a new and challenging approach to talented and highly motivated students – going far beyond common language frontiers and transcending single-discipline perspectives.

The variety of specialisations in the field of Oriental Studies makes this programme unique in Germany. Students will encounter theoretical concepts and conduct research on a highly advanced academic level: They will enhance their language skills, cooperate in interdisciplinary seminars, and organise cross-disciplinary workshops. Our graduates will be able to communicate in academic settings and professionally conduct excellent, interdisciplinary research – skills essential for continuing on at the PhD level. This Master's programme is sponsored by the [Bavarian Elite Network](#).

In addition to consolidating and expanding their language skills (Arabic, Persian, Turkish or Hebrew), students can choose their courses from different topics: History, Art and Archaeology, Religion, Language and Literature, Linguistics. The professors of the eight participating chairs, seven of them in Bamberg alone, stand behind this course of study with their teaching and research profile: [General Linguistics](#), [Arabic Studies](#), [Iranian Studies](#), [Islamic Art and Archaeology](#), [Islamic Studies](#), [Jewish Studies](#) and [Turkology](#). At the University of Erlangen, the [Chair of Arabic and Semitic Studies](#) is responsible for the joint Master's programme. An additional guest professorship of the programme is filled for one year by internationally renowned scholars.

Students apply and enrol at the University of Bamberg and benefit from the courses offered by both universities.

## Course Details

#### Course organisation

Students participate in the shared foundational modules (lectures and seminars), e.g.:

- Arabic for Students without Prior Knowledge of the Respective Language
- Classical Arabic and Persian Literature
- The Languages and Linguistics of the Middle East
- Problem-centred and Interdisciplinary History of the Islamic Middle East
- Introduction to Islamic Art and Archaeology

The core component of the programme is the "Theories and Methods" module, in which students organise and conduct their own workshops.

In the area of specialisation students without German language skills will concentrate on topics of Art and Archaeology and Linguistics, e.g.:

- Arts of the Object, Islamic Art in Museums and Collections
- Architecture and Urbanism of the Islamic World
- Focus on Theory in Language Variety and Change
- Language Documentation and Analysis
- Literary Traditions

Students with German language will benefit in particular from the very broad range of courses in our institutes.

The complementary area is used to strengthen and supplement the individual study profile and offers a great scope: Courses from the participating disciplines, e.g. language courses, courses from the political sciences at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg or "Internet Computing for the Humanities", could be successfully completed in the complementary area. An internship of at least six weeks could also be part of this area and be added to the transcript.

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<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Specialist literature in other languages</li> <li>• Study trips</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> <li>• Content-related regional focus</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	You can add an internship of at least six weeks in an institution of science and research as a module in the complementary area.
<b>Special promotion / funding of the programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other (e.g. state level)</li> </ul>
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Students whose home institution is Bamberg must pay a regular contribution to the administrative costs at the University of Bamberg (103.80 EUR per semester at present). There are no additional tuition fees during the student's stay at the host institution. A "Semesterticket" for public transport in the city of Bamberg is included ( <a href="#">more information here</a> ).
<b>Costs of living</b>	Compared to other European countries like Denmark, Luxembourg or Switzerland, the costs of living in Germany, e.g. accommodation, food, clothing and recreational activities, are quite reasonable. The city of Bamberg still has (relatively) low costs of living compared to larger German cities as Frankfurt or Munich – and this although Munich and Berlin are reachable in only 2.5 hours train ride. Please check out the DAAD website to find out more about the living expenses to expect in Germany: <a href="https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-financing/">https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-financing/</a> .
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree (with at least 180 ECTS Credits) in a relevant academic field (application also possible during the final degree phase) or equivalent foreign degree with good or excellent marks (German equivalent 2.5 or better)</li> </ul>
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Language requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B2 proficiency in one or more of the following languages: Arabic, Persian, Turkish, or Hebrew</li> <li>• English language C1 proficiency</li> </ul>
Application deadline	<p>At least two months before the start of the programme</p> <p>Please apply as soon as possible, visa application might take very long.</p>
Submit application to	<a href="#">Online Application Portal</a>

## Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	<p>Depending on individual competences and qualifications, Bamberg provides a variety of part-time jobs for individual students – nonetheless, there are also some restrictions.</p> <p>For more detailed information, please visit the <a href="#">DAAD website</a>.</p>
Accommodation	<p>Bamberg's housing market has changed considerably in recent years. The demand for private accommodations is quite high, and rent prices continue to increase. The common trend seen in many cities, and particularly in university cities, is now quite apparent in Bamberg, too.</p> <p>It is thus advisable to begin looking for a flat <b>early as possible</b> and to be patient, as the process can take quite a while. It also pays to check listings in the local newspaper (Fränkischer Tag), submit an announcement that you are looking for accommodation, or explore the numerous online housing portals.</p> <p><a href="http://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/living-in-bamberg/">www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/living-in-bamberg/</a></p>

## Our Partners




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# University of Bamberg

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Since the founding of the University of Bamberg in 1647, it is the people who have been its top priority. The close proximity of students and instructors provides for excellent advisory services, personal communication and interdisciplinary studies.

The University of Bamberg, with about 12,000 students, is among Germany's medium-sized universities. The university currently offers roughly 100 programmes at the Bachelor's and Master's level.

The university's main areas of academic focus lie in the humanities, social sciences, economics, business administration and human sciences. These are rounded out by numerous programmes in application-oriented computer science. The premises of the four faculties are concentrated in three main locations that are easily reached by bicycle or via the local network of bus routes.

One of the University of Bamberg's main strengths is its commitment to a focus on international studies. The university's International Office maintains exchange programmes with approximately 300 universities in nearly 60 countries worldwide.

There are currently about 1,700 foreign students from 100 countries enrolled at the University of Bamberg. The range of courses offered at the university reflects this focus on international studies. Degree programmes in fields like international business administration and management, European economic studies, or the joint Master's degree in English and American Studies all require that students spend up to one year studying abroad. Furthermore, international students receive a great deal of support outside the classroom.

In order to help visiting students from around the globe become better integrated and acquainted with daily life, the International Office organises a tandem programme that brings together local and foreign students.

The university's international guests also have the opportunity to participate in an extensive programme of excursions and events meant to present a broader experience of life in Germany, even beyond the city of Bamberg. An international "Stammtisch" provides students with the opportunity to socialise and share experiences.

[www.uni-bamberg.de/en/university/profile/](http://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/university/profile/)

<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/>



## University location

Located in Northern Bavaria, it is easy to travel to and from Bamberg using many different means of transport. For those travelling by car, the city can be reached from all directions via the A70 and A73 motorways. Bamberg's railway station is also a stop on the ICE line between Munich and Berlin, which means that both cities can be reached without changing trains. Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city, is approximately 45 minutes away by train, and its international airport provides flights to destinations worldwide.

[www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/mobility/](http://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/mobility/)

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