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# Master's degree



## MA African Studies

Leipzig University • Leipzig

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in African Studies
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in English (90%), some of the optional courses in German (10%). Participants can choose to write their Master's theses in either language. Students can study Hausa and Swahili.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Local students: <b>1 September</b>  International students: <b>31 May</b>  International students apply using the uni-assist portal: <a href="https://www.uni-assist.de/en/">https://www.uni-assist.de/en/</a>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The African Studies MA is a research-oriented programme. Its aim is to provide students with an interdisciplinary and reflective perspective on Africa. Building on findings and methods from various disciplines in the humanities, cultural and social sciences, students deepen their ability to deal independently and critically with statements about Africa on the basis of subject-specific standards, to understand these statements as components of time-specific knowledge systems and to be able to assess their research or application-oriented potentials and problems. The focus is on the fields of history, culture, language, literature, society, politics and business.

### Course Details

## Course organisation

First semester:

Compulsory module: 03-AFR-2101 Introduction to African Studies (10 credits)

+ 20 credits chosen from the following options:\*

- 03-AFR-2102 Politics in and around Africa (10 credits)
- 03-AFR-2103 Society and Economy in Africa (10 credits)
- 03-AFR-2106 Language for Research I: Hausa (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2107 Language for Research I: Swahili (5 credits)
- various Language courses in Swahili or Hausa from the BA African Studies (10 credits)

Second semester:

Compulsory module: 03-AFR-2108 Planning and Researching (10 credits)

+ 20 credits chosen from the following options:\*

- 03-AFR-2109 Culture and Technology (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2111 Peace and Security in Africa (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2112 Urban Africa (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2113 Debates about Development in Africa (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2114 Migration and Language (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2115 Lifeways and Livelihoods in Africa (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2116 Language for Research II: Hausa (5 credits)
- 03-AFR-2117 Language for Research II: Swahili (5 credits)
- various Language courses in Swahili or Hausa from the BA African Studies (10 credits)

Third semester: semester abroad

Fourth semester:

Compulsory module: 03-AFR-2121 Reporting and Communicating (10 credits)

Compulsory MA Thesis (20 credits)

Total: 120 credits

\*out of the total of 40 credits earned in the optional modules, it is possible to replace 10 credits with modules relevant to African studies from another course of studies.

### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)

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Third semester: semester abroad

Choose from:

- 03-AFR-1801 Study Abroad (30 credits)
- 03-AFR-1802 Internship (30 credits)
- 03-AFR-1803 Field Research (30 credits)

### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

## Costs / Funding

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Tuition fees per semester in EUR      None

Semester contribution      <https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/current-students/re-enrolment-and-semester-fee>

Funding opportunities within the university      No

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## Requirements / Registration

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**Academic admission requirements**

- A first academic degree or degree from a state or state-recognised university of cooperative education in humanities or social sciences
- Proof of at least 30 ECTS credits from Africa-related courses or equivalent knowledge (e.g. internships in Africa or Africa-related organisations)

**Language requirements**

Knowledge of English at B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and knowledge of French or another official language of the African Union (Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili, etc.) at B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

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**Submit application to**      <https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/uni-assist-universities/detail/hochschule/162/>

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## Services

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**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.gkr.uni-leipzig.de/institut-fuer-afrikastudien/studium/master-african-studies>

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