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# Bachelor's degree



## BA Indology / South Asian Studies

University of Tübingen • Tübingen

### Overview

Degree	Bachelor of Arts in Indology / South Asian Studies
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in German (50-75%) and English (25-50%). Courses with international guest students are taught in English. Participants can choose to write their Bachelor's theses in either language.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full-time</li></ul>
Mode of study	Fully on-site with voluntary online elements
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beginning of classes winter semester 2023/24: 16 October 2023</li><li>• End of classes winter semester 2023/24: 10 February 2024</li><li>• Beginning of classes summer semester 2023/24: 15 April 2024</li><li>• End of classes summer semester 2023/24: 27 July 2024</li><li>• More information on mode of study (online): <a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/5990">https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/5990</a></li></ul>
Application deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-EU applicants: 15 July for the following winter semester</li><li>• EU applicants: 30 September for the following winter semester</li></ul> <p>Please visit: <a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/application-for-international-students/#c450257">https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/application-for-international-students/#c450257</a>.</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

## Description/content

Indology has a well-established tradition at the University of Tübingen, going all the way back to the middle of the nineteenth century. Today, the BA Indology / South Asian Studies is a six-semester programme that gives you a unique and in-depth academic study of various Indian languages as well as Indian and other South Asian cultures, philosophies, religions, and societies. The programme trains you in the scientific study of both contemporary and historical India. This two-fold focus is visible in the languages and the other content courses offered.

In terms of languages, you will learn one modern Indian language and Sanskrit. As to the modern language, you can choose to study Hindi or Malayalam, according to the availability of the courses. To study a classical and a modern Indian language simultaneously is a significant advantage of this study programme. It will give you a comprehensive understanding of India's rich cultural heritage and contemporary developments, which is bound to expand your mind and enlighten your world view.

In addition to the languages, the programme offers a range of courses that deal with the richness and diversity of India / South Asia in terms of culture, philosophy, religion, and society. It provides you with an in-depth knowledge and gives you the necessary academic tools to enable you, on the one hand, to critically engage with the long, rich, and complex history of India and, on the other hand, to understand, assess, and contextualise the current political, economic, sociological, and cultural developments in India / South Asia. In the course of your study, you will also be exposed to cross-cutting and interdisciplinary topics and learn about the most recent research developments in the field of Indology / South Asian Studies.

The fifth semester is a mobility semester. You have three options:

- A) to study for a semester abroad
- B) to do an internship or
- C) to carry out an immersive study project.

For the semester abroad, you can choose to study at an Indian university or, if you cannot go to India, at another university outside of Germany which has an agreement (such as Erasmus+ or CIVIS) with the University of Tübingen. Living and studying abroad, you will not only further your language skills and academic knowledge about India, but you will also have a first-hand, embodied experience of living in a country different from your own, helping you to develop critical self-awareness as well as critical tolerance towards different ways of living, values, and educational systems. The internship (option B) allows you to gain a highly valuable pre-professional work experience, during which you can put to practice the knowledge gained in your course of study thus far. The study project (option C), on the other hand, allows you to make your first in-depth research experiences. To help you decide, organise, and prepare your mobility semester well, you will be able to attend an informative workshop held by the Indology Department in the third semester of your studies. The mobility semester gives you an opportunity to put into practice what you will have earned thus far, while at the same time expanding your language and intercultural competence skills and developing a unique experience that will prove relevant in your later job search.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Content-related regional focus

<b>Integrated study abroad unit(s)</b>	The fifth semester is a mobility semester. You have three options: A) to study for a semester abroad B) to do an internship or C) to carry out an immersive study project.
<b>Special promotion / funding of the programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ERASMUS+</li> <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

## Online learning

<b>Pace of course</b>	Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams)
<b>Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme)</b>	Yes, compulsory
<b>Types of online learning elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to databases with study material</li> <li>• Online sessions</li> <li>• Online study material provided by institution</li> </ul>

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	1,500 EUR
<b>Additional information on tuition fees</b>	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Enrolment fees at the University of Tübingen are currently about 160 EUR per semester. This includes use of local public transport free of charge from Mondays to Fridays in the evening, on weekends and on public holidays. In addition, students may purchase a semester ticket for unlimited use of public transport in the city of Tübingen and the surrounding area (currently about 130 EUR).
<b>Costs of living</b>	Estimated basic student expenses are about 950 EUR per month according to the Tübingen Student Services organisation ("Studierendenwerk"), including rent for student accommodation. Rent for private accommodation will be more expensive.
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

# Requirements / Registration

## Academic admission requirements

Information about admission for international students: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/application-for-international-students/application-and-admission-of-international-students/>

## Language requirements

German language proficiency may be documented via the following exams:

- The Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH); you must attain an overall grade of at least DSH 2 oder DSH 3.
- The Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF); you must attain at least a 4 or 5 in all parts of the exam.
- The Prüfungsteil Deutsch of the assessment test at a preparatory college (Studienkolleg).
- The Telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule exam.

Please visit: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/application-for-international-students/documentation-of-german-language-proficiency/>.

English language skills are required at level B2 / C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and must be documented accordingly.

## Application deadline

- Non-EU applicants: 15 July for the following winter semester
- EU applicants: 30 September for the following winter semester

Please visit: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/application-for-international-students/#c450257>.

## Submit application to

Online application: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/facilities/administration/iv-student-affairs/advising-and-admission-of-international-students/>

For questions regarding the application process, please contact the International Students' Admissions Office (e-mail: [study@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:study@uni-tuebingen.de)).

# Services

## Accommodation

Accommodation is available through the Student Services organisation ("Studierendenwerk") or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.

We recommend you apply for student accommodation through the "Studierendenwerk" at the same time that you apply for admission to the programme (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/> and <https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/>) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you have received it. (Your application won't be processed before the "Studierendenwerk" has received proof of your admission.) For further information, check out the "Studierendenwerk" pages on housing in Tübingen (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/>).

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation

- Visa matters
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures

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

The university offers a number of “on-boarding” services for newly arriving international students. These include:

- a help desk
- a buddy programme ([www.studit-tuebingen.de/en/](http://www.studit-tuebingen.de/en/))
- an advisory programme: “How to Study at the University of Tübingen”
- a wide range of social activities offered by student groups

For further information please refer to: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182071>.

Advice on all academic matters: <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90787>

German courses: [www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056](http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056)

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