



MODERN EAST ASIAN STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree in social sciences, economics, business administration, law or related areas, or a Bachelor's degree in cultural studies with a focus on China, Japan, Korea or South East Asia
- A research proposal on an East Asia-related intra- or interdisciplinary topic from the fields of political science, economics, law or any other social science of the applicant's choice (three to five pages)
- A convincing cover letter and at least one positive letter of recommendation from a university professor stating why the applicant is a good candidate for the Master of Arts in Modern East Asian Studies
- Sound knowledge of the English language, as demonstrated by a TOEFL score of at least 560 or an equivalent test result on another officially acknowledged English test

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, including guidelines for the research proposal, please see

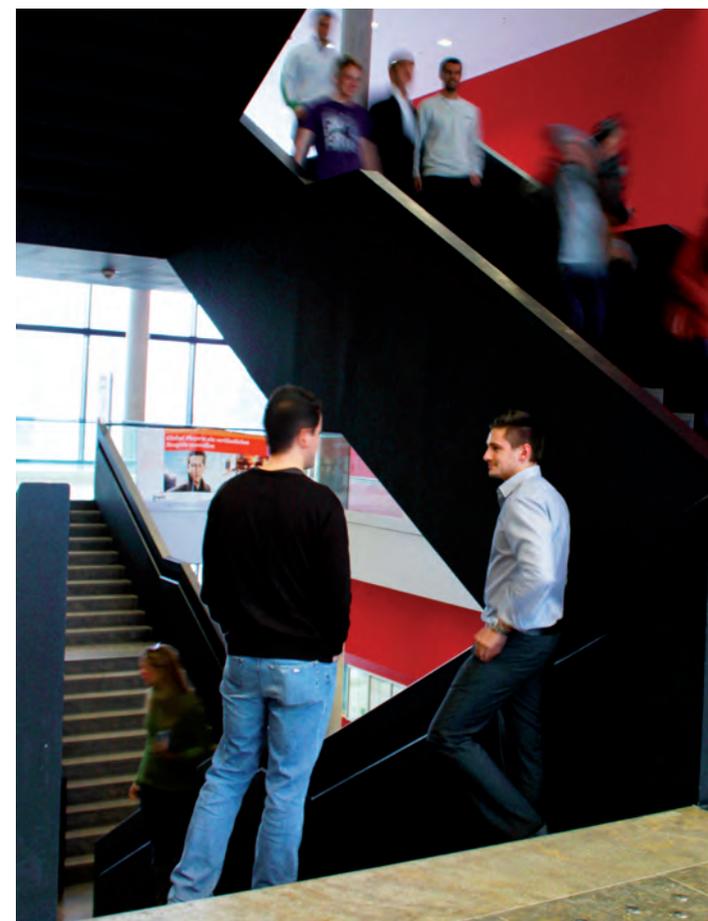
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M.A. PROGRAMME IN MODERN EAST ASIAN STUDIES AT GOETHE UNIVERSITY FRANKFURT //

OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Modern East Asian Studies (M.A. MEAS) is an innovative programme offered by Goethe University Frankfurt.

In a truly interdisciplinary sense, it accommodates students with a Bachelor's degree in economics, law, political science or another social science, and students with a Bachelor's degree in cultural studies related to East Asia.

In the basic course programme, students with a background in cultural studies are introduced to the methodologies and concepts of economics, law and social sciences, whereas students with a background in economics, law, or social sciences concentrate on the acquisition of one Asian language (Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Indonesian).

In total, four of the university's faculties — the faculties of economics, law, social sciences and cultural studies — have joined forces to guarantee professional education of the highest calibre within the broad range of areas covered by this unique programme. Students acquire expert knowledge on East Asia and learn to apply theories and methods from the social sciences to contemporary phenomena in the region. They also receive intensive language training in selected East Asian languages at beginner and advanced levels.

The programme began in winter term 2009/2010 and has been fully accredited by the Zentrale Evaluations- und Akkreditierungsagentur Hannover (ZeVa) since December 2011.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE //

BASIC COURSES

During the introductory study phase in the first semester, students with a degree in cultural studies with a focus on Asia (Japanese, Chinese, Korean and South East Asian studies) are introduced to the basics of economics, law and social sciences. Moreover, they perfect their language skills in advanced courses in Japanese, Chinese, Korean or Indonesian during their first study year. Students with a background in economics or social sciences take beginner courses in Japanese, Chinese, Korean or Indonesian. During this one year of intensive language training, they are expected to acquire basic proficiency in the language of their choice. The basic programme continues with the Skills and Competencies course module in the second winter term. Within this module, students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the methodologies and theories of economics, law or social sciences or to further study the language of their choice.

CORE PROGRAMME

The core lecture lies at the heart of the programme. It starts in the first winter term and stretches over three consecutive terms. Students learn to apply economic, legal and social science theories and concepts to Asia. In addition, students participate in the Young Scholars' Forum, a course involving in-depth readings which focuses on interdisciplinary group work on current economic, legal and social science topics related to Asia.

ELECTIVES

Over the course of the Master's programme, students are able to choose between a variety of elective courses on special problems and phenomena encountered in Asian countries. The variety of electives allows students to specialize in a particular area of interest. Students can substitute one elective course for participation in a summer school offered by Goethe University Frankfurt or another institution.

MASTER'S THESIS

The fourth and last term of the M.A. programme is dedicated to the Master's thesis. In a thesis on an economic, legal or social science topic related to East Asia, students are expected to display the methodological and theoretical knowledge they have acquired in the programme in a manner that satisfies high academic standards.



FACULTY //

The faculty is composed of well-known scholars from the areas of economics, law, social sciences and cultural studies. All of them have lived and studied in Asia and are proficient in at least one Asian language.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION //

Classes are primarily taught in English, making it possible for non-German-speaking students to participate in the programme. The elective courses frequently utilize original-language materials from the respective Asian target countries.