

Master Program Science and Technology Studies. Economies, Governance, Life

Institute of Cultural Anthropology
and European Ethnology

Information for

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Welcome address by the students' representatives of the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology

Welcome to the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology!

Dear Master Students,

To start something new somewhere is never easy.

We know that. It takes one or two semesters until you know where you find everything, what you should do, and how.

This semester is special because of the restrictions imposed by the Corona pandemic. We are happy to support you so that you can still find your way around.

This little brochure should help you to find your way around more easily and answers some questions about your studies and the campus. Well, it answers at least the easy questions. For all others – and believe us, there will be more to come – please contact the higher semester students, the student assistants of the institute, or us, the institute group.

We all like to help.

After all, we have been in the same situation when we started.

We would like to say: we are happy that you are here and wish you a good start in your studies!

Your students' representatives

Welcome address by the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology

Dear first-year students of Science and Technology Studies!

You are starting your studies at a time when you and we have to study, teach and live with many restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This also means that due to the pandemic situation we will not be able to meet and get to know each other personally at the university for the time being. The university buildings are largely closed to the public in order to prevent the virus from spreading.

At present, teaching has to take place online as far as possible. We use various digital learning platforms within the university to which you will have access when you attend courses in Science and Technology Studies.

We hope that you will find your way around despite the current restrictions and will be happy to give you any support you may need.

On the website of the institute

<https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/62943725/>

you will find all the information you need to successfully study STS.

Have fun and success in your studies!

The staff of the
Institute of Cultural Anthropology
and European Ethnology

1 Covid-19

1.1 Online Courses

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, teaching in the winter term 2020/21 has to be conducted online.

We will do our best to welcome you to our Institute and the STS masters' program and to help you with a good start at our university!

1.2 Developments and Measures of the University

Please visit the website of the Goethe University regularly for information on current developments and measures at Goethe university in connection with the Corona crisis:

<https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/86555546/>

1.3 Communication

In order to ensure that teaching under online teaching conditions runs as smoothly as possible, please use *only* your **university e-mail address** for communication with the teaching staff and other members of the institute.

Please check your university e-mail account *regularly*!



2 Studying STS at Goethe University

2.1 Teaching Cooperations

Courses are offered by the *Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology*, which manages the program, and our cooperation partners in *Sociology* and *Human Geography*.

- Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology <https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/62943725/>
- Human Geography <https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/41601216/>
- Sociology <https://www.fb03.uni-frankfurt.de/42453294/>

2.2 Course offerings

2.2.1 General Information

The MA program consists of modules

- 5 compulsory modules
- 2 out of 3 optional modules
- the final module is the MA thesis

You should be able to finish the MA within two years. However, you will not be exmatriculated in case of some delay.

Detailed module description available in the institute website:

<http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/66750191/Curriculum>

2.2.2 Compulsory Modules

All compulsory modules are offered by the the *Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology*, which manages the master's program.

Module M1 „Theoretical Intersections“

M1 extends over the course of two semesters:

- part 1 consists of two courses (winter term)
- part 2 consists of one course (summer term)
- Exam: Term paper (summer term)

We recommended to complete this module in the first two terms!

Module M5, M6, M7, and M8 “Research Curriculum”

M5-M8 consist of a series of four one-semester modules, supporting and reflecting the process of writing your MA thesis. For best results, we suggest two courses per module and term

2.2.3 Optional Modules

There are three courses per module which are often split between two terms. Three topical modules are on offer, from which you choose two:

- M2: Technologies of Governance
- M3: Markets and Cultures
- M4: Economies of Life

For your master's degree, two of them must be completed.

Classes are offered by the *Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology*, by the *Department of Sociology* and by the *Department of Human Geography*. On the semester schedule you find who is offering the courses.

2.2.4 Timeline of the STS program

Semester	Compulsory Modules		Optional Modules 2 out of 3
	Basic Module	Research Curriculum	
1	M1 Theoretical Intersections 1.1 Introduction to STS 1.2 Epistemic Practices	M5 Introduction to Research Methods 5.1. Ethnographic Encounters 5.2 Method Toolbox	M2 Technologies of Governance
2	M1 Theoretical Intersections 1.3 Global Economies	M6 Research Design 6.1 Research Design 6.2 Proposal Writing	M3 Markets and Cultures
3		M7 Fieldwork 7.1 Research Colloquium 7.2 Recent Debates in STS	M4 Economies of Life
4		M8 Analysis and Writing 8.1 Writing Lab 8.2 Performing Research	
		M9 Masters' Thesis	

2.2.5 Module Exams

Compulsory modules (M1, M5-M8)

Module exams can vary in form (written, oral presentation, etc.)

Optional modules (M2-M4)

- Module exams consist of a term paper written in one of the three seminars of the module.
- Please approach the lecturer of the seminar to negotiate the topic and scope of the paper.

Exam registration

- You have to register electronically at university portal QIS/LSF (examination registration and electronic course catalog) for all exams.
- The registration period is announced in class and on the institute's website.

For the optional modules (M2-M4), you can take the exam for seminars in sociology or human geography with the respective seminar lecturers. As the seminars from sociology or human geography may not be listed in the QIS/LSF, please register for a seminar that is listed in the module you want to take your exam in. The institute will make it count for the actual seminar.

2.2.6 Attending Courses from Human Geography and Sociology

If you are attending a seminar for the optional modules M2-M4 in sociology or in human geography, you must obtain a signed confirmation from the lecturer after successful completion.

You can download the template for the confirmation from our website:

https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/76535200/Academic_Confirmation.pdf

Please bring to class at the end of the semester, and ask the lecturer to fill out the form and sign it. Hand in the filled in and signed confirmation at the institute to Mrs. Philipp-Jahnke, room IG 1.456, who will pass on the information to the study and exam administration office.

2.3 Who Can Supervise My Master's Thesis?

Any member of the teaching staff involved in the STS MA program who has at least a master's degree can act as supervisor of your MA thesis ("Erstgutachter"). If your supervisor has a master's degree, the second examiner ("Zweitgutachter") must be a full professor.

Please search actively early on for a potential supervisor of your thesis because not every member of the teaching staff is an expert for your subject.

For information on particular research interests and expertise of the teaching staff please consult the LASST (Lab for Studies in Science and Technology) Website:

<https://lasst.uni-frankfurt.de/>

3 Study and Exam Administration

Your study is administered by the Prüfungsamt (study and exam administration). Please see their website (German only):

<http://www.pgks.de/>

3.1 Setting Up a Study Account

In the first semester, you must require the study and exam administration to set up a study account for you in the university portal QIS/LSF (examination registration and electronic course catalog), to which all credit points and examinations can then be registered.

The application to open an account goes by the name “Antrag auf Master-Prüfung” (application for taking the Master’s exam). The application can be downloaded from the website of the study and exam administration at

<http://www.pgks.de/>

Click on “Downloads” in the left menu column. On the new page, click on “Formulare: Zulassung zu Bachelor- und Masterprüfung und Anmeldung zur Bachelor/ Masterarbeit”.

Use the plus sign “+” to expand the list of subjects. Clicking on the letter “S” will jump to the entry

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[\[Zulassung Master Prüfung\]](#) [\[Anmeldung Master Arbeit\]](#)

Click on “[Zulassung Master Prüfung]” and download and fill out the form.

You can submit the application for the Master’s exam at the same time as you register for your first module exam.

3.2 University Portal QIS/LSF

After logging into the university portal QIS/LSF, you have access to your account:

<https://qis.server.uni-frankfurt.de/>

Please check regularly whether your credit points and exams are recorded correctly.

3.3 Records of Credit Points and Grades

The staff of the institute does not have access to the study and exam administration system. If you have any questions or problems concerning your study account, please first contact the study and exam administration office first. Mrs. Marianne Köhler m.koehler@em.uni-frankfurt.de will take your requests.

3.4 Study and Examination Regulations

The study and examination regulations are the most important reference document for questions concerning your studies of STS at Goethe university. Here you will find all the important general rules as well as information about the organization of the studies and the exams. A detailed reading is not only obligatory, but also recommended, as this important document will answer many of your questions.

We suggest you download the regulations from the university web page “Satzungen / Ordnungen”:

https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/54550609/Studien_und_Prüfungsordnungen

In the left column click on the menu item “+FB09”. On the opening page “FB 09 | Sprach- und Kulturwissenschaften” go to the point “Science and Technology Studies” where you can download a PDF file of the regulations.

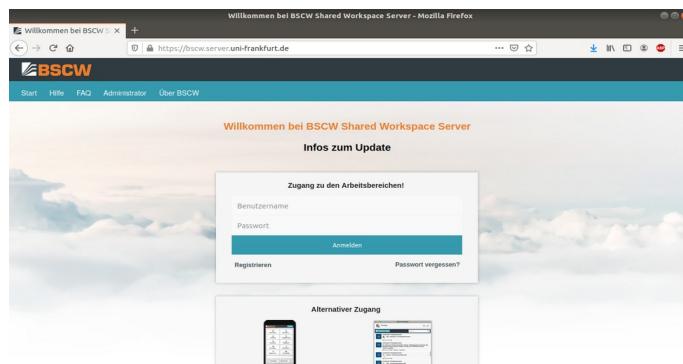
4 eLearning platforms and videocalls

The institute uses two main eLearning platforms in teaching: BSCW and OLAT. Our cooperation partners may use additional platforms. If you take part in a seminar, you will be given access to the platforms used for the seminar by the lecturers.

If you are new to the system and not yet registered, you will receive an invitation by email with all necessary instructions and informations.

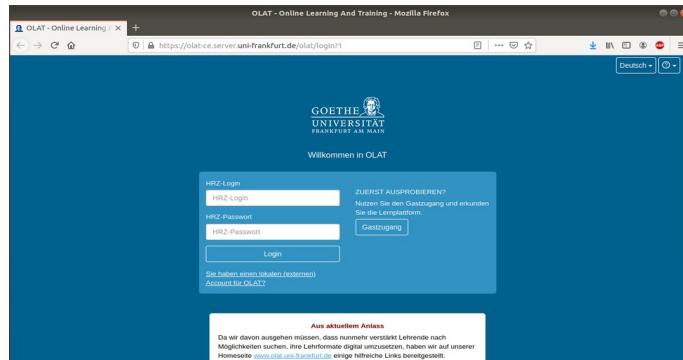
4.1 BSCW

BSCW is the abbreviation for *Basic Support for Cooperative Work*. BSCW is hosted by the Goethe University Computing Centre and is not public.



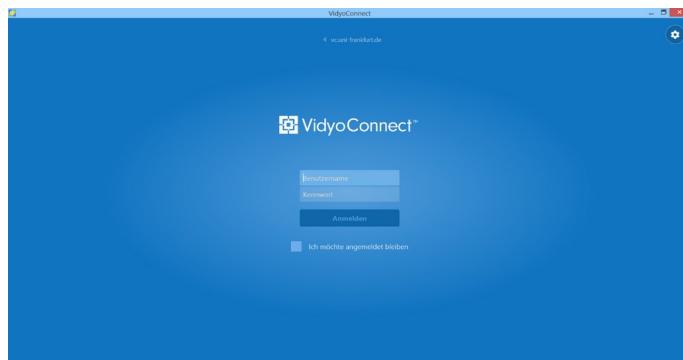
4.2 OLAT

OLAT is the abbreviation for *Online Learning and Training*. OLAT is hosted by the University Computer Center of Goethe University and is not public.



4.3 Videocalls

For online meetings, the institute generally uses the video platform Vidyo for teaching at the Goethe University, which is licensed for the Goethe University, hosted by the university computer center and complies with the data protection guidelines:



The lecturers provide course participants with a link to the virtual room before the meeting.

The Goethe University also provides other licensed and secure communication tools, e.g. Zoom, for teaching.

5 Study Abroad

Master students can conduct a semester abroad.

5.1 When to go

- We recommend the third semester for going abroad.
- Courses completed at the partner university will be converted via the ECTS-System (in coordination with the lecturer).
- It is possible to study abroad with the Erasmus Exchange Program

5.2 Erasmus

It is possible to organize the semester abroad through the *Erasmus* program. Erasmus covers any tuition fees that may be incurred at host universities, and pays a monthly pocket money of currently about 150,- Euro. Please inform yourself about current Covid-19 restrictions.

5.3 Our partner institutes

- University of Jyväskylä (Jyväskylä, Finland)
- Aegean University Mytilini (Mytilini, Greece)
- „La Sapienza“ University (Rome, Italy)
- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Groningen, The Netherlands)
- University of Graz (Graz, Austria)
- University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria)
- University of Lisbon (Lisbon, Portugal)
- University of Basel (Basel, Switzerland)
- University of Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland)
- University of Ljubljana (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- Kadir Has University (Istanbul, Turkey)
- Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Turkey)
- University of Cyprus (Nicosia, Cyprus)

5.4 Application

Application documents:

- Fill in the application form (with passport photo) + submit 2x (1x original + 1x copy)
- Transcript of Records (also 2x)
- Letter of motivation (1-2 pages)
- Language certificate B2 English
- certificate of study

See additional information on the institute website:

<https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/65012604/>

6 Miscellaneous

6.1 International Office

Useful information on studying and living in Frankfurt for international students at Goethe-University:

<https://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/62901931/>

6.2 Libraries

University library

With its extensive holdings and collections, the University Library of Frankfurt am Main is one of the central academic libraries in the Federal Republic of Germany. All information about the library can be found at

<https://www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/>

Libraries at Campus Westend

Humanities Library (BzG)

- Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology IG, Q6: 2nd floor (2.611/2.612)
- Philosophy IG, Q6: 1st floor (1.621) 2nd floor (2.621)

Library for Social Sciences and Psychology (BSP)

- Sociology PEG: 1st floor
- Human Geography PEG: 1st floor

6.3 Goethe-Card

The Goethe-Card is a multi-functional chip card. The blue plastic card makes student life more convenient, as it offers a variety of functions:

- Student ID card
- Print / Copy (Wallet)
- Cafeteria (wallet)
- Keys for lockers
- Entrance ticket for the famous Frankfurt Botanical Garden
- Library card
- Ticket for public transport in all the state of Hessen

6.4 “KFZ-Referat”

Cheap car rental directly at the university.

- Phone: 069–79823048
- Email: transporter@kfz-referat.de

6.5 The GeFKA

The *Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Kulturanthropologie*, abbr. GeFKA (English: *Society for the Promotion of Cultural Anthropology*) is a registered student association and offers a wide variety of workshops and excursions in addition to various working groups (such as the Radio working group with broadcasting opportunities at the Frankfurt City Radio Radio-X or the working group for exhibitions).



The motto of the GeFKA is:

Studying means more than just collecting credit points!

Additionally, the GeFKA organizes the institute Christmas party, the graduation party, and regular get-togethers. Further information and the current program can be found at

<http://www.gefka.de>

Students of STS are invited to participate in activities and / or projects of the GeFKA in order to benefit from its offers and opportunities.

6.6 Social Media



Visit us on Facebook:
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<https://www.facebook.com/FrankfurtSTS/>



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6.7 Campus Map

