In the study of geography, the focus is on understanding social developments and natural processes in their spatial dimensions. Students can look forward to various subject areas for which many, different methods are used: Cartography, observations, interviews, GIS. In addition to cultural geography, students have a wide range of electives at their disposal, such as: Economics, Sociology, Political Science, or a Linguistics (students must choose one of these electives). Ecological crises and environmental problems, globalization and regionalization, migration, intercultural communication, and urban and regional development are just a few examples of socially relevant topics that are among the central contents of current geographic education at universities.

Students deal with the description, explanation and interpretation of social and natural phenomena and their interactions in a spatial perspective. They face the challenge of understanding and explaining social and ecological change as well as the complex interactions of humans with their environment.

In their studies, they address causes and effects at global and local scales. They are enabled to participate actively and competently in solving spatially related social and ecological problems. Cultural Geography also deals with societies and the spatiality of human activity.

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The study of cultural geography is divided into three phases: In the first phase of study (first year), students acquire basic knowledge of spatially related issues of the human-environment relationship as well as basic knowledge of important subfields of geography and in a first elective subject.

In the second study phase, which is completed from the third to the fourth semester, the specialized knowledge is expanded and, in particular, methodological competencies are e.g. GIS, empirical social research, statistics.

In the 1-subject program, knowledge in the first elective is also deepened and basic knowledge is acquired in at least one other elective. In the third study phase (fifth and sixth semester), further specialization in regional and thematic aspects takes place, as well as the acquisition of skills to apply themethodical knowledge in a problemsolving manner. In addition, the knowledge in the elective subjects is rounded off here. The students are guided to independent scientific work. Basic knowledge is imparted in particular in the following areas: Geography is a subject at the interface of natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. Since you acquire a high level of methodological competence in the degree program Cultural Geography and also deal with neighboring disciplines, a wide range of professional activities is open to you. You can increase your career opportunities by choosing an appropriate focus during your studies.

Geographers work in urban, regional or transport planning, in energy supply companies or in market research companies. Other possible fields of work for cultural geographers are:

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Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Duration of studies in semester: 6

Start of degree program: Winter semester

Study location: Erlangen Number of students: 50-150

Subject group: Mathematics, Natural sciences

Teaching language: completely in German

Admission Requirements: No Admissions Restrictions - Registration Admission requirements (first semester): No Admissions Restrictions -Registration

Admission requirements (higher semester): free Application deadline winter semester: 15.08.

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