

The focus of the degree program is the study of Arabic on a linguistic as well as on a cultural-scientific basis. In this way, the role of Arabic as the linguistic-religious, but also linguistic-cultural cradle of Islam is appreciated in particular.

The Erlangen-Nuremberg Master's degree program AIS (Arabic, Islamic and Semitic Studies) focuses on Arabic as a language and textual culture. This approach also pays particular attention to the role of Arabic as the linguistic-literary cradle of Islam. This preoccupation takes place in various overall perspectives:

From a formal point of view, the AIS Master's degree program comprises the following focal points, which can be combined to a large extent via so-called "contextualization modules":

The degree program is studied in one of two concentrations (electives): In addition, there are compulsory courses across the foci. Via so-called "contextualization modules" (see 2nd and 3rd semester), either the modules of the respective other major or courses from other degree programs can be imported.

1st semester Cross-focus Research Methods and Source Analysis

Emphasis Arabic Studies-Semitic Studies Arabic Linguistics; Second Semitic Language

Emphasis Islamic Studies Quranic and contextual studies; social and cultural history

2nd semester Inter-focus Classical Arabic Literature; Contextualization Module I

Emphasis Arabic Studies-Semitic Studies Semitic Linguistics

Focus Islamic Studies Quran and Modernity

3rd semester Inter-focus Modern Arabic Literature; Contextualization Module II, Project Module

4th semester Cross-focus Research colloquium; Master thesis

You can take up activities in the following areas:

15.07.

15.01.

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If you are interested in the Master's degree program and have a degree in a subject not listed here or from abroad, please be sure to contact the Master's representatives. Further information on admission requirements can be found under the corresponding menu item.

Applicants must prove that they have completed their first university degree (Bachelor's degree or at least equivalent) in one of the following subjects: Arabic Studies, Oriental Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Religious Studies with a focus on Islam, Linguistics with a focus on Arabic, Semitic Studies, Languages and Cultures of the Islamic World, African Studies with a focus on Arabic/Islam. Provided a solid knowledge of Arabic is available (see below), graduates from Jewish Studies and Jewish Studies may also be admitted.

Language skills in Arabic at least on level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (proof of Arabic courses amounting to at least 40 ECTS credits or equivalent language certificates, e.g. UNICert level II or higher).

Our Student Advice and Career Service (IBZ) is the central point of contact for all questions about studying and starting a degree programme.

Our Student Service Centres and subject advisors support you in planning your studies.

Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Duration of studies in semester: 4

Start of degree program: Summer semester, Winter semester

Study location: Erlangen

Number of students: 1-50

Subject group: Language and Cultural Studies

Special ways to study: Part-time degree program

Teaching language: completely in German

Admission Requirements: Qualification assessment

Admission requirements (first semester): Qualification assessment

Application deadline winter semester: 15.07.

Application deadline summer semester: 15.01.

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An overall grade of at least "good" (2.5) is sufficient for the previous university degree; applicants with an overall grade of 2.51 to 3.00 will undergo an individual admission interview.

For an application in the current final semester of the BA program, proof of 140 ECTS credits is sufficient.

Knowledge of Arabic at least on level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (proof of Arabic courses amounting to 40 ECTS credits or UniCert level II).

German language skills for international applicants: DSH 2 or equivalent
General language skills: Language skills in Arabic at least on level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (proof of Arabic courses amounting to at least 40 ECTS credits or equivalent language certificates, e.g. UNICert level II or higher).