

Do you want to combine Chinese Studies with a specialization in a further subject? Then, the MA Chinese Studies with an Optional Focus is the right degree program for you!

Chinese Studies with an Optional Focus (MA) is a unique, interdisciplinary degree program that combines studying Chinese studies with a specialization. The degree program integrates an in-depth education in Chinese Studies with acquiring fundamental knowledge in one of several subjects: English and American Studies, History, Sinology, Economics, or Political Science. Students can choose one specialization. Chinese Studies with an Optional Focus is a research-oriented degree program which places great importance on interdisciplinary approaches to academic work. An essential part of the degree program is intensive Chinese language classes, including the academic translation of Chinese texts. The teaching language is English.

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The standard period of study for the MA program is four semesters. At least half of the total 120 ECTS credits are covered by sinology courses, and a further 30 ECTS credits are gained through the Master's thesis. The rest of the courses depend on the chosen specialisation. You can find a detailed overview of the degree program in the study and examination regulations for Sinology in the Master's degree program Chinese Studies with an Optional Focus.

You can combine the in-depth education in Chinese studies with courses from one of the following subjects: English and American Studies, History, Political Science or Economics; it is also possible to focus purely on Sinology.

There are many good reasons to study Chinese Studies in Erlangen!

Excellent Chinese language classes: The language classes take place in small groups under the guidance of pedagogically trained native speakers. This guarantees success in learning Chinese characters, pronunciation, and grammar.

Modern facilities: The Institute for Chinese Studies is located in a modern building with an adjoining garden. The classrooms are equipped with the latest technology in the form of whiteboards. The Chinese Studies library with workspaces for students is located directly on site. The library is the largest seminar library at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and one of the largest in Germany.

Good support: Our lecturers are committed to help students in their studies – they always have an open ear for student concerns and inquiries. If you have problems, you can also contact our active student council initiative (FSI) at any time.

Wide range of courses: A wide range of research fields and class topics, in cooperation with other disciplines at FAU as well as national and international cooperation partners, enable a differentiated and reflected picture of Chinese-speaking countries in the past and today.

Extracurricular activities: In addition to the compulsory classes, many voluntary activities take place at the institute. Among them are summer festivals and barbecues, a Chinese theater group, and regular excursions in Europe, China, and Taiwan.

Study abroad: As part of your studies, a stay abroad in China or Taiwan is possible. Our lecturers will help you plan your stay abroad and apply for scholarships.

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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: International degree program

Teaching language: completely in English

Admission Requirements: Qualification assessment

Admission requirements (first semester): Qualification assessment

Application deadline winter semester: 15.07.

Application deadline summer semester: 15.02.

Content-related admission requirements: Degree with at least 70 ECTS in Sinology or a related degree with a Sinology component of at least 60 ECTS (of which at least 20 ECTS are subject-related)

Degree in Sinology or similar program; suitability might be determined individually.

English language skills at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Good language skills in Chinese

Proof of German language proficiency at level B2 (CEFR); for exceptions, see subject study and examination regulations §2, paragraph 2, sentence 2.

Motivation letter

Individual entrance exam, if applicable

German language skills for international applicants: German language skills required under certain conditions

General language skills: English language skills at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

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Proof of German language proficiency at level B2 (CEFR); for exceptions, see subject study and examination regulations §2, paragraph 2, sentence 2.