

Explore the diversity of the world and broaden your horizons in the Master's degree program Empires and Transcontinental Spaces. Through study abroad, you'll gain hands-on experience and immerse yourself in transatlantic, transpacific and European-Asian relations. The interdisciplinary program opens doors to exciting career opportunities. Be part of a global community critically questioning and shaping the history and future of the world.

The Master Empires and Transcontinental Spaces is an interdisciplinary degree program offered jointly by the departments of American Studies, Japanese Studies, Sinology and Modern and Contemporary History. The degree program focuses on the critical examination of challenges such as populism, nationalism, regionalism, changing international-geopolitical power relations, climate change, and global threat scenarios such as terrorism, and its associated social challenges such as refugee movements and migration.

The Master's degree program provides comprehensive knowledge of the historical interconnections of transcontinental spaces (Europe-Asia, Trans-Pacific and Trans-Atlantic), which is seen as a prerequisite for understanding the genesis of global problems and discussing sustainable solution strategies.

The central element of the degree program "Empires and Transcontinental Spaces" is interdisciplinarity, which is understood in an integrative rather than an additive way. The Master combines the approaches of Area Studies with those of History and Cultural Studies and is decidedly research-oriented.

1st year of study:

2nd year of study:

The master's degree program is designed for bachelor's graduates in history, cultural studies, and political science, as well as students with degrees in regional studies (American Studies, English Studies, Japanese Studies, Sinology, Slavic Studies, or related disciplines).

Possible career fields:

Special features of the degree program:

15.07.

15.01.

The master's degree program in Empires and Transcontinental Spaces requires a completed first university degree with a subject-specific or related degree.

A degree in history, cultural studies, political science or regional studies (in particular Sinology, Japanese Studies and other Asia-related courses, English Studies, American Studies, Slavic Studies or related disciplines) is considered subject-related. In particular, two-subject and three-subject bachelor's degrees, diploma degrees, degrees from universities of applied sciences as well as foreign degrees from courses of study in the above-mentioned fields are recognized as subject-related, provided that they contain at least 40 ECTS credits from one of the disciplines involved. Applicants with an overall grade of the degree of up to 2.50 are admitted directly to the master's program; applicants with an overall grade of 2.51 to 3.00 are admitted only after a successful selection interview.

Detailed information on admission requirements can be found in the Subject Study and Examination Regulations M.A. Empires and Transcontinental Spaces and in the General Study and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Programs of the Faculty of Humanities and Department of Theology.

Knowledge of English and another modern foreign language (e.g. Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish) at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages must be proven. If no German degree or German university entrance qualification is available, German language skills at the DSH2 level must be proven.

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

Teaching language: German and English

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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