

Brief profile of the study programme

The Master's in Southeast Asian Studies offers prospective students, who have a good working knowledge of Bahasa Indonesia or Bahasa Malaysia and who are acquainted with the region, the opportunity to pursue advanced studies on the languages, cultures and societies of Southeast Asia with a special focus on the Malay World (Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore and East Timor). A philological cultural studies approach to area studies is combined with individual freedom to draw on the various excellent resources of different departments present at Goethe University of Frankfurt in order to encourage interdisciplinary and innovative research for the Master's thesis in Southeast Asian Studies.

The curriculum consists of a set of four mandatory core modules and three elective modules including the option to take a Studium Generale where students freely choose a number of courses from different faculties. This design allows MA candidates to develop an individual profile tailored to suit their research interests. There are three suggested specialisations outlined in the curriculum:

- a focus on classical philology and history
- a focus on modern languages and society
- a focus on culture and economy

The Master's programme comprises four semesters (2 years) and starts each winter semester (in October). The programme accounts for a total of 120 credit points (CP). 90 CP are earned by coursework in seven modules (a module usually consists of 2-3 courses) and 30 CP are earned through the MA thesis.

Course languages are English and Bahasa Indonesia / Bahasa Malaysia. The programme is open to students who do not speak German.

Studying in Frankfurt

- Study at one of the leading universities nationwide and worldwide – ranked among the top 100 World Universities in the Shanghai Ranking 2011.
- Study for a very moderate semester fee of roughly € 300 (ca. € 600 per year) which includes the "Semesterticket". This ticket provides for unlimited travel on public transportation within the whole Rhein-Main region.
- Study in a city that is Germany's transportation hub and a leading business center. Frankfurt is home to the headquarters of the European Central Bank and Germany's main stock exchange. It is well known for international trade fairs including the annual book fair and the IAA automobile fair.
- Last, but not least, Frankfurt is an international city – home to more than 170 nationalities, 25 % of the inhabitants have a migration background – with a broad cultural scene: a first-rate opera house, some 30 theaters and almost 40 museums attract thousands of visitors each year to the metropolis on the Main river.

Admission requirements

- A Bachelor's Degree in Southeast Asian Studies or equivalent
- BA degrees from other disciplines in the humanities or social sciences may also be accepted if the applicant has a good command of Bahasa Indonesia or Bahasa Malaysia (minimum of 200 hours of language instruction at the university level or equivalent) and knowledge of Southeast Asia.
- TOEFL test result of at least 560 (paper), 220 (computer-based) or 84 (internet-based), or equivalent results from other officially recognized tests of English capability, such as IELTS or the Cambridge Proficiency examination
- A convincing motivation letter and CV
- A positive letter of recommendation, stating why the candidate is considered suitable for the Master's programme in Southeast Asian Studies

How to apply

The application process for the next winter term runs from May 15 until August 31, 2013. Applications should be sent directly to:

Goethe University Frankfurt, Master-Abteilung
c/o uni-assist e.V.
Helmholtzstr. 2-9
10587 Berlin, Germany

For further information on the application process please visit the international Master's programme portal of Goethe University on the internet: <http://www2.uni-frankfurt.de/35791924>.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Master in Southeast Asian Studies, please don't hesitate to contact us!

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