German as a Foreign Language (M.A.)

General information

Start: Winter semester
Duration: 4 semesters
Degree: Master of Arts

Application and enrolment

Admission requirements
The admission requirement for a Master’s degree programme is usually an undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification in the same or a closely related field of study and proof of professional and personal suitability.

For further information regarding admission requirements (e.g. German language requirements) and the admission application, please refer to the Admission Regulations.

Application
Applicants with German university entrance qualification: Submit an online application via the University of Oldenburg.

EU and international applicants: Submit an application via uni-assist e.V.

For more detailed information and deadlines, refer to:
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/application-and-enrolment

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Application procedures / Entry requirements
Admissions Office - Immatrikulationsamt

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Further Information

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www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/germanstudies/german-as-a-foreign-language

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German, the most widely spoken native language in the EU, still holds considerable importance in the field of the Humanities and the Arts. German is taught in numerous regions of the world (particularly Eastern Europe) as a foreign language, second only to English. Due to waves of migration to Germany, German has become an important second language for millions of people and the demand for qualified teachers of German as a second language has increased.

This Master’s programme provides theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the field of German as a second and foreign language. Students will be shown the opportunities and value of multilingualism and become well versed in its use throughout their professional activities.

The Master’s in German as a Foreign Language offers students specialized linguistic knowledge, particularly in the research fields of language acquisition and multilingualism, contrastive linguistics, teaching methodology and intercultural communication.

The teaching and research activities focus on issues regarding the furtherance of multilingualism and linguistic integration of immigrants. In this way, the cooperation with the field of intercultural pedagogy has a direct impact on the profile of German as a Foreign Language at the University of Oldenburg.

► Programme structure and content

During the four-semester Master’s programme, you will earn a total of 120 ECTS credit points.

The degree programme consists of 6 compulsory programme course units (15 ECTS each) and a final thesis course unit. The course units typically consist of two lecture portions and a self-study portion.

The Master’s degree programme in German as a Foreign Language consists of the following course units:

- Linguistics 15 ECTS
- German as a Second Language 15 ECTS
- Contrastive Linguistics 15 ECTS
- Intercultural Communication 15 ECTS
- Practice-oriented training 15 ECTS
- Recommended:
  - Practice course unit (6 ECTS teaching internships, 3 ECTS accompanying colloquium)
  - Language course unit (6 ECTS)
- Master’s course unit from the School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies 15 ECTS
- Master’s thesis 30 ECTS

120 ECTS

The teaching practice recommended in the field of practice-oriented training can be completed either in Germany or abroad. International students may follow an internship in their home country. Furthermore, students are advised to learn or perfect a foreign language in the practice-oriented training course unit.

► Potential career paths

The Master’s in German as a Foreign Language prepares students for teaching German in all school levels and other educational settings as well as abroad. With this qualification, graduates are able to work in language schools, both at home and abroad; editorial offices for German as a foreign language; and primary, secondary or adult educational institutions. Due to the growing importance of language education, professions in politics, publishing, media and research offer promising careers as well.

The degree programme is less suitable for students with ambitions to become a translator and/or interpreter.