General information

Start: Winter and Summer semester
Duration: 4 semesters
Degree: Master of Education

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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General advice regarding studies
Study and Career Counselling Service - Zentrale Studien- und Karriereberatung

Application procedures / Entry requirements
Admissions Office - Immatrikulationsamt

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studium@uni-oldenburg.de
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/service-advice

Further Information

German Studies website
www.uni-oldenburg.de/germanistik/studium/master-of-arts

Courses of Study
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/study-offering

Funding
www.uni-oldenburg.de/studium/finanzierung

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Whether they are advertising or literary texts, language communication and linguistic products define our daily life. Generally speaking, we navigate spoken language and written texts naturally and without ever giving them much thought. Spoken language and texts have more than a mere historical dimension – they also have set structures that govern our actions and thinking. German Literature Studies and Linguistics has the task of analyzing these structures and reflecting on their historical dimensions and cultural contexts.

The key activities and research projects at the Department of German Studies of the University of Oldenburg are in the Literature Studies field, and deal with literature from around the 1800s as well as contemporary literature, cultural studies and gender-oriented issues. Research themes in Medieval Studies examine the historical evidence for medieval authors, the historical contexts of medieval and early modern poetry, the correspondence of the Brothers Grimm and the history of science in German. In Linguistics, particular attention is paid to the relationship between spoken and written language, while the study of multilingualism and intercultural communication forms in German as a Foreign Language stands as a prime focus area. In addition, they offer you the chance to acquire application-oriented and theoretical skills in the field of German as a Foreign or Second Language. It is also possible to take a Major in the field of Low German. The certificate in Low German certifies the acquisition of region-specific linguistic and literary analysis skills.

The Interdisciplinary course unit serves the purpose of broadening the scope of your studies. You can choose from a range of Master’s course units offered by the other philosophy fields represented within the Faculty (English, Dutch or Slavic Studies) and course units from Art and Music Studies.

In the sphere of practical experience, you can supplement your professional academic qualifications and acquire key skills.

In the fourth semester, and accompanied by a Master’s colloquium, you will write your Master’s thesis on a research subject of your choice, within the field of either Literature or Linguistics.

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In the first three semesters, you can select four German Studies subject-related course units from from either Linguistics and/or Literary studies, and in this way set your own focus and in this way set your own linguistic or literary focus. The Literary Studies oriented course units provide the opportunity not only to deepen your understanding of literature, including the incorporation of medieval and early modern literature into the history of literature, but also enable you to consider literature as interwoven with cultural and media contexts. It can extend both to issues of culturally mediated gender concepts as well as to forms in which media presents literature. The linguistically oriented course units deepen your knowledge of the synchronic and diachronic system of language. In addition, they offer you the chance to acquire application-oriented and theoretical skills in the field of German as a Foreign or Second Language. It is also possible to take a Major in the field of Low German. The certificate in Low German certifies the acquisition of region-specific linguistic and literary analysis skills.

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Potential career paths

German Studies graduates can work as journalists both in print media, audiovisual media, and new media. They can work in a library or a publishing house and engage in public relations and adult education. The German Studies Master also lays the groundwork for a PhD and thus work in the academic field.