German Studies (M.A.)

Course of Study:
- Bachelor of Education
- Master of Education

Features:
- 4 semesters
- Start in Winter and Summer semesters
- Degree: Master of Arts

Application:
- For enquiries regarding the degree programme/subject, contact: infoline-studium@uni-oldenburg.de or +49-(0)441-798-4985
- Individuelle Beratung: Mo, Mi, Do, Fr 09.00-12.00 Uhr, Di 14.00-17.00 Uhr
- Individuelle Beratung ohne Voranmeldung: Mo, Do 14.00-16.00 Uhr
- www.uni-oldenburg.de/studium

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.

The German Studies programme consists of the following course units:

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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.