General information

Start: Winter and Summer 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.

Language skills in Polish or Russian at B1 level (also other Slavic languages on request); when applying for the summer semester, language proficiency should be B2.

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

Further Information

Slavic Studies website
www.uni-oldenburg.de/slavistik

Courses of Study
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/degree-programmes

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

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The political upheaval of recent years, resulting inter alia in EU enlargement, has made Western Europe more conscious of the presence of Slavic countries, a consciousness which was formerly often limited. Dealing with our eastern neighbours’ languages, literature, cultures and societies in their present and historical contexts along with the diverse historical and contemporary relations between them and Germany is therefore a worthwhile endeavour.

The combined efforts of three important institutions of Slavic and East European Research – the Institute of Slavic Studies, the Institute of History at the University of Oldenburg and the Federal Institute for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe (BKGE) – has resulted in a Master’s degree programme in Slavic Studies. In this programme, Eastern Europe experts are specifically trained to acquire the academic skills and perspectives for the examination of cultural and social phenomena, to utilize their linguistic and academic skills for stronger integration of the Slavic cultural area in different discussions, and above all to bring their willingness and ability to bear within the field of Slavic Studies as an informed outsider’s perspective.

The multifaceted academic orientation of the disciplines involved allows the phenomena of the Slavic regions to be viewed from different perspectives.

**Programme structure and content**

The four-semester Master’s programme has a total student workload of 120 ECTS credit points. An individual study programme can be designed from the following components:

I. Profile creation                                                                 6 ECTS
   Foundation and background

II. Specialization setting                                           30 ECTS
   Two elective course units from one of the two specializations for 30 ECTS:

   1. Slavic Language and Literature
   Contact Linguistics and Varieties
   System Linguistics
   History of Slavic Literatures
   Literature theory and critique

   SP 2: German-Slavic contacts
   Contact linguistics or History of Slavic Literature
   Political and Social History
   Cultural History, Memory and Stereotypes
   Cultural contacts
   Art History in Eastern Europe

   III. Supplementary course units 15 ECTS
   A course unit from one of the two specializations for a second language

   IV Language Practice 24 ECTS
   Main language (Polish or Russian)
   Second language (Polish, Russian Ukrainian, or Belarusian, among others)

   V. Area of specialization 15 ECTS
   Free-choice course units from one’s area of specialization or a related area, internships, language courses, etc.

   Master’s degree course unit 30 ECTS
   Master’s thesis 75%
   Oral examination 25%

   120 ECTS

**Potential career paths**

Right from the first semester, you will choose a personalized academic specialization worth 30 ECTS. You can choose between Linguistics and Literature Studies (and balance them accordingly) and German-Slavic Interactions to set this specialization. The main focus is on Polish and Russian-speaking countries.

For your language practice (24 ECTS), you will generally continue with the language you studied during your Bachelor’s programme as your main language. As a second language, apart from Polish and Russian, other languages such as Ukrainian or Belarusian are offered as well.

Bear in mind that if you begin your second language course with little or no prior knowledge, preparatory language courses are offered at the start of the autumn semester which cover the first language level.

You can stay informed about the current language choices, in particular the preparatory courses and placement tests, by visiting the Institute’s website.

In the Supplementary Course Units section (15 ECTS), you have the opportunity to expand your disciplinary profile with a specialized academic course unit from the Slavic Studies curriculum which specifically targets your second language.

In addition, you can customize the area of specialization (15 ECTS) according to your requirements. Excellent partnerships with participating institutes at home and abroad will give you the opportunity to complete internships and study periods abroad; various cross-curricular offers by the University may be utilized to expand your academic profile.

The fourth and final semester is reserved for writing your Master’s thesis and taking a final exam (total of 30 ECTS).