



Facts and figures

Start: Winter and summer semesters

Duration: 4 semesters

Degree: Master of Arts

Language: German

Admission not restricted

Application and enrolment



Admission requirements

General admission requirements:

www.uol.de/stud/324en

Language skills:

German native speaker or DSH 3

Application

Application deadline: 30 September or 31 March

German university degree:

Online application

www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

EU or international applicants:

www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Contact

For questions about the subject/degree programme

Academic counselling for German Studies

www.uol.de/en/subject-specific-student-advice

Student representatives for German Studies

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For questions about your studies

Study and Career Counselling Service

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Basic questions about application and enrolment

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26129 Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/service-advice

Further information

German Studies website

www.uol.de/germanistik/studium/master-of-arts/germanistik

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies

www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad

www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

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German Studies

Master's degree



German Studies (M. A.)

The research-oriented Master in German Studies gives students in-depth competences in the fields of linguistics, modern literature and Mediaeval studies (literature and language of the Middle Ages). Basic topics are how language, literature and texts in general function as systems in history and the present day, how they have developed historically, what role they play in society and how societal developments impact on them.

For successful study in this degree programme, students must have a strong interest in language and literature, be open for historical, cultural and system-related discourse and be prepared to intensively read literary and scientific writings. The open structure of the programme allows students to select their own specialisations.

A special feature of German Studies in Oldenburg is that students can also pursue special profiles in Low German or Children's and Young Adult Literature. Graduates of the Master in German Studies can work in fields where the emphasis is on language communication and carefully considered work with texts. Students can follow up the Master's degree with a doctorate.

Career opportunities

Graduates can work in various professional fields:

- Journalism in print media or audiovisual/new media
- Libraries and publishing
- Public relations
- Adult education
- Subsequent PhD and academic career

Structure and contents

SUBJECT MODULES	60 CP	SEMESTER 1/2/3
Elective modules		
Linguistics / 15 CP each Literature studies / 15 CP each		
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL SECTION	15 CP	SEM. 4
Elective module from the subject range of Linguistics and Cultural Studies		
AREA OF SPECIALISATION	15 CP	
Elective module for individual specialisation		
COMPULSORY	30 CP	
Master's thesis module		
MASTER OF ARTS	120 CP	

Specialisations

The degree programme allows independent study of current research topics in German studies. Students can focus on Linguistics, Modern Literature and/or Mediaeval Studies. Other options for specialisation are Low German or Children's and Young Adult Literature. The research focuses in the individual areas of German Studies in Oldenburg are reflected in the curriculum: Linguistics emphasises grammar, written linguistics, spoken language and language variations.

The research focuses in Modern Literature are e.g. drama and theatre, literature in the press, the relationship between literature and medicine, modern and post-modern literature, children's and young adult literature since the Enlightenment (including children's media: picture books, films) as well as literature theory.

Students who study Mediaeval Studies focus on research into Mediaeval storytelling, lyrical poetry (minnesong, spiritual poetry) as well as the mediality of pre-modern literature (oral storytelling, manuscript culture, transition to printing).

The special area Low German and Saterfriesisch examines the two languages' historical and regional variations as well as their impact in the context of multilingualism and language contact. Furthermore, this specialisation looks at Low-German literature from its beginnings to the present day, including in the context of diglossia and multilingualism in the Low German language region.

The course is part of a group of cultural and linguistic degree programmes offered by School III. In the interdisciplinary School and specialisation areas, students can choose subjects from this group (15 CP each).