

A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE MA ANTHROPOLOGY AT UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG

I. APPLICATION

German citizens with a German bachelor's degree may register directly with the Central University Administration up to one week before the term begins. Before doing so, however, please contact the course coordinator to ensure coursework requirements are met. German citizens with a non-German bachelor's degree must apply to the course coordinator at least two months before the beginning of the semester. The degree must be accredited by Universität Heidelberg before enrollment.

Non-German citizens (including non-German EU citizens) must apply to the International Relations Office by mail prior to June 15 for the following winter semester or November 15 for the following spring semester. It is advised to take into account the speed of postal service: applications must be received by the deadline. The application package must include the application form (available for download on the MA Anthropology website), proof of prior academic certifications, all previous academic transcripts, and proof of English language proficiency. Students will be notified of admission status by mail.

Visa applications may take several months to process. It is advised to make an appointment with your local German embassy in advance of admission notifications, as waitlists for visa interviews often exceed two months.

II. MATRICULATION + REGISTRATION

International students must matriculate in person at the International Student Serviceportal prior to the start of the semester. Students must bring their letter of admission and the supporting documents indicated on the letter. (Plan for a wait—lines may exceed two hours.) After submission, students will receive a notification by mail (to the address indicated upon matriculation at the Serviceportal) that their university ID is ready for pick-up. Once students procure the ID and activate it online, they may register for courses.

To view available courses, log in with your Uni ID at lsf.uni-heidelberg.de. Ensure the semester toggle is set to the current one. Navigate to Courses > Course Overview > Faculty of Behavioral

and Cultural Studies > Ethnologie > Master neu [N]. Courses are grouped by module. For more courses, visit the listings for the South Asia Institute and Transcultural Studies.

To register for courses, you must register each course's 'exam' before the semester deadline. To do so, log in to LSF and navigate to My Functions > Administration of Exams > Apply for exams. There, you can register exams for each course in the appropriate module.

University email is available at wwwmail.urz.uni-heidelberg.de. Assistance with email, printing, ID services, Wi Fi access, etc., is available at urz.uni-heidelberg.de.

Moodle is the common platform for all coursework at the university. If you are unable to procure your Uni ID by the time classes have begun, notify the instructor as soon as possible.

III. COURSE PLANNING

To complete the MA Anthropology without a minor, students must accrue 120 CP total, distributed as such:

Module 1. Introductory course: Theories / Methods in Anthropology (6 CP)

Module 2. Four anthropology seminars, two with term paper * (22 CP)

Modules 3-5. Project: laboratory course (7 CP) and independent research (7 CP)

Module 6. Two additional seminars with term paper OR BA tutorial (14 CP)

Module 7. Four interdisciplinary / language courses (24 CP)

Module 8. Master colloquium (4 CP)

Module 9. Master thesis (30 CP)

Module 10. Oral final examination (6 CP)

* One term paper must be for a course designated 'Contemporary Research Areas,' the other must be for one under 'Cultural Theory, Social Theory, Epistemology'.

To complete the MA Anthropology with a minor, students must accrue 100 points in the Institute and 20 in the minor field, distributed as such:

Module 1. Introductory course: Theories / Methods in Anthropology (6 CP)

Module 2. Four anthropology seminars, two with term paper * (22 CP)

Modules 3-5. Project: laboratory course (7 CP) and independent research (7 CP)

Module 7. Three interdisciplinary / language courses (18 CP)

Module 8. Master colloquium (4 CP)

Module 9. Master thesis (30 CP)

Module 10. Oral final examination (6 CP)

The distribution of the remaining 20 points is determined by the minor department. Possible minors in English include Transcultural Studies and South Asian Studies. German speakers might find compelling minors in Philosophy or Political Science.

The MA Anthropology is four semesters long. It is recommended to plan a course schedule as far in advance as possible.

Some things to consider:

- Term papers are due at the end of each semester, prior to the start of the next. This will leave about eight weeks between the end of the lecture period and the end of the semester to write one or more term papers. Anthropology seminar papers are 22-25 pages long; interdisciplinary term papers tend to be slightly shorter. Plan ahead to maintain a balance—be realistic about the amount of writing that must be completed within the given time frame.
- Research for the MA thesis may be completed as field research (during the semester or during a semester break), as an internship, or as theoretical research. Take into consideration the time commitments involved in research when planning a course program.
- Most seminars meet every week of the lecture period. Block seminars, however, meet a limited number of times during the semester, often on weekends.
- To fulfill Module 7, students may take courses in departments across the university, take language courses in the Institute, or take language courses in the University's *Zentrales Sprachlabor*.

A sample course plan might look something like this:

semester	course	course	course	course
1	theory (6cp)	seminar + paper (7cp)	interdisciplinary (6cp)	interdisciplinary (6cp)
2	seminar + paper (7 cp)	seminar + paper (7cp)	interdisciplinary (6 cp)	interdisciplinary (6 cp)
3	seminar + paper (7cp)	seminar (4cp)	seminar (4cp)	laboratory + field research (14cp)
4	thesis (30 cp)	colloquium (4cp)	oral exam (6cp)	

Students fluent in German have the option of completing Module 6 by leading a BA tutorial section and taking a pedagogical instruction seminar (*Didaktikzertifikat*) instead of taking additional seminars with term papers. Such a plan might look something like this:

semester	course	course	course	course
1	theory (6cp)	seminar + paper (7cp)	interdisciplinary (6cp)	interdisciplinary (6cp)
2	seminar + paper (7 cp)	BA tutorial (7cp)	interdisciplinary (6 cp)	interdisciplinary (6 cp)
3	BA tutorial (7cp)	seminar (4cp)	seminar (4cp)	laboratory + field research (14cp)
4	thesis (30 cp)	colloquium (4cp)	oral exam (6cp)	

IV. FIELDWORK FUNDING

To apply for funding for a fieldwork project, students can apply to the DAAD at daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants. Students should be prepared with a project proposal and a tentative budget.

Students planning to carry out fieldwork in a country other than their home country or a country they have not lived in for the past five years are eligible for PROMOS. See <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/international/ausland/promos.html> for more information.

For further advice, consult with anthropology teaching staff.