

Chances and perspectives

The MA Programme in Anthropology is a prerequisite for the PhD, and also prepares students for a number of professional areas such as:

- Research and teaching at universities and other scholarly institutions
- International development
- Peace and conflict research
- Youth and adult education
- Culture management
- Cultural mediation, e.g. working with migrants and refugees and in the health care system
- Inter-cultural education
- International organizations
- Media and publishing
- Museums and exhibition activities
- Public relations, advertising, tourism
- Organization and market research



Heidelberg University, a Centre of Excellence

The Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg is not only the oldest German, but also a leading international university. It has been officially recognized as one of eleven universities of 'excellence' in Germany by the German Research Council and the German Council of Science and Humanities, and is ranked among the top ten universities in Europe by the Third European Report on Science & Technology Indicators. The university offers a broad range of disciplines and has numerous international partners. It is also part of the Metropolitan area „Rhine-Neckar“, with other universities nearby (e.g., the University of Mannheim), and is situated in one of the most culturally interesting regions of Germany.

Admission

Admission to the Master's Programme requires the following:

- A BA degree (or another equivalent university degree) with at least 70 credit points in Anthropology (approximately 50% of the degree), or a degree in a comparable programme.
- English language requirements: IELTS 6.5 or CEFR B2 or equivalent (TOEFL, CAE, TOEIC)
- Proof of one foreign language in addition to English
- Tuition fees:
 - Non EU and ERW citizens: approx. EUR 1750 per semester
 - German and EU citizens: administrative costs of approx. EUR 200 per semester

Application

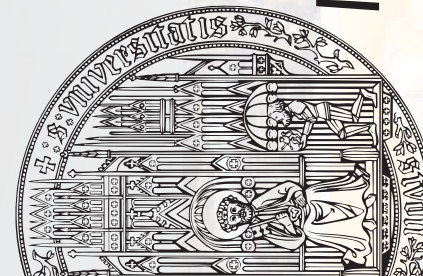
- Start: October and April
- German citizens with a German bachelor's degree may register directly with the Central University Administration up to one week before the term begins. Before doing so, however, please contact the course coordinator to ensure coursework requirements are met. German citizens 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. Students will be notified of admission status by mail.

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HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY MA PROGRAMME IN ANTHROPOLOGY



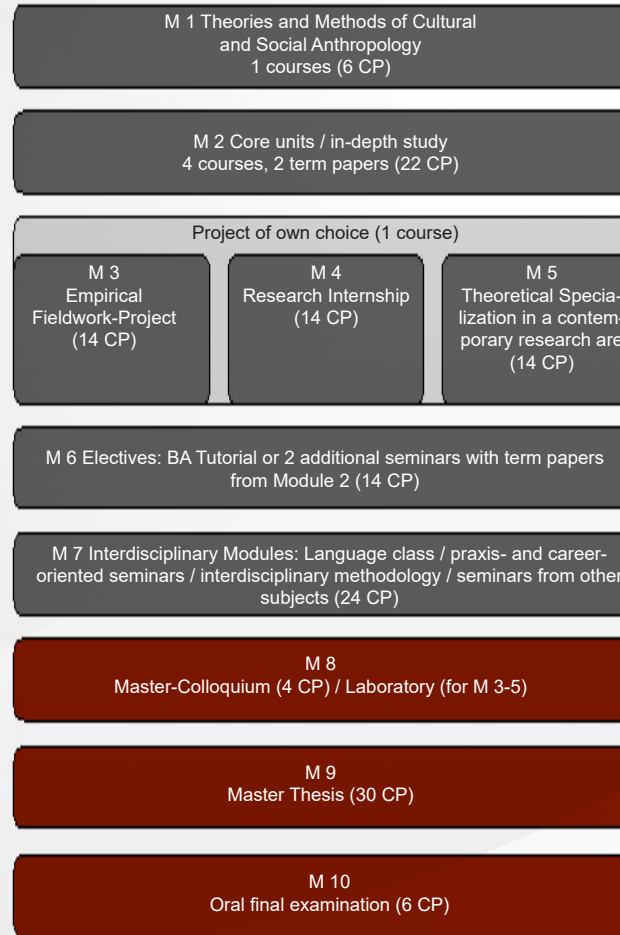
General Information

The consecutive Master's Programme in Anthropology provides the opportunity to specialise in a variety of thematic and regional areas. This programme is characterised by a combination of theoretical research and practice-oriented approaches. The MA is open to international students. The language of instruction is English, but a few non-compulsory courses are also offered in German.



Focus

The focus of the Master's Programme in Anthropology is cultural difference and practice in local and global contexts. Our aim is to provide students with an anthropologically informed understanding of the complexities of human ways of life and thinking. This includes, in particular, the ability to critically question seemingly universal models of thought, value orientations, and practices. Throughout the course, students are provided with a comprehensive grounding in classical as well as contemporary debates in social and cultural anthropology and are immersed in the distinctive research methods of the discipline. Thus, our Master's Programme deepens students' regional, theoretical, and methodological knowledge, and enables students to pursue independent anthropological work.



Course of Studies and Contents

- **Module 1:** Advanced theories and methods of sociocultural anthropology.
- **Module 2:** In-depth study in one or more theoretical areas and/or geographical regions.
- **Modules 3, 4 or 5:** Students formulate an individual ethnographic project and pursue research, either within the structure of an internship with an outside organization or through independently organized fieldwork.
- **Module 6:** German-speakers may lead BA tutorial sessions, while others complete additional seminar work.
- **Module 7:** Courses outside of the Institute of Anthropology, including language classes.
- **Module 8, 9, 10:** The final semester includes preparation of a research-based master's thesis and an oral examination.

Anthropology in Heidelberg

Anthropology at Heidelberg University is located at three institutes: the Institute of Anthropology, the Department of Anthropology at the South Asia Institute, and the Chair of Visual and Media Anthropology at the Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies. The three institutes are located alongside one another on the recently completed Center for Asian and Transcultural Studies (CATS) campus in the Bergheim district of Heidelberg. While the Institute of Anthropology focuses on Southeast Asia, the South Asia Institute offers a comprehensive curriculum on the cultures, histories, literature, politics and economy of the South Asian region. The Karl Jaspers Centre offers students avenues for comparison with East Asia and access to current, innovative, and internationally oriented research. Students of the MA in Anthropology can take courses offered by 'Master of Health and Society in South Asia' at the South Asia Institute and the 'Master of Transcultural Studies' at the Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies.



Regional and Theoretical Foci

Anthropology in Heidelberg offers a wide spectrum of theoretical fields, with the core areas Ritual and Performance, Medical Anthropology, Media Anthropology, Political Ecology (environment) and Nature-Culture relations. Other foci are Intercultural Ethics, Migration and Urban Anthropology, Transcultural Studies, Social Structures, Gender, and the Anthropology of Aging. Regional specializations include South and South East Asia. There are numerous possibilities to learn other European and non-European languages. The Institute of Anthropology offers introductory courses in Thai and Bahasa Indonesia while the South Asia Institute offers numerous South Asian languages..