

Admission Requirements

- University degree from a relevant field in the humanities.
- B2 proficiency in one or more of the following: Arabic, Persian, Turkish, or Hebrew.
- English proficiency min. C1
- German proficiency min. B1

For further details on admission see:
<https://www.culturalstudiesmideast.de/requirements>

Why this Programme?

The bilingual Master's Programme offers intensive academic supervision by an exceptionally broad spectrum of researchers, with core staff from both the Universities of Bamberg and Erlangen, as well as regular visiting academics. It is the first MA Programme in the realm of Middle Eastern Studies that is supported by the Elite Netzwerk of Bavaria, a funding body of the Bavarian Ministry for Education. We are thus in a position to provide students with opportunities unavailable in similar programmes.



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Master's Programme

Cultural Studies of the Middle East
Kulturwissenschaften des Vorderen Orients

Bamberg • Erlangen/Nuremberg



Profile of the Degree Programme

Deep historic ties and cultural diversity have shaped the societies of the Middle East to the present day. It is precisely these dynamics, and the diversity of the cultures that compose the subject matter of the Master's Programme 'Kulturwissenschaften des Vorderen Orients/Cultural Studies of the Middle East'.

The disciplinary borders in this programme are not solely defined by today's nation states, but consider the *Kulturraum* of the Middle East in its entirety, both the Islamic mainstream as well as more peripheral groups.

Students participate in the shared foundational module, and then select one of five areas of specialisation:

- history
- art and archaeology (in English)
- religious studies
- language and literature
- linguistics (in English)

A further core component of the programme is the English language module 'Theories and Methods', in which students organise and conduct their own workshop, on a selected interdisciplinary topic.

Career Perspectives

Graduates typically intend to pursue a career in research, or in fields for which profound knowledge and analytical skills are of paramount importance, such as governmental and non-governmental consultancy, strategic planning, political analysis, or in archiving and curation. The programme provides ideal preparation for a PhD, the prerequisite for a career in academia.

Structure: 4 Semesters -120 ECTS

Foundational Module	15 ECTS
Theories and Methods	15 ECTS
Complementary Modules	
Electives in digital humanities, political sciences, or further language courses, additional specialisation modules, work placements, etc.	30 ECTS
Specialization Modules	
History, art and archaeology, religious studies, language and literature, linguistics	30 ECTS
Master's Thesis and Defence	30 ECTS

