

Entry requirements

To apply, you need a good first university degree in a humanities subject or social science, earned after a standard period of three years' full-time study, with a grade of 2.5 or better according to the German grading scheme (or an equivalent grade in a foreign grading scheme) or be ranked among the best 50% of your cohort. For details visit www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-eurstudies.

If German is not your first language, you should provide a German language certificate at level C1 CEFR, such as DSH-2 or an equivalent certificate. Furthermore, all applicants should have advanced knowledge (level C1 CEFR) of one of the following languages: Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish.

Need to learn German first? We may have just what you need: www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german

Degree awarded	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration and ECTS	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	April and October
Languages of instruction	German, English and a European foreign language

Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web

www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-eurstudies

Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements
Innstr. 41, 94032 Passau, Germany
Phone: +49 851 509 ext. 1154
E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de
www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

International Office

Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau
www.uni-passau.de/en/international

Student Registration Office

Contact for enquiries related to your application
www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office

Language Centre

Offers a wide range of language courses
www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en

Future: Careers and Competencies Section

Helps students seeking internships or career entry positions and offers transferable skills courses
www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk

iStudi Coach for job market induction

Provides job market orientation and advice on internship and job search to international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi

German Courses Passau

German language courses for international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german

Master of Arts in European Studies



About the programme

This cross-disciplinary master's programme, which combines elements of the humanities and social science, offers you the chance to consolidate and expand the knowledge and competencies gained in your undergraduate studies in a social or cultural discipline, lending it a (greater) European dimension.

In this programme, you will explore European culture, history and intercultural communication. You will be able to set your own study focus by choosing from a wide variety of subjects, including a number of European linguistic subjects and media studies, history, sociology, political science, geography, art history, East Central European studies and philosophy. You will also improve your foreign language skills in a European language.

Features

- Core subjects: **linguistics, literary, cultural and socio-historical studies, geography, intercultural communication, and foreign languages**
- Shape your academic profile by **choosing your own focus areas**
- **Specialised foreign language training:** nine languages to choose from, with a focus on cultural studies or business/economics
- **Double-degree options** with the Universidad de Málaga (Spain) or Université de Strasbourg (France)
- Languages of instruction: **German and English as well as other foreign languages** depending on your chosen focus region/cultural area



Career prospects

Graduates from this programme are sought after wherever in-depth knowledge of Europe, its societies, institutions and cultures is needed.

The career choices open to you depend on your chosen focus areas and the work experience you gather while at university. For instance, you could work for the public sector, supranational institutions and organisations, commercial enterprises, e.g. in the tourism or advertising industries, at political or cultural foundations, cultural organisations or education providers, to name but a few.

The programme also prepares you for a research role in such organisations. To achieve the desired outcome, you must demonstrate a high level of independent thinking, determination and dedication, not only in your job but during your studies in general.

You will have the opportunity to develop your own individual study focus, which may later form the basis for your doctoral research, should you decide to follow up with an academic career.

Programme syllabus

The degree programme is divided into four module groups:

A: European core modules

Subjects treated in the core modules are European politics, culture and history as well as intercultural communication.

B: European cultural studies

You will choose one or two focus areas from the following subjects: English studies, French Romance studies, German studies, Spanish studies, East Central European studies (literature and culture), media studies and intercultural communication.

C: European social studies

In addition, you will choose one or two further focus areas from the following subjects: geography, history, Slavic literatures and cultures, art history and visual culture, sociology, political science and European philosophy.

D: European foreign languages

You will also choose one foreign language to study as a subject-specific language programme. You can choose from Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish or German as a foreign language (for non-native speakers) in the cultural studies or business/economics track (for English, only the cultural studies track is offered).

The programme concludes with a **master's thesis** on a topic related to Europe, which you will choose from one of the subject areas you covered in module group B or C.

In total you will acquire 120 ECTS credits on the programme.

