Entry requirements and how to apply

To apply for this degree programme, you need a recognised university entrance qualification.

For details on the application process, including deadlines and required documents, visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply.

You will need good German language skills to study this degree programme, as that it is the language of instruction.

The University of Passau has set up a German language teaching unit, German Courses Passau, which offers a selection of preparatory language programmes tailored to the needs of international students. These range from summer courses to a full academic year – the latter is recommended for those with no prior German language skills.

Further details: www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german

Degree awardedBachelor of Arts (B.A.)Duration and ECTS credits6 semesters; 180 ECTS creditsStarts inApril and OctoberLanguage of instructionGerman



Further information and contact details

Programme profile on the web www.uni-passau.de/en/ba-langtext

Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements Innstr. 39, 94032 Passau, Germany E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

Student Registration Office

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

International Office

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

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





Bachelor of Arts in Language and Text Sciences





B.A. Language and Text Sciences

Language and literature, film and new media: study what you love!

Do you want to understand language and literature in depth and understand the conditions of their production and reception? Do you enjoy analysing text and images in advertisements or TV series? Do variation and change in language fascinate you? Are you interested in foreign languages and foreign-language literature and culture?

Then the degree programme in Language and Textual Studies is right for you. Its core disciplines are linguistics, literary and cultural studies, and the study of linguistic, textual and cultural sign systems. Depending on your interests, you can focus on German, English, Romance or Slavic studies and make media studies or digital humanities an emphasis. You will gain practical experience during a compulsory internship.

Once you complete this bachelor's degree, you can continue your studies at the University of Passau by studying a programme such as M.A. Semiotics of Texts and Culture.

Features

- Students choose their own specialisation: German, English, Romance or Slavic studies; media studies, digital humanities
- Work experience: two or more internships amounting to a total of three months' work experience
- Double bachelor's degree option with the University of South Bohemia (Czech Republic)
- International orientation: twelve foreign languages to choose from



Career prospects

The ability to produce, present and comprehend texts is essential, particularly in our times characterised by constant change, for intellectual flexibility and the transfer and application of knowledge in its various forms. It follows, therefore, that those graduating with a B.A. in Language and Text Sciences enjoy excellent employment opportunities.

Students are systematically prepared for occupations in which comprehension, clarity in writing and the ability to convey the meaning of written texts play a substantial role. Potential areas of work are, for instance, analysis and preparation of textual materials, its processing in archives or online databases, as well as the preparation, processing and optimisation of texts in a press and public relations context.

Potential employers include publishing houses; media organisations; cultural institutions (theatres, museums, etc.); private-sector companies; associations; churches; political parties; public-sector organisations; or educational institutions. Graduates may also work in a self-employed capacity in the above areas.

Programme syllabus

The programme comprises three module areas:

A) Core modules

- B) Compulsory elective modules
- C) Foreign languages and work experience

Module area A is comprised of introductory lectures on media semiotics, academic research and writing, and the two foundational module groups on German linguistics and methodology of semiotics of texts and culture.

In module area B, you will choose two subjects from the areas of linguistics, literary studies, cultural studies, media studies or digital humanities:

- Czech, English, French, German or Spanish linguistics
- Medieval or modern German literature or English and American literature
- French or Spanish and Latin-American literature and culture or Slavic literature and culture
- German as a foreign language
- Media linguistics
- Applications of semiotics of texts and culture
- Digital humanities

In module area C, you will choose two of the following foreign languages: Chinese, Czech, English, French, German as a foreign language, Indonesian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai or Vietnamese.

Finally, you will complete a compulsory internship in Germany or abroad, with a minimum duration of three months.

