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 the result of 2.5 or better according to the German marking system (or an equivalent grade in a foreign grading system) 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

Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web
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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

Centre for Careers and Competencies
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
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, socio-historical and geographic studies, intercultural communication and foreign languages
• Shape your academic profile by choosing your own focus areas
• Subject-specific language programmes in nine languages with a special emphasis on economics/business or cultural studies
• Double degree options with the Universidad de Málaga (Spain) or Université de Strasbourg (France)
• Languages of instruction: German, English and, depending on your choice of cultural region, another language

Career prospects

Graduates from the M.A. European Studies programme are sought after wherever in-depth knowledge of Europe, its societies, institutions and cultures is needed.

The career choices open to you will 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, foundations, at 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.

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 consists of four module groups:

A) European core modules
B) European cultural studies
C) European social sciences
D) European languages

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

B) You can 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) In addition, you will choose one or two further focus areas from the following subjects: geography, history, Eastern European history, art history and visual culture, sociology, political science and European philosophy.

D) You will also choose one foreign language to study as a subject-specific language programme. You can choose one from: Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish or German as a foreign language (for non-native speakers). The language programme will be subject specific, i.e. focused on either cultural studies or business/economics.

At the end of the programme, you will write a master’s thesis on a topic concerning Europe. This topic will be chosen from a subject covered in module group B or C. Throughout the programme you will accumulate 120 ECTS credits in total.