

Entry requirements

Visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for details on the application process and documents to enclose.

You need a good first degree in cultural studies, business, economics, tourism or a related subject, with a result of 2.5 or better (German marking system) or ranked among the best 50% of your cohort.

You should have knowledge of geography amounting to 15 ECTS credits; research methods (in geography, social science or statistics) amounting to 5 ECTS credits; and economics and/or business administration amounting to 15 ECTS credits. To illustrate: one semester's study with eight teaching contact hours per week amounts to a workload of approximately 15 ECTS credits.

When applying, you will need to provide proof of an internship in spatial or regional planning, regional economic development or consultancy, or tourism of at least eight weeks in duration.

You should also have English language skills equivalent to UNlcert® level II or level B2 of the Common European Reference Framework for Languages (CEFR). In addition, good German skills at level C1 CEFR are essential and a formal admission requirement, since the programme is taught in German.

The programme starts in October each year. The deadline for applications is 30 June.

Further information and contact details

Programme profile on the web

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

Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements

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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 Geography: Culture, Environment and Tourism



About the programme

Uniquely in Germany, the accredited M.A. Geography: Culture, Environment and Tourism programme allows you to combine the study of geography with regional studies and tourism research and to specialise in one of five cultural areas as well as a foreign language of your choice. At its core, the programme's curriculum features elements of cultural studies, social science, environmental geography, business studies and economics. It also includes a one-month stay abroad for the purpose of carrying out an independent research project or to complete an internship. When you graduate from this programme you will be able to successfully deal with complex geographical questions – in the context of urban and regional development or tourism – by adopting integrative and interdisciplinary approaches. In-depth regional knowledge and extensive intercultural competencies round off the profile of this research-led and practice-oriented programme.

Degree awarded	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration and credits	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	October (winter semester)
Language of instruction	German



Features

- Unique combination of subjects
- Core subjects: cultural and environmental geography; regional science and tourism; management and marketing
- Specialise in a world region of your choice and learn the corresponding language
- Make your own research projects part of the programme, focusing on regional studies and tourism

Career prospects

This degree programme enables you to become a specialist in your chosen world region, teaches you to think in terms of interconnected networks and prepares you for occupations in spatial and regional planning, political, economic and business consulting and tourism, as well as imparting the necessary knowledge to conduct research in an international environment. As a graduate you are qualified for occupations which require a scientific mindset and strong strategic and conceptual skills: this includes roles in public administration and associations, in planning offices, economic development agencies, tourism boards and nature reserves, as well as in private-sector consultancies and tourism companies, such as tour operators, event and incentive agencies or theme parks. This master's degree opens up access to doctoral study, and you may even be able to begin a suitable doctoral project while still completing the M.A. programme!

Programme syllabus

The overall programme carries a load of 120 ECTS credits. It has a modular structure and is divided into three areas:

Module area A: Core module groups

The core module groups provide you with an overview of discipline-specific core subjects and problems of the relevant sub-areas of geography (social, cultural and environmental geography; regional research; and tourism) as well as the management and marketing fields. During the "Vor Ort" (German for "on site") excursions at the early stages of the programme, students, lecturers and professional guest lecturers engage in personal dialogue to discuss the basic questions of tourism and regional development. The following core module groups are integrated:

- Cultural and Environmental Geography
- Regional Studies and Tourism
- Management and Marketing

Module area B: Cultural studies focus modules

To allow you to engage in-depth in interdisciplinary study, you will choose a regional focus: the Anglophone world, the Francophone world, the Ibero-Romance area, East-Central Europe or Southeast Asia. Module area B consists of cultural area studies and foreign language training. The Language Centre of the University of Passau has an outstanding reputation throughout Germany.

Module area C: Profile module group

Research-led teaching and research-led learning are the declared aim of the profile modules, in which you will receive integrated and interdisciplinary guidance for the conduct of your own research project. A stay abroad of at least one month to complete an internship or conduct a research project completes this module group.

The degree programme includes a master's thesis on a topic chosen from one of the core module groups Cultural and Environmental Geography or Regional Studies and Tourism or the profile module "Interdisciplinary Regional and Tourism Studies: Intercultural – International – Regional".

