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Master's degree



African Verbal and Visual Arts

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in African Visual and Verbal Arts (African Linguistics) Master of Arts in African Visual and Verbal Arts (African Literatures) Master of Arts in African Visual and Verbal Arts (Swahili Studies) Master of Arts in African Visual and Verbal Arts (Arts, Curational Studies and Media in Africa) Master of Arts in African Visual and Verbal Arts (Multidisciplinary Studies)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%). Participants can choose to write exams and their Master's thesis either in English or in German, French and (for the special area Swahili Studies) in Swahili.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The start of a new academic year is in October.
Application deadline	Application for EU citizens 15 April to 15 July (for the following winter semester) Application for non-EU citizens 15 April to 15 July (for the following winter semester)
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The English-taught Master's programme in African Verbal and Visual Arts deepens knowledge that has been gained in diversity and creativity of languages, literatures, art, and media in Africa. The

programme is unique in its interdisciplinary design and combination of subjects that can be selected individually.

In choosing to learn two of the African languages on offer, including Bambara, Swahili, Wolof or Arabic and Xhosa (as a second language), students can acquire the foundation for scientific and communicative application. In addition, theories, methods, and thematic foci enable a well-grounded engagement with current research issues of cultural studies and humanities in Africa at large, not limited by disciplinary boundaries.

The [programme](#) is conceptualised as an immersion in and continuation of the specialisation fields offered in the African Verbal and Visual Arts (Languages, Literatures, Media and Art) Bachelor's programme at Bayreuth University. These fields include African Linguistics, Swahili Studies, Literatures in African Languages, and Media/Arts and Curational Studies in Africa.

Course Details

Course organisation

In commencing the two-year Master's programme, which is organised in modules, students already bring profound interdisciplinary knowledge on Africa from a relevant Bachelor's programme, e.g. the Bayreuth University African Verbal and Visual Arts (Languages, Literatures, Media and Art) BA programme.

During the second semester at the latest, students can choose to apply this knowledge in a field of specialisation: 1 African Linguistics; 2 African Literatures; 3 Arts, Curational Studies and Media in Africa; 4 Swahili Studies; or 5 Multidisciplinary Studies (this option allows for an interdisciplinary immersion in selected fields of specialisation).

Interdisciplinary modules that are compulsory for all students include theories, methods, and courses in two African languages (Bambara, Swahili, Wolof or – in certain cases – Arabic and Xhosa) that provide students with both academic and communicative skills.

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

In Germany, students at all higher education institutions pay a semester contribution. This payment (University of Bayreuth: 142.85 EUR per semester) has nothing to do with tuition fees;

rather, it covers your contributions to student services and the student government. At the University of Bayreuth (which combines the campus in Bayreuth and our Faculty VII located in Kulmbach), it includes a "semester ticket" that allows you to use public transport in the region.

Costs of living

The cost of living in Germany, e.g. accommodation, food, clothing and recreational activities, is about average compared to other European countries. Living expenses are significantly lower than in countries like Denmark, Luxembourg or Switzerland, but they are rather high compared to countries like Poland, the Czech Republic or Italy. Compared to other large German cities, such as Munich, Berlin or Hamburg, Bayreuth's low cost of living and affordable housing make the city and the region particularly attractive to young people and families. The DAAD website will tell you what living expenses to expect in Germany: <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-financing/>.

Funding opportunities within the university

No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Bachelor of Arts degree (with good marks) in a field related to African Verbal and Visual Arts: African Languages, Linguistics, Literatures in Africa, Media and Art in Africa, or Curatorial Studies

Language requirements

English proficiency (equivalent to level B2 European Framework of References for Languages) For the special area of Swahili Studies, a good command of Swahili is compulsory (equivalent to B1 European Framework for Reference for Languages). Language skills can also be proven through a final dissertation or equivalent written papers in English (or Swahili for Swahili Studies). In addition, basic German knowledge (level A1) is required and can be acquired during the first year of the programme.

Application deadline

Application for EU citizens

15 April to 15 July (for the following winter semester)

Application for non-EU citizens

15 April to 15 July (for the following winter semester)

Submit application to

Online application through CAMPUSonline
You can find further details via [this link](#).

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many ways for international students to earn money while they study, but there are some restrictions. For more detailed information, please visit the [DAAD website](#).

The [University of Bayreuth's Career Services team](#) provides a central interface between student and professional life. The team offers guidance and support to students of all subjects with regard to starting their [careers](#).

For information regarding the **Corona virus**, please visit our [website](#) and also see <https://www.daad.de/en/coronavirus/>.

Accommodation

Accommodation for students

Bayreuth and Kulmbach have a number of student dormitories (both private dormitories and dormitories offered by the Association for Student Affairs) and a vast array of private rooms available. Under no circumstances should you assume that you will be assigned a room in the student dormitories! You will need to actively search for a room on your own – either in a private dormitory or on the private market.

More information regarding accommodation for students is available here: <https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/studies/accomodation/index.html>. Please also read the [DAAD's information](#).

Accommodation for international guests

All other international guests are requested to register via the [Welcome Services Database \(WelSe\)](#).

Accommodation for short visits

For short visits, we recommend searching for accommodation on Airbnb. In addition, a limited number of apartments are available in the [Alexander von Humboldt Guest House](#).

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme



Corporate video of the University of Bayreuth

It all begins with a dream – a search for knowledge and insights, important changes, every great idea. Welcome to the University of Bayreuth!

» more:

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The University of Bayreuth is one of the most successful young universities in Germany.

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International, innovative, and interdisciplinary in research and teaching

Top-notch research, state-of-the-art teaching methods, international influences, diversity, and a springboard to a successful career – these are all things the University of Bayreuth stands for.

[The University of Bayreuth](#) is a dynamic campus university with currently about 13,000 students. Beyond the interdisciplinary research focus and excellence in teaching, the university has a clear vision of social responsibility and entrepreneurship. In the middle of [Kulmbach](#), our new satellite campus unites the perspectives of natural science, economics, law, social sciences, and behavioural science in one place in a way that has not yet been seen in Germany.

We have a close network of strategically selected [international](#) research partners, and we have strategic partnerships with universities around the globe. A wide range of innovative BA, MA and PhD programmes as well as our international summer schools are [conducted in English](#). There are presently around 1,770 international students from more than 100 countries on the Bayreuth and Kulmbach campuses. Focus areas in [research](#) include Nonlinear Dynamics, Polymer and Colloid Science, Molecular Biosciences, Ecology and Environmental Sciences, New Materials, African Studies, High Pressure and High Temperature Research, Cultural Encounters and Transcultural Processes, Innovation and Consumer Protection, Food and Health Sciences, Energy Research and Energy Technology, Governance and Responsibility.

Our university has an outstanding staff-to-student ratio. Our high performance levels, multidisciplinary collaborations and scientific excellence result in [high-ranking positions](#). In the 2021 THE ranking of “475 under 50”, the University of Bayreuth once again achieved a top position among the best universities in Germany. We have proven expertise in campus and curriculum [internationalisation](#), which is confirmed by the results of the extended internationalisation audit conducted by the German Rectors’ Conference, a close and successful project cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and a number of Alexander von Humboldt Awards for our international management and [service](#).

Welcome to our one-of-a-kind [campus](#) in Bavaria!

It is both the heart of our university and a source of inspiration. It is where friendships are made, collaboration is initiated, and ideas are conceived, ensuring that our university remains a beacon of innovation. Scientific exchange profits tremendously from the wide variety of disciplines our communicative campus brings together.

Coronavirus

Be sure that there is a **comprehensive and high-quality range of courses** in all degree programmes that will enable students to successfully begin and continue their studies – on campus or online.



University location

Welcome to Bavaria!

Seventy-six thousand people from **145 nations** chose the city of Bayreuth as their new home, and those numbers are steadily rising. Because of its 13,000 students, Bayreuth is the **third-youngest city in Germany**. Living here means not getting stuck in traffic jams every

morning. The short distances in Bayreuth allow you to leave your car at home and to walk or ride your bike to work and to campus.

Career & Networking

The [Welcome Service](#) at the University of Bayreuth is here to assist you with any questions regarding living and [working](#) in the region of Bayreuth. The team of our International Office provides guidance and support for all international students, scholars, and their families before, during and after their stay at the University of Bayreuth. The aim is to ensure a quick, trouble-free and thus successful start as well as an unforgettable stay on our friendly campus in Bayreuth and Kulmbach.

A good climate for your entrepreneurial spirit

The University of Bayreuth takes its role as a regional motor of innovation very seriously. The [Office of Entrepreneurship & Innovation](#) was set up to help students gain [the necessary qualifications](#) in the area of entrepreneurial and innovative thinking and acting. In doing so, we nurture our students' willingness and ability to start their own companies. Our [Adviser for Start-Ups](#) provides start-ups and prospective start-ups with confidential guidance and support. Strong **innovation and research** institutions combined with high-performance medium-sized companies make for a steady rise in workforce and a guarantee for job security.

Your new home away from home

Bayreuth and Kulmbach offer a fast variety of childcare services as well as affordable **living space**. Step outside your front door and enjoy the **recreational activities**. Scenic northern Bavaria is great for sports activities: cycling, hiking, mountain-climbing, canoeing, rafting, and skiing are all excellent ways to enrich your leisure time. However, if you do happen to crave the feel of a bigger city now and then, Nuremberg is only a one-hour train ride away and Munich is only two-and-a-half hours away. You can reach Berlin in four hours by car or bus and Leipzig in half that time.

Have a great start. We look forward to meeting you!

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📘 <https://www.facebook.com/UniBayreuth/>

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🌐 <https://de.linkedin.com/school/university-of-bayreuth/>

📷 <https://www.instagram.com/uni.bayreuth/>

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