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Master's degree



Eastern European Cultural Studies

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
In cooperation with	University of Warsaw Higher School of Economics in Moscow (temporarily suspended)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English• Russian• Other teaching language
Languages	<p>At the University of Potsdam, courses are held in German (60%) and English (20%) as well as Russian, Polish and/or Yiddish (language courses).</p> <p>At the University of Warsaw, courses are predominantly held in Polish.</p> <p>At the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, courses are predominantly held in Russian.</p>
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• full-time• part-time (study alongside work)
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The winter semester at the University of Potsdam usually starts in the middle of October.
Application deadline	15 August for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	The two-year Master's programme in Eastern European Cultural Studies trains students to become experts in the history and culture of Central and Eastern Europe.

The programme is interdisciplinary and combines Slavic literature, culture and media studies with Central and Eastern European history and politics as well as Jewish cultural studies. Our unique profile conveys a transcultural perspective of Central and Eastern Europe. Students gain specialised knowledge about the entangled Russian, Polish, German, Ukrainian, Belarusian and Jewish regional culture and history.

The programme aims also at the acquisition of methodical competences in regional cultural studies. By dealing with theoretical approaches to cultural phenomena (oriented towards text, image, media, space and performance studies as well as history and political science) students obtain competences that enable them to analyse cultural and societal processes of the past and the present in Central and Eastern Europe.

One main feature of the programme is the double degree options with our international partners:

- University of Warsaw: Students who choose this track will study one mandatory semester in Warsaw where they focus on culture, media and society of Poland, Ukraine and Belarus. Additionally, language courses in Polish, Ukrainian and Belarusian are offered.
- Higher School of Economics in Moscow: Students who choose this track will study one mandatory semester in Moscow where the focus lies on Russia's history and politics. **(Please note that this track is currently unavailable!)**

The students can also choose a home track at the University of Potsdam with a single degree. This track sets a focus on intercultural studies including Jewish studies of Central and Eastern Europe.

The advantages of studying Eastern European Cultural Studies:

- the interdisciplinary course of study allows for a broad specialisation, creating a solid foundation for a career path in many professional fields
- optional double degree
- no tuition fees
- interesting options for a semester abroad: In addition to the double degree tracks, we cooperate with many universities in Central and Eastern Europe as well as with the University of Haifa in Israel. We support our students in finding a scholarship for a voluntary semester abroad.
- Students learn how to put their skills and acquired knowledge into practice by conducting an independent research project during the course of studies.
- Students acquire and consolidate their language skills in German, Russian, Polish, Yiddish, Ukrainian and/or Belarusian.
- a vibrant student life at our splendid and lively campus at Park Sanssouci in Potsdam near Berlin
- Students receive a semester ticket that enables them to use public transportation free of charge throughout Berlin and the state of Brandenburg.

Course Details

International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Integrated study abroad unit(s) • Specialist literature in other languages • Language training provided • Training in intercultural skills • Courses are led with foreign partners • Content-related regional focus
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	<p>Double degree options with integrated study abroad semester at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Warsaw • Higher School of Economics in Moscow (currently unavailable!)
Course-specific, integrated	No

German language courses

Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No
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Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
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Semester contribution	No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee, which currently amounts to 316 EUR. This semester contribution includes a semester ticket entitling you to free use of public transport all over Brandenburg and Berlin.
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Costs of living	Living in Germany is rather cheap compared to other countries in Northern and Western Europe. Monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam vary between 870 and 1,200 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found here .
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Funding opportunities within the university	No
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Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Bachelor's degree or comparable university degree
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Language requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home track: German at level CEFR B2 and English at level CEFR B1 as well as either Polish or Russian at level CEFR B1• Double degree with University of Warsaw: German at level CEFR B2, English at level CEFR B1 and Polish at level CEFR B1• Double degree with Higher School of Economics: German at level CEFR B2, English at level CEFR B1 and Russian at level CEFR B1
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Application deadline	15 August for the following winter semester
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Submit application to	<p>More detailed information on the application process can be found on the link below: https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/studium/zugang/bewerbung-master/vorbereitung-masterbewerbung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online application via uni-assist.de• Send the printed version of the application to: <p>University of Potsdam uni-assist e.V.11507 Berlin Germany</p>
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Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Job opportunities for students alongside their studies are numerous. Depending on personal and professional skills, students can find jobs in the service sector (e.g. in restaurants, supermarkets, cinemas, museums, theatres, etc.) or work as student assistants at the University of Potsdam or at one of the many non-university research institutions located in the area. The German capital, Berlin, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there. Please see [this website](#) for further information.

Accommodation

There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally, there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply. However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with fellow students. The housing market is tight, so please start looking for an accommodation as early as possible.

For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click [this link](#).

Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters
- Tutors

University of Potsdam



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Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam (UP) is a modern and dynamic institution thoroughly focused on innovative teaching and

research. In the 2022 Young University Ranking compiled by Times Higher Education (THE), the UP earned the spot at the top and was ranked #1 in Germany and #28 worldwide.

Situated in the multicultural area of Berlin-Brandenburg, the UP attracts more than 20,000 students from 127 countries. We offer a broad range of degree programmes in various fields, including a large number of [English-language Master's degree programmes](#). Moreover, you can choose from a number of specialised programmes, such as short-term summer courses or a preparatory year.

Students at the University of Potsdam benefit from our co-operations with more than 40 internationally renowned research institutes in the region, such as the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research or the Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics. In fact, Potsdam is the city with the highest density of scientists and academics per capita in Germany.

With its many charming castles, surrounding woodland and lakes, Potsdam is the perfect choice for studying in an inspiring and history-soaked environment.



University location

A city of royal residences and enchanting park landscapes, the centre of the German enlightenment, a hotspot of international film production: Potsdam is all of this – and much more.

Potsdam can boast 17 royal palaces and grand buildings. It all started when the enlightened King Frederick the Great dreamt up the Sanssouci Palace and its magnificent park in 1745. Today Potsdam's palaces and parks form one of Germany's biggest UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

But living in Potsdam is not only about connecting with its historical heritage; there is also a rich cultural scene to discover. In the town centre, one can find lots of inspiring theatres, concert halls and museums. Potsdam is also home to one of the world's oldest film studios, Studio Babelsberg. Famous films like *Nosferatu*, *Metropolis*, *Inglorious Basterds* or *The Grand Budapest Hotel* were filmed here.

The city also has a lot in store for nature addicts. Situated alongside the Havel River and surrounded by lakes and greenery, Potsdam is the perfect spot for long strolls, running, swimming and paddling outdoors. One can easily explore the city and its surroundings by bike.

As a young and medium-sized city, Potsdam offers good conditions for families, providing lots of childcare and family support facilities. Moreover, it provides a very safe living environment.

If you're someone who enjoys big cities, then just hop on the next train and within only 30 minutes, you'll reach Germany's bustling capital of Berlin.

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