

Modern China Studies in Freiburg!

M.A. Program

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg



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Our Institute



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Professors

Jun.Prof. Dr. Lena Henningsen

(Modern literature, Culture, Society)

Prof. Dr. Daniel Leese

(Modern History, Politics, Law, Environment)

Prof. Dr. Nicola Spakowski

(Modern History, Society, Culture)

Academic Staff Members

Dr. Amanda Shuman

(History, Society, Culture)

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(Comparative Politics, Political Economy)

Dr. Tobias Voß

(Modern Society and Economy)

Elisabeth Schleep, M.A.

(Modern Society and Culture)

Language Teachers

Dr. Lanfen Guo

Dr. Li Huang

For information about ongoing research projects, please consult our website and go to our staff's individual homepages.

Why an M.A. in Modern China Studies in Freiburg?

1. A young and dedicated team with an international reputation for research and experience abroad.

2. An international program in which you improve your knowledge of Chinese and English, while interacting with an international community of academics and fellow students.

3. An integrated semester abroad – either at one of our partner universities or elsewhere. Tuition fees at partner universities are waived.

4. A focus on phenomena and processes shaping China in the 20th and 21st centuries.

5. Research-oriented classes, including the possibility to contribute to ongoing research projects (for example: “The Maoist Legacy: Party Dictatorship, Transitional Justice and the Politics of Truth”, or “Worlds of Reading China’s long 1970s”).

7. A broad range of extracurricular activities: public lectures, grants, possibilities to work as a research or teaching assistant, language classes and language exchange, Chinese festivals, a large community of people interested in China, etc.

8. A lively and charming university town in the sunniest region of Germany.

What to Expect from the Program

You are interested in...

...the positions of China with regards to contemporary politics, economics and culture?

...the role of China on the world stage?

...research on modern Chinese culture and history?

Then the M.A. program Modern China Studies at the University of Freiburg is just right for you! The focus of the program lies on the modern history of China and contemporary China. It combines language training with research into all aspects of modern China: history, so-

ciety, politics, economy and culture. The institute of Sinology at Freiburg University actively engages in public discourses about China, in order to provide differentiated information and evaluations of developments in China. Through Freiburg's various exchange programs you have access to a large number of renowned universities worldwide, including Chinese universities in Beijing, Nanjing and Shanghai.

"During my studies of sinology, I didn't only get to learn about China and the Chinese language, but I was also able to acquire very useful, basic skills. I learned to question and analyse political and social structures and to work using scientific methods. Also, through my stays abroad in Taiwan I can now adapt much faster and better to new situations."



*Raquel Lima Nobre,
Graduate*

Improve your Chinese – and Your English!

Both Chinese and English are among the most important languages of the world. The language of instruction of the program is English, while reading and analysing Chinese language sources forms a key part of the seminars.

During the first two semesters of the M.A. program Modern China Studies, you will receive lessons in advanced Chinese reading and conversing from highly qualified language teachers. Native Chinese speakers and those with a HSK level 6 can participate in special reading classes instead. Additionally, all students will have the opportunity to improve their ability to read and analyse Chinese historical and scientific sources in reading classes accompanying the seminars.

Furthermore, you will be able to improve your spoken English, and



your English scientific writing by studying in an international environment and interacting with fellow students from all over the world and highly trained academics.

“The Modern China Studies program is a unique combination of courses on current issues regarding the PRC and advanced language classes. During our studies in English and Chinese we broadened the perspective through which we see China. The program not only improved my understanding of current happenings in the PRC, but also developed my Chinese reading and writing skills. “



**Monika Lewandowska,
Graduate**

Your Way through the M.A. Program

1st Semester

2nd Semester

3rd Semester

4th Semester

Seminars

Master seminar on Theories and Methods of China studies

Master seminar in Chinese Politics and Economy **or** Master seminar on Chinese Culture and Society

Master seminar in Chinese Politics and Economy **or** Master seminar on Chinese Culture

Language Practice

Language and reading exercise I

Language and reading exercise II

Chinese language source reading class accompanying the Master seminar

Chinese language source reading class accompanying the Master seminar

Exercises

Research and Teaching Design

Teaching tutorial **or** participation in a research project **or** internship

Semester Abroad

Seminars, lectures
and languages clas-
ses equivalent of 30
ECTS points

Colloquia

Colloquium I

Colloquium II

Master Thesis and
Oral Exam

In the **Seminars**, you will explore aspects of Chinese society, culture, history and economy in detail. Alternating each semester, there will be a **Master Seminar on Chinese Politics and Economy** or a **Master Seminar on Chinese Culture and Society**. During the first semester, there will also be a **Master Seminar on Theories and Methods of China Studies** which will delve into scientific methods and theories using a topic from contemporary China.

The topics from the seminars will be further developed in **Chinese Language Source Reading Classes Accompanying the Seminars**. These classes will also help students to develop their skills reading and analysing Chinese original sources. Together with the **Language and Reading Exercises** they form the aspect of language training.

In the class **Research and Teaching Design**, students will learn how to structure research projects or organize lessons. Eventually, students are supposed to either participate in a research project or teach a tutorial themselves. Alternatively, they can also do an internship.

During the **Semester Abroad**, students can participate in a wide variety of classes from the social sciences and humanities at their host universities. The classes should have a connection to China.

During the **Colloquia**, student will learn how to structure and write theses. They will also present and discuss their **Master Theses** with their peers there.

Study in China – an Invaluable Experience

The highlight of the Modern China Studies M.A. program is the term abroad in Nanjing or one of our other partner universities.

A semester abroad is a golden opportunity to use and improve your Chinese language skills and to make contacts with both Chinese and other international students. You will also gain first-hand experience with China Studies *in* China and Chinese academia.

The semester abroad is a mandatory part of the Modern China Studies M.A. program at Freiburg University. During your stay in China you will attend regular University

classes, for example in social sciences and humanities, as well as language classes. The scheduled time for the term abroad is during the third semester. All M.A. students have a place guaranteed at Nanjing University. However, you can also apply for a place at one of our other prestigious partner universities, for example in Shanghai, Beijing or Hong Kong. A stay abroad at one of our European partner universities, such as Lund University in Sweden, might be especially interesting for Chinese nationals. Both the Institute for Sinology and the International Office will help you with finding a suitable place, scholarships and accommodation.



**Michael Anclam,
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Between Research and Teaching

At Freiburg University, you are instructed by young and committed teachers. The goal of our program is to give our students thorough knowledge of modern China. Additionally, our own research interests influence the curriculum so that students gain an insight into the scientific research process.

Prof. Dr. Nicola Spakowski is interested in Chinese history of the 20th and 21st century. She deals with concepts of time, past and future, and questions of gender.

Prof. Dr. Daniel Leese examines, among other things, the era of Maoism and its heritage. An ongoing research project deals with the legal treatment of the crimes committed during the Cultural Revolution.

In contrast, modern and contemporary Chinese literature forms the main research focus of **Jun.Prof Dr. Lena Henningsen**: Among her chief interests are the distribution of entertainment literature during the



cultural revolution and fake Harry Potter stories on the contemporary Chinese book market.



Ready for the Future

With a degree in China studies, you will have access to a variety of different possible career paths.

A rising power on the world stage of the 21st century, China plays a more and more central role. As China comes into the focus of the media, global political and ecological problems can no longer be resolved without it. For this reason, a variety of employers are on the lookout for personnel who know the language and who are familiar with country and culture.

People with a degree in China studies are qualified for a career in China, Germany or any other country.

For example, in the fields of:

- Academia
- Economy
- Research institutes
- Museums
- Media/Journalism
- Tourism
- Intercultural exchange
- Translation

You can further specialise yourself by choosing to participate in a research project, internship or teaching tutorial, according your future goals.

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*Sebastian Krauskopf,
Graduate*

Practical experiences are extremely helpful towards a good start into professional life.

The Modern China Studies M.A. program gives students the opportunity to either do an internship, teach a tutorial for younger students, or participate in a research project. This allows our students to get first-hand experiences of different professional spheres, especially in academia.

Students can gain additional work experiences by doing additional internships during the semester holidays. The institute regularly supplies calls for internships over its mailing list and also administers an internship database.

There is also the possibility to work as a student assistant in the institute or in research projects.

With a M.A. in Modern China Studies, the way into top positions in academia or the economy is open to you!

“Studying Modern China Studies in Freiburg provided an excellent opportunity to gain practical skills. The program offers the chance to work as a Research and Teaching Assistant. Those experiences prepared me for my future professional career and convinced the GIZ to offer me an internship after my grad-



**Simon
Liang,
Graduate**



**Tatiana Safronova,
Student**

Before entering the Modern China Studies program, I lived in China for several years and gained ‘practical knowledge of the country. The combination of studying in a stimulating learning environment, found at the University of Freiburg and the University of Lund, where I did my semester abroad, and with the guidance of the best of the field, my eyes were opened on many aspects about China and beyond, including theory, methods, history, politics and culture. The skills and knowledge I obtained here together with my experience in the business field has opened many opportunities for me with companies which closely deal with China

Questions? Don't Hesitate to Contact Us!

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www.sinologie.uni-freiburg.de

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Application Process

You can find information on both the electronic and the written application process on the central webpage of the University of Freiburg:

www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/studienbewerbung

Central Student Counselling

The Service Center Studium – the central student counselling of the university informs and advises on all questions that might occur before or during the course of your studies.

Tel.: 0761 203-4246

www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/

Gemeinsame Kom- mission (examination of- fice)

You can find general information on the M.A. program and the examination regulations here:

www.geko.uni-freiburg.de/