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Modern China Studies (Master of Arts)



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China Studies in Freiburg

The People's Republic of China plays a leading role in global developments of the twenty-first century – economically, politically, and culturally. Our research strongly focuses on modern and contemporary China, while also taking into account historical developments.

The Institute of Chinese Studies...

• focuses on history and the social sciences.

 combines language training and research into all aspects of modern China: history, politics, economics, society and culture.

• engages in public discourse about China in order to provide differentiated information and evaluations of developments in China.

· is actively involved in international academia.

The University of Freiburg is recognized in national rankings for its excellence in research and teaching. The University offers numerous exchange programs with a large number of renowned universities, including those in Beijing, Nanjing, and Shanghai.

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

• A young and dedicated team of teachers with an international reputation for research and experience abroad.

• An English-language program in which you improve both your Chinese and English through interacting with an international community of teachers and fellow students.

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

• A focus on phenomena and processes shaping China from the twentieth century to the present.

• Research-oriented classes, including the possibility to contribute to ongoing research projects, such as "The Heroization of Work in China and Russia, 1920 to 1960," "The Maoist Legacy: Party Dictatorship, Transitional Justice and the Politics of Truth," or "The Politics of Reading in the People's Republic of China."

• A broad range of extracurricular activities, including: public lectures, workshops and conferences, film viewings, possibilities to work as a research or teaching assistant, language classes and language exchange, celebrations for Chinese festivals, and get-togethers with a community of people interested in China.

• A lively university town with many possibilities for outdoor activities, on the edge of the Black Forest and in the sunniest region of Germany.

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Program overview

Content

- Courses on modern Chinese politics, history, economy, culture, and society
- Advanced language training
- Classes on theories, methods, and research design
- Integration into ongoing research projects

Structure

- First and second semesters are spent in Freiburg
- Third semester is study abroad, either at one of our Chinese partner universities or elsewhere
- Fourth semester is in Freiburg working on the master's thesis

Admission requirements

- B.A. in social sciences or humanities (with a German grade or equivalent of good: 2,5 or above)
- Knowledge of English at or above the C1 level (i.e., TOEFL iBT 100 or IELTS Band 7.0)
- Knowledge of Chinese at or above the B2 level (i.e., HSK 4)

Admission deadlines

- April 15 (Non-EU-Citizens)
- July 15 (EU-Citizens)

Fees

Student fees for EU citizens currently amount to €155/semester. Non-EU citizens are required to pay an additional tuition fee of € 1,500 per semester.* There are no additional fees apart from these.

* Note: the University of Freiburg has recently introduced a merit-based tuition waiver scheme for non-EU students.

For more details about the program and admissions process, visit our website or contact the program coordinator.