

Master of Arts Modern China Studies

Admission

Note: The legally binding text is the official German language [“Zulassungsordnung” \(rules of admission\)](#).

Begin of study: Winter term

Application deadline: April 15** (Non-EU-Citizens), July 15** (EU-Citizens) to start in October of the same year.

**During the Covid-19 pandemic these deadlines are subject to change. Please check the Institute’s website for the most up-to-date information.

Admission requirements:

To be admitted you will be required to have earned a first university degree (Bachelor) in the Social Sciences or Humanities with an overall grade of “good” or better (2,5 in the German system or its respective equivalent). At least 120 credit points (ECTS) must have been earned in the Social Sciences or Humanities. Of these 120 credit points no more than 60 credit points can be language courses and linguistics unless they were Chinese language courses.

Languages:

- Knowledge of the English language of at least C1 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (to be certified with standard English tests such as TOEFL iBT 100, cBT 250, pBT 600 oder IELTS Band 7.0 or equivalents. Students from Freiburg University may take the DAAD language exam at the Sprachlehrinstitut.)
- Knowledge of the Chinese language of at least B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (to be certified with HSK 4 or equivalents. If your first degree was in Chinese Studies, the admission committee might accept your diploma as proof for your language proficiency. This is totally at the discretion of the committee, though. Please check with us.

You are eligible for admission to the Masters of Arts for Modern China Studies provided you have not failed a final examination or lost your right to take an examination in a previous China Studies program at the Bachelor’s or Master’s level. Notwithstanding this, the admission committee may admit a student applicant who has lost their right to take an examination as a result of failing a particular exam, which was designed to test knowledge in a field outside the main curriculum of a Modern China Studies program at the Bachelor’s or Master’s level. In case this applies to you, please contact us before submitting your application.

Application documents:

Certified copies / translations of the following documents (Please note that EACH copy must be certified by an official notary or university.)

- Bachelor Degree
- Transcript of Records (or equivalent)
- Language certificates (English, Chinese)

If these documents are not in German, English or French, please hand in a certified translation. For Chinese documents please also add a copy of the original. Students from the PRC also need to provide an APS certificate for their BA diploma.

An English-language CV

An English-language letter of motivation of about one page in which you state your motivations for studying Modern China Studies in Freiburg

If at the time of application you have completed your first degree but the diploma/certificate (Abschlusszeugnis) has yet to be issued, you should upload a written statement issued by your university stating the overall degree along with your transcript. The certified copy / translation of the certificate must then be handed in as soon as possible, or at the latest prior to official enrollment at the university.

If at the time of application you are still in the process of completing your first degree, you should upload a written statement issued by your university stating that you will soon graduate in good standing. You will only be officially admitted on the condition that you complete your degree in due time and with the required minimum degree.

You may later be asked to submit the original certificates to the university administration for verification.

All applications must be submitted electronically using the online system. Applications sent by email will not be accepted.