



Introduction to MA Global East Asia (MAGEA)

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Overview

The path to a master's degree.

It takes ...

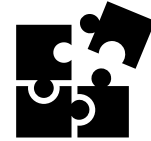
... 4 semesters (standard period of study)

... 10 successfully passed modules (1-2 courses each)

... 120 credit points (of which 30 LP in the final phase)

... 1 master thesis (15,000-18,000 words)

Program Structure



Integrative Area	Area of Specialization (with three regional specializations)	Complementary Area
35 Credit Points	30 Credit Points	30 Credit Points
Master's thesis (25 Credit Points)		

Standard Curriculum Plan

MAGEA program structure

Term	Integrative Area Global East Asia 35 Credit Points	Area of Specialization 30 Credit Points	Complementary Area 30 Credit Points
1 st Term	Modul Introduction to Contemporary History and Discourses in East Asia 10 Credit Points	Modul Chinese Studies A or B or Korean Studies A or B or Japanese Studies A or B 10 Credit Points	Compulsory elective module 10 Credit Points
2 nd Term	Modul Introduction to Research Fields in Global East Asia 10 Credit Points	Modul Chinese Studies A or B or Korean Studies A or B or Japanese Studies A or B 10 Credit Points	Compulsory elective module 10 Credit Points
3 rd Term	Modul Interdisciplinary Methods 10 Credit Points	Modul Chinese Studies A or B or Korean Studies A or B or Japanese Studies A or B 10 Credit Points	Compulsory elective module 10 Credit Points
4 th Term	Modul Research Project 5 Credit Points	Master Thesis 25 Credit Points	

From: MAGEA Degree Program and Examination Regulations, Appendix 2



Integrative Area

Modules	Modes of instruction	Module assessment
Introduction to Contemporary History and Discourses in East Asia	Lecture Methodology course	Written exam
Introduction to Research Fields in Global East Asia	Seminar Methodology course	Written assignment (5,000 words)
Interdisciplinary Methods	Seminar Methodology course	Written assignment (5,000 words)
Research Project	Colloquium	none

Modules and Courses in Winter Term 2023/24



Integrative Area Global East Asia

Introduction History and Discourses

- Research Fields in Global East Asia (Lecture); Wednesday 10 - 12 AM
- Research Practice Global East Asia (Practice); every 2nd Friday, 12 – 4/6 PM

Introduction to Research Fields

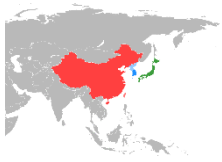
- Summer Term 2024

Interdisciplinary Methods

- Winter Term 2024/25

Research Project

- Available both in Winter and Summer, starting in Winter 2024/25



Area of Specialization



Modules

Content

Types of active participation

Module assessment

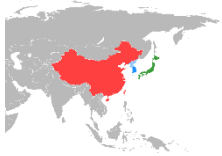
3 modules with 2 seminars each

The modules provide in-depth knowledge of aspects of Japanese, Chinese and Korean Studies.

Independent reading of sources and technical literature, assignments for preparation and follow-up of the attendance times, independent research and elaboration of discussion contributions, presentation, protocols

Written assignment (4,500 words) in each module

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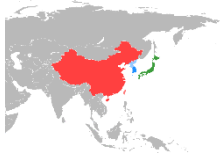


Area of Specialization

Specialization Chinese Studies

- **China and International Security** (Till Schöfer), Thursday 4 - 6 AM
- **China and the Global South** (Till Schöfer), Wednesday 4 - 6 AM
- **Agriculture in Ancient China and Mesopotamia: Theories and Practices** (Cale Johnson, Dagmar Schäfer), Friday 10-12 AM
- **Topics in Chinese History** (Ines Eben von Racknitz), Tuesday 10 – 12 AM

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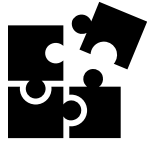
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Specialization Japanese Studies

- (Lecture) **The Globalization of East Asian Cuisines** (Cornelia Reiher), Thursday 12 – 2 PM
- (Practice) **The Globalization of East Asian Cuisines** (Cornelia Reiher), Thursday 2 – 4 PM

Specialization Korean Studies

- (Seminar) **Reading History of North Korea** (Hojye Kang), Tuesday 2 – 4 PM
- (Practice) **Writing History of North Korea** (Hojye Kang), Tuesday 4 – 6 PM



Complementary Area

Three modules (each 10 credit points):

Complete modules from other master's programs in our Department (e.g. Global History)

or/and

A language module from bachelor's or master's programs on East Asia (depending on your language level)

or/and

A module from courses offered by other departments or universities (also from abroad)



Complementary Area - Procedure

- communicate with the lecturer or person in charge of the module prior to the start of courses to ensure that participation is possible
- fill out the form for '[Modulanmeldung](#)'
- have it signed by the lecturer of the course and submit the original form to the Office of Academic Affairs before the **deadline for course registration**
- Our department has put together some information on the website:
https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/master/inter_und_transdisziplinaere_studienbereiche/index.html

Modules and Courses

- **Modules consist of 1 or 2 courses**
- **Modules and courses must be registered and, if necessary, de-registered.**
 - Via Campus Management
 - By submitting the module registration form to the Office of Academic Affairs at the Department of History and Cultural Studies
- **A module examination must be successfully completed for each module**
 - Module examinations can be written examinations, term papers, presentations and combinations of these.
 - If necessary, the student must decide in which course the module examination is to be taken.

Registering Options

Be aware of deadlines!

REGISTER FOR MODULES (COURSES)

- **Campus Management:** Select module > Select course
- **Paper form:** Print the registration form > Collect signatures > Submit to the Office of Academic Affairs

CANCEL MODULES (COURSES)

- **Campus Management:** Select module > Select course > Withdraw from course.
- **Paper form:** Print the withdrawal form > Sign the form > Submit to the Office of Academic Affairs

CHANGE REGISTRATION

- **Campus Management:** Cancel module/course > Select new module > Select course > Register for course
- **Paper form:** Print the registration form > Sign the form > Submit to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Registrations, deregistrations and registration changes

At: Office of Academic Affairs at the Department of History and Cultural Studies

studienbuero@geschkult.fu-berlin.de

Address:

Fabeckstr. 23/25 (Holzlaube)

Room 1.0104

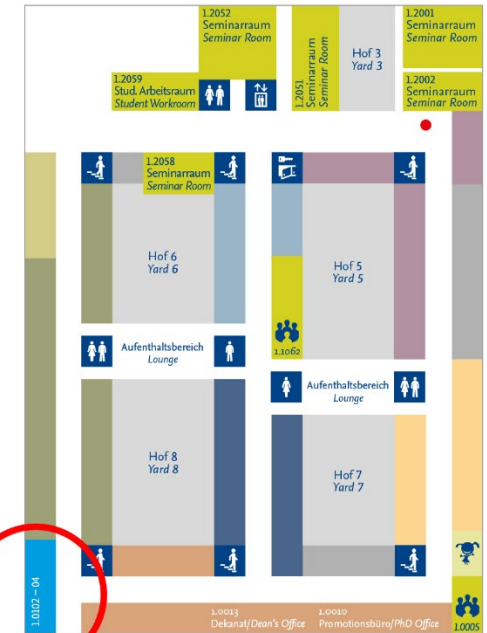
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Habelschwerdter Allee 45



Transfer of Credits

- To transfer study credits (e.g. from other study program or other universities or from study abroad), please contact one of our MAGEA's **academic advisors**, who will forward a recommendation to the board of examiners for the transfer of the study credits obtained. The board of examiners will decide on the transfer on the basis of this recommendation.
- Please also consult the department's website on this issue:
<https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/master/Transfer-of-Credits.html>

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Application deadlines in November and December!

Study Abroad

- A recommended time for studying abroad is during the 3rd semester of study;
- Transfer of credit points are possible.
- Scholarships are available for Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan/Hong Kong, and globally.

Direct Exchange

- **Study and research worldwide, Deadline: Dec 3**
- https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_ausland/direkt/index.html

Promos

- **A mobility program for undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students, Deadline: Nov 3**
- https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_ausland/promos/index.html

Peer Mentoring

- For all the questions related to the organization of the studies in the first months:

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Working hours:

Every Friday from 13:30 - 18:00 (appointment by email)



Additional Services at Freie Universität Berlin

- **Graduate School of East Asian Studies ([GEAS](#))**

e.g. Joint activities

- [Introduction to East Asian Library Resources](#), November 11, 2 PM, and November 14, 10 AM
- “Stammtisch” lecture(s), organized by PhDs
- Seminars

- **Writing workshop / Schreibwerkstatt**
- **support.point for mental health and wellbeing**

Graduate School of
East Asian Studies



support point

*a project to support mental health and
wellbeing at FU Berlin*



support.point GeschKult

- Fabeckstraße 23/25, room 1.0103 (access via waiting room 1.0104, corner office between the Institute for Chinese Studies and the Department Administration)
- Consultation hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- Contact/ inquiries: support.point.geschkult@studienberatung.fu-berlin.de
- short notice changes are sometimes necessary – please always check the homepage!



Johanna Lubig

psychologist, psychotherapist in training & mediator

Official Communication Channels

Website:

- Announcement of lectures, events, office hours, and general information about the MAGEA program: www.fu-berlin.de/magea/

Email:

- Announcement of lectures, special events and activities by the MAGEA team
- Please check your FU mailbox regularly to stay up to date!

Newsletter for international students by the International Student Support:

- Please register [here](#).

For China-, Korea-, or Japan-specific content, please also visit the respective institute websites and/or subscribe to the respective mailing lists and social media groups.



Questions?

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Office hours: On-site or online office hours are available by appointment.

Also see our website: <https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/ma-global-east-asia/counselling/index.html>

Further questions?

Ask us!