

Entrance requirement

In order to apply for the master's programme, the applicant must have successfully completed a qualifying course of studies (lasting at least 3 years) at a university in Germany or abroad. Applicants must also pass an entrance examination.

Application

The programme begins each winter semester. Applications must be submitted before **July 15th**. Application packages can be downloaded at:

www.uni-passau.de/studienstart.html

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International Student Office

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Master's Programme Russian and East Central European Studies

English



Russian and East Central European Studies

The interdisciplinary master's programme in Russian and East Central European studies combines historical, literary and cultural studies of the countries and cultures of Eastern Europe. After the successful completion of the programme, students receive the academic degree "Master of Arts (MA)."

The programme's period of study is for 2 years (4 semesters). During this time the student must earn 120 ECTS credits (30 ECTS per semester), of which 30 credits are comprised by a master's thesis. Languages of instruction are English and German.



The degree programme, administered by the Faculty of Philosophy, is research-oriented and consists of three module groups:

- A:** Theory and Research Methodology
- B:** Advanced Studies
- C:** Research Module

A: Theory and Research Methodology

This module provides an introduction to the theories and methodologies of contemporary research on Russia and Eastern Europe, teaches interdisciplinary research methods from the fields of Slavonic studies and East European history and prepares students for their own empirical research.

B: Advanced Studies

This module provides advanced instruction in the following fields of study:

- National, ethnic, cultural and religious identities in Eastern Europe
- Territories and frontiers in Eastern Europe
- Literature and discourse in and on Eastern Europe
- Internal and external conflicts in Eastern Europe

C: Research Module

For the Research Module, students conduct their own independent research projects. These are then presented at a colloquium and documented in a mid-study thesis.

The master's programme imparts an in-depth regional knowledge of Russia and Eastern Europe as well as methodological, theoretical and practical skills. Students are also able to acquire language expertise in Russian, Czech, and Polish at the university's Language Centre.

The master's programme aims at qualifying the students for conducting scientific analyses independently. By providing both practical and academic skill sets, the Russian and East European Studies programme prepares students for a broad range of career paths. These include not only academia, but also business, politics and administration.

Why study in Passau?

The University of Passau cooperates with numerous Eastern European universities as well as with business enterprises working in the region. These contacts are at the disposal of Master's students, who also are encouraged to attend the frequent University-sponsored events (conferences, workshops, lectures, presentations) related to Eastern Europe. More than one third of all Passau students spend part of their studies abroad – one of the highest percentages amongst German universities. The university's modern facilities and up-to-date technical infrastructure offer attractive surroundings for work and leisure. Additionally, students can choose from a wide range of recreational activities at the university, facilitated by our modern athletic facilities and numerous student organisations.

Passau's rich history and attractive setting also provide a high quality of life for its students. Widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Germany, Passau's numerous bars and beer gardens create a lively student scene, and student life shapes Passau's Italian-style cityscape. In summer time students enjoy swimming in the nearby rivers and lakes and using the extensive bike path system for trips into the countryside. In winter there are great opportunities for skiing in the nearby Bavarian Forest, in Austria or in the Czech Republic.

