



Uni Bayreuth: New Master's Programme Development Studies Set to Start in Autumn 2016

Processes of development, change, and globalization in Latin America, Asia and Africa are playing an increasingly important global role in this day and age. The new German- and English-taught master's programme Development Studies (M.A.) – set to begin in Winter Semester 2016/17 at the University of Bayreuth – addresses the causes, conditions, and consequences of such processes. The master's programme is international and interdisciplinary, offering graduates excellent career prospects as specialists in development. And FYI: the programme is tuition-free. Applications are now being accepted!

Universities in Scandinavian and English-speaking countries have long included Development Studies in their range of courses. In such courses, processes of development, change, and globalization are examined worldwide from an interdisciplinary perspective. The focus of the courses currently offered is on countries in the Global South (the so-called developing countries) and on processes of transformation and radical change.

Development Studies is only offered at a few locations in the German-speaking world; and in Southern Germany, it has not been offered at all up to now. The University of Bayreuth has now seized this opportunity to 'fill the gap' in Southern Germany with the involvement of its institutes for development sociology and politics, economics, and geography.



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"Bayreuth's master's programme Development Studies also has a unique feature," explains Prof. Dr. Dieter Neubert, Programme Coordinator for Development Studies and Chair of Development Sociology. "In addition to a diverse array of research on the Global South, Bayreuth's scholars can point to the extensive expertise in Bayreuth's research priority on African Studies. Interdisciplinary African Studies at the University of Bayreuth has been at the international forefront for years."

Interdisciplinary and practice-oriented

The programme of study combines courses in development sociology and politics, geography, and economics. On this basis, students acquire subject-specific as well as interdisciplinary and practical skills. "Our students benefit from the close cooperation between the departments involved. Thanks to the programme's interdisciplinary approach, graduates will be alert and open to the theoretical and methodological diversity that they will encounter again and again, even in practical work in the field of development. This will in turn enable them to better understand and assess complex development processes in times



of global change and to apply this in practice as part of a project-focused unit that they plan and carry out independently,” said Prof. Dr. Neubert.

Excellent career prospects

The range of international areas of activity open to development experts is immense and continues to grow as the Global South gains more and more economic and political significance. Examples open to graduates of the programme Development Studies include:

- Institutions active in development cooperation or with strong ties to the Global South, from ministries and national development agencies to the United Nations
- Private organizations active in development cooperation such as *Brot für die Welt*, Care, Caritas, Oxfam, or *Welthungerhilfe*
- Internationally active businesses in industry, trade, and finance
- Industry federations: chambers of foreign trade and business associations
- Media and cultural institutions

Talented master's students also have excellent chances to pursue doctoral research at the University of Bayreuth in order to prepare themselves for an academic career. The University of Bayreuth Graduate School supports the University's doctoral researchers across all subjects, both in their independent research and in their personal development.

In line with the international nature of the field of development studies, courses are taught partially or completely in English, allowing the entire programme of study to be completed in the English language.

The new master's programme Development Studies at a glance:

- Requirements:
 - (1) a bachelor's degree in
 - African Culture & Society
 - International Economics & Development
 - Development Studies in Geography
 - Philosophy & Economics
 - Geographyfrom the University of Bayreuth with a final grade of 2,5 or better, or an equivalent degree awarded by a different university;
- (2) At least 4 weeks of practical experience abroad relating to development;
- (3) English language skills (C1) and evidence of German language skills (for persons educated abroad: DSH1 or an equivalent exam)
- Languages of instruction: English and German (English track available)
- Start of the programme: Winter Semester 2016/17
- Standard period of study: 4 semesters of full-time study (part-time study options are available)
- Degree awarded: Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Applications: To ensure that the admission process runs smoothly, we ask that you please submit your applications by 15 July 2016.
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■ New programmes starting in Winter Semester 2016/17

The University of Bayreuth is adding five new programmes of study along with a new supplemental programme (with an elite certificate) to its 47 attractive master's programmes. All of them have an international focus and are taught in English. And FYI: the programme is tuition-free. Applications are now being accepted!

"On the one hand, we are hoping to attract talented students to Bayreuth to later serve as a base for recruiting our junior scholars. On the other hand, our new programmes are a response to the challenges of globalization and an increasingly international labour market," University President Prof. Dr. Leible explained. "We also hope that developing our range of English-taught programmes will help ensure that we remain an attractive partner for international scholars and higher education institutions."

An overview of the new programmes (in alphabetical order):

- **Biofabrication (M.Sc.)**
 - Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **Development Studies (M.A.)**
 - Specific admission requirements – Please submit documents by 15 July 2016



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- **Environmental Chemistry (M.Sc.)**
 - Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **Environmental Geography (M.Sc.)**
 - Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **History & Economics (M.A.)**
 - Aptitude assessment – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **Supplemental Programme Biological Physics (part of Elite Network of Bavaria)**
 - Selection process – Application deadline: 15 June or 15 August 2016

Information and programme flyers are available online:

www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/studies/master/01-new-master



The University of Bayreuth at a Glance

The University of Bayreuth is a young, research-oriented campus university. The University's founding mission in 1975 was to support interdisciplinary research and teaching and to develop interdisciplinary research priorities with which it could strengthen its own profile. Its research programmes and programmes of study are frequently updated and cover the natural sciences, law, business and economics, languages and literature, and cultural studies.

A good instructor-to-student ratio, high performance standards, interdisciplinary collaboration, and academic excellence have allowed the University to maintain its strong position in the rankings. The University of Bayreuth is included among the best young universities in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) worldwide ranking "100 under 50".

The University of Bayreuth has been an international leader in African Studies for many years; the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) is part of the Excellence Initiative by the German federal and state governments. High Pressure & High Temperature Research carried out at the Bavarian Research Institute of Experimental Geochemistry & Geophysics has also established a strong reputation worldwide. Polymer research at the University is a frontrunner in the funding ranking published by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The University of Bayreuth has a tight international network of strategically selected university partnerships.

There are currently around 13,500 students enrolled in 146 different programmes of study offered by the University's six faculties. With around 1,200 members of the academic staff (of whom there are 235 professors) and roughly 900 non-academic staff members, the University of Bayreuth is one of the region's largest employers.

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