



UNIVERSITÄT
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Master of Arts

Global History

Rethinking history in global perspective.





Global history has long ceased to be an exotic historiographical perspective. It represents a fundamental change in conceptualizing history as a whole. It discusses alternative models of periodization and alternatives to traditional constructions of historical spaces and identities.

History in the context of global connections.

What can we learn from the conflicts over resources around the world? Why is nationalism on the rise again in so many countries around the globe? What lessons can we learn from the financial market crises of recent years?

We can only understand many of the social, political and economic problems of today, if we reevaluate them in their global and historical contexts. The Master's Programme in *Global History* at the University of Bayreuth is based on this insight. In addition to a general introduction to global history with its paradigms, theories and methods, you will learn how to transfer complex global historical nexuses into analytically examinable subjects of study. In doing so, you will be able to specialise in one of three world regions and expand your language skills accordingly. You can choose between *Africa*, *Europe* or the *Atlantic World and the Americas*, and optionally other world regions; but you may also choose transnational/-regional history.



In the Master's Programme "Global History", you will gain competencies enabling you to grasp social, political, and economic problems of the present in their global and historical contexts.

Today, global historical knowledge is in greater demand than ever.

Global History at the University of Bayreuth teaches you to think about historical processes in global contexts, and so the successful completion of your Master's degree opens up exciting prospects for you. Your global historical skills will indeed be of great service in a wide range of occupational fields. You will be able to support NGOs in development work, pursue a career in academia, or join research institutions and associations. In addition, your cultural knowledge and skills will be in demand in policy consulting and internationally operating companies. Global historical questions are also becoming increasingly important in museum and exhibition work, as well as in journalism. The Master's Programme *Global History* at the University of Bayreuth will, of course, also enable you to do a doctorate as it is above all committed to the education of qualified future historians.



In addition to a general introduction to global history, you will acquire special expertise in a world region. Three regional specialisation profiles are planned for the start of the programme: “Africa,” “Europe,” and “the Atlantic World & the Americas”.



With your knowledge of global history, you will be able to present complex global issues in a structured and differentiated manner in an English-speaking environment. Your special expertise in a world region will reach a competitively viable, international academic level.

How your studies are structured.

The Master’s Programme *Global History* consists of three main pillars, which you will study consecutively in the first three semesters: *Foundations*, *Area Expertise and Language Courses*, and *Specialisation*.

In *Foundations* you will be introduced to the theories and methods of Global History. In *Area Expertise*, four different options are open to you: *Africa*, *Europe*, *Atlantic World & the Americas* and *Trans- and other areas*. These courses are supplemented by region-specific language training. In *Specialisation* you will be introduced to different analytical tools and practices from other fields than history and you will be able to gain further area expertise, according to your own preferences and interests.

Modules	ECTS*
Foundations of Global History	28
■ Introduction to Global History	6
■ Theories & Methods	6
■ Global Economic History	8
■ Transcultural History	8
Area Expertise (A, B, C, or D) and Language Courses	33
■ A) Area Expertise I–III: Africa	24
■ B) Area Expertise I–III: Europe	24
■ C) Area Expertise I–III: Atlantic World & Americas	24
■ D) Area Expertise I–III: Trans- and other areas	24
■ Language courses I–III	9
Specialisation	29
■ Additional Area of Expertise	16
■ Methods and Skills	13
Master Thesis	30
■ Master Thesis (including Master Class)	30
Total	120

*ECTS Credit points are awarded in accordance with ECTS. Awarding credit points in accordance with the *European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)* facilitates the international comparability of coursework completed at European higher education institutions.



The Master's Programme "Global History" at the University of Bayreuth is unique in Southern Germany. You can specialise in a world region, expand on your basic knowledge and acquire additional methodological and content-related qualifications.

Why you should study in Bayreuth.

At the University of Bayreuth, you can expect a thorough education in global history that is unique in Southern Germany. You will expand your basic knowledge, acquire additional methodological and content-related qualifications, and be able to specialise in a world region. In this way, you can further expand your individual competencies in a specialised field.

In addition, you will learn new approaches to cultural, economic, social, and political history, and benefit from a variety of subject areas that goes far beyond the classical, chronologically ordered subjects, such as *History of Africa*, *Economic and Social History* and *Regional Franco-German History*.



Nothing and no-one's too far away on our friendly campus. In contrast to larger universities, you'll get to know virtually all the faces on campus. Our rich campus life features regular film screenings, art exhibitions, theatre performances, music performances in the "Glashaus", our annual "Uni Open Air" Festival, and much more.

An environment for studying that scores top marks in the rankings.

The University of Bayreuth has around 13,500 students and is based on an attractive, friendly campus. Everything's close at hand, and you quickly get to know students from other fields of study. Student life offers lots of variety, even outside the lecture halls. You can get involved in a diversity of student organisations or take advantage of the extensive range of university sports on offer. In addition, there are regular cinema screenings, art exhibitions, theatre performances, numerous music events and the annual "Uni-Open-Air" – all on campus.

Compared to other university towns, the city of Bayreuth has a good supply of suitable accommodation at reasonable rents, and a low overall cost of living. What's more, the city itself, and the nearby Fichtelgebirge and Franken Jura, all offer a variety of exciting recreational options.



An attractive course of studies awaits you.

We are pleased that you are interested in the Master's Programme *Global History*. The programme is aimed especially at students who have completed a bachelor's degree in history. However, it is still possible to be admitted if you have studied a related subject. In marginal cases, we have defined certain qualifications that you must gain and evidence within the first two semesters of the course in order to proceed with the programme. A "good" BA pass, however, is a prerequisite for admission. You may begin your studies in winter semester only; the deadline for application is 15 July.

The language requirements will depend on the field of study you choose, and your specialist focus. Nevertheless, it will be necessary to have B1 proficiency in English and A1 proficiency in German. For further information on admission and registration please visit our website.

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