

Brief Description MA German Literature

Subjects and Goals

The MA German Literature comprises four semesters of study and coursework. It augments and intensifies knowledge acquired in the BA Germanistik (or any comparable course of study resulting in a BA-degree). The curriculum aims to stimulate critical reflection regarding literature and culture and to strengthen analytical and argumentative skills. It covers the entire spectrum of German literature from its beginnings to the present. In accordance with the organization of German literary studies into Older Literature and Newer Literature, the curriculum builds on the shared emphases on history, theory and aesthetics and offers studies on an advanced scholarly and academic level. It also hones the skills necessary to adequately understand and analyze the practical and discursive conditions of epochal transformations.

Students enrolled in the MA German Literature profit from co-operations with partners both on and off campus, such as the Research Center for Historical Sciences, the Research Institute for Humanities at nearby Bad Homburg, the Cornelia Goethe Center for Women and Gender Studies, as well as publishers in Frankfurt, Radio Hessen, the Jewish Museum, the Fritz Bauer Institute, the Freie Deutsche Hochstift at the Goethehaus, the Literaturhaus Frankfurt and numerous others.

The MA degree in German Literature provides an excellent foundation for pursuing graduate studies in a variety of doctoral programs. At the same time, expertise gained in critical analysis and argumentative skills prepares graduates for high level positions in areas such as media, culture, publishing and communication.

Required courses:

- GER MA-1: German Literature of the Middle Ages
- GER MA-2: German Literature from the early modern period until the 19th century
- GER MA- 3: German Literature from the 19th century to the present
- GER MA-4: Advanced literary history
- GER MA-5: Theories of texts and of media; poetics and aesthetics
- GER MA-6: Literary and cultural theory
- GER MA- 9: MA thesis

One of the following two have to be selected in addition:

- GER MA-7: Independent Study
- GER MA-8 Independent Research