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# Contemporary East Asian Studies (M.A.)

#### **Studienort / Place of Study** Campus Duisburg

#### Studienabschluss / Degree Awarded Master of Arts (M.A.) in Contemporary East Asian Studies (abbreviated as MA CEAS)

# Studienbeginn / Start of the Program Wintersemester / October

# **Regelstudienzeit / Required Time** 2 Jahre / 2 years fulltime

# Beschreibung des Studiengangs / Description of the Study Program

The Master's in Contemporary East Asian Studies is an English-taught social science-based program with a contemporary and interdisciplinary profile. The program offers research-focused training for highly qualified graduates with a BA or similar in politics, international relations, sociology or economics.

The principal focus of the MA program is the theoretical and problem-centred analysis of societies, politics and economies in East Asia (China, Taiwan, Japan and Korea) and includes intensive training in an East Asian language.

Its aim is to deepen and enrich the student's skills in assessing contemporary change, the challenges facing the East Asian region and the implications of such developments for Europe.

#### Studienplan / Study guide

The two-year Master's Program (MA CEAS) (equivalent to four semesters) offers Chinese, Japanese or Korean language and the choice of a discipline corresponding to the student's previous degree (sociology, political science or economics). It combines intensive language training with interdisciplinary and discipline-specific modules focusing on Chinese, Japanese and Korean studies. Methodological training is integrated into the Advanced East Asian Studies modules.

#### Semester 1

Three compulsory introductory modules help students to familiarize themselves with East Asian studies from different disciplinary perspectives. In addition, students start their training in the language of their choice (Chinese, Japanese or Korean; native speakers are not allowed to choose their mother tongue).

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#### Semester 2

More than 10 different modules on Advanced East Asian Studies (AEAS) are on offer. These modules present problem-oriented and discipline-based perspectives on politics and the society or economy of China, Japan and Korea or the entire East Asian region. Students are expected to select two AEAS and one elective module after which they submit their choice to their advisor for approval.

#### Semester 3

Students complete their language training and select two additional AEAS and one elective module.

#### Semester 4

Students concentrate on writing their Master's thesis. The thesis is an independent piece of research about a cutting-edge topic on contemporary East Asia. It is intended to provide evidence of the student's newly acquired knowledge, theoretical and methodological skills in East Asian regional studies, and language proficiency.

#### Language

All classes are taught in English.

#### Prüfungen / ECTS-Credits

120 ETCS including Master Thesis with attached seminar (30 ECTS)

#### Informationsmaterial / Information Material

Further details on the program, on all modules and classes as well as on application procedures, required documents etc. can be found on the IN-EAST website at

www.uni-due.de/in-east/study\_programs/ma\_ceas/prospective\_students.php

## Zugang zum Studium / Admission and Application

- BA/bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Social or Political Sciences or Economy with a minimum grade average of 2.5 according to the German grading system
- English language proficiency "C1 level" (as to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment)
- German language skills are recommended.

#### **Application Process**

We are looking for highly qualified international students with excellent skills and motivation to take on the challenges of this demanding study program. Successful applicants who fulfil the prerequisites are strongly recommended to accept the invitation for an interview to test their aptitude and motivation for the study program (candidates from abroad can be interviewed via video-conference).

After the evaluation process, the most promising candidates are granted admission to the MA CEAS.

#### Application Submission

- Sept 15 for EU citizens
- July 15 for non-EU citizens

Early submission is strongly recommended!

You are advised to apply as soon as possible and long before the deadlines expire. This is to make sure that you have enough time to obtain a visa (in case you are from a non-EU country) and to arrive in time for the start of the program in early-October. We are permanently processing incoming applications, so early applicants will be informed – and successful ones admitted –irrespective of the mentioned deadlines.

#### Send to

You may send your application via e-mail or regular mail to: maceas@in-east.de

University of Duisburg-Essen Institute of East Asian Studies IN-EAST Admissions/MA CEAS 47048 Duisburg GERMANY

## Berufsmöglichkeiten / Employment perspectives

Students completing the master's degree in the MA CEAS

- will be prepared for high-level positions in multinational corporations, politics – including political consulting –, governmental and nongovernmental think-tanks, and international organizations where intensive knowledge of East Asia and language competency is in high demand,
- will be ready for further studies at the doctoral level. Our institute offers opportunities to continue in a PhD program within structured PhD training programs such as the DFG funded Research Training Group Risk & East Asia or the PhD program on Transnational East Asian Studies.

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Studienbeginn / Start of the Program Wintersemester / October

Regelstudienzeit / Required Time 1 Jahr/ 1 year fulltime

# Beschreibung des Studiengangs / **Description of the Study Program**

The Master's in Modern East Asian Studies is an English-taught degree program on contemporary East Asia for graduates with a BA in East Asian regional studies and outstanding knowledge of an East Asian language. Depending on the student's skills in the social sciences, economics or regional studies, an adjustment year, which we call 'MEAS + 1', may be required.

The MEAS program aims to train students in the theoretical and problemcentered analysis of East Asian societies, politics and economies.

The program's objective is to deepen and enrich students' skills in assessing contemporary change, the challenges facing the East Asian region and the implications of such developments for Europe, doing so on the basis of strong language skills (in Chinese, Japanese or Korean) and a sound knowledge of discipline-specific methods and theories.

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During the **first semester** of the one-year (two-semester) MA program, MEAS students deepen their Chinese, Japanese and Korean language skills by focusing on advanced reading of essays and newspaper articles. Additionally, students choose three Advanced East Asian Studies (AEAS) modules, complemented by one elective module.

During the second and last semester of the MA MEAS, students concentrate on writing their Master's thesis. The thesis is an independent piece of research about a cutting-edge topic on contemporary East Asia. It is intended to provide evidence of the student's newly acquired knowledge, theoretical and methodological skills in East Asian regional studies, and language proficiency.

The MA MEAS + 1 program consists of 4 semesters of which the semester 3 and 4 correspond with semester 1 and 2 of the MA MEAS. Semester 1 and 2 of the MA MEAS + 1 offer modules from the different disciplinary

areas or regional studies. Since these courses are offered in German only, students of the MEAS + 1 program are required to possess advanced German language skills (C1 or above). In semester 2, one module on Advanced East Asian Studies (AEAS) is chosen. Students may also choose to continue their language training.

#### Language

All classes are taught in English.

#### Prüfungen / ECTS-Credits

60 ETCS including Master Thesis with attached seminar (30 ECTS)

#### Informationsmaterial / Information Material

For more information, such as examination regulations, study regulations and syllabus books, please visit our website:

> www.uni-due.de/in-east/

# **Zugang zum Studium / Admission and Application**

- BA/bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in BA in East Asian regional studies with a focus on political science, sociology or economics with a minimum grade average of 2.5 according to the German grading system
- BA encompassing 240 ECTS credits for MA MEAS or 180 credits for MA MEAS+1
- English language proficiency "C1 level" (as to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment)
- German language skills are recommended. For MEAS+1, German skills (C1 or above) are required.

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## Kontakt und Beratung / Contact and Advice

#### Fakultät/ Faculty

Joint program of Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Business Administration, coordinated by Institute of East Asian Studies at Campus Duisburg

> www.uni-due.de/in-east/

#### Fachstudienberatung / Advice and Guidance

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#### Fachschaftsvertretung (student representatives)

Fachschaft Ostasienwissenschaft/Student council IN-EAST Raum LE 630 Tel. 0203/379-2898 fs-oawiss@uni-due.de Sprechzeiten nach Vereinbarung per E-Mail

> www.facebook.com/FachschaftOAWI/

#### Akademisches Beratungs-Zentrum Studium und Beruf

Das ABZ bietet ein abgestimmtes Informations- und Beratungsangebot zu allen Fragen, die mit der Studienwahl, dem Studium selbst und der Karriereplanung zusammenhängen. Mehr Infos unter www.uni-due.de/abz

#### Allgemeine Studienberatung für den Campus Duisburg

Geibelstr. 41, Gebäude SG, Erdgeschoss abz.studienberatung@uni-due.de

Persönliche Beratung ohne Anmeldung (Raum SG 055) Sprechzeiten siehe: www.uni-due.de/abz/kontakt.shtml

Psychologische Beratung

Kontakt siehe: www.uni-due.de/psychologische-beratung

Kontakt für Lehrer\*innen und Schüler\*innen

Siehe www.uni-due.de/abz/lehrer.shtml

und www.uni-due.de/abz/studieninteressierte.shtml

#### Career Service für den Campus Duisburg

Geibelstr. 41, SG 063, 086, 092

Beratung:

Individuelle Karriereplanung, Bewerbungscoaching, Profilerstellung, Arbeitsmarktinformationen, Unternehmenskontakte, Praktika

Kontakt und Beratungszeiten: siehe

www.uni-due.de/abz/kontakt.shtml#karriereberatung

#### Ombudsstelle für Studierende

www.uni-due.de/de/studium/ombudsstelle/

# Beratungsstelle zur Inklusion bei Behinderung und chronischer Erkrankung

www.uni-due.de/inklusionsportal/

### Weitere Ostasien-bezogene Studiengänge / Other East Asia related study programs

- Moderne Ostasienstudien, Bachelor
- PhD-Program "Risk and East Asia"

#### Lagepläne der Universität

hwww.uni-due.de/de/universitaet/orientierung.php

Auf der Webseite www.uni-due.de/studienangebote/ finden Sie die ständig aktualisierte Fassung dieser Informationen.

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