

Overview

Programme

Consecutive Master of Arts in Iranian Studies

Application deadline

31 May of each year
(in 2019 extended to 15 August)

Institute & University

The Institute of Iranian Studies, FU Berlin

Start

Winter semester

Language of instruction

English

Duration

Four semesters (two years)

Fees

No tuition; the university only charges semester fees

Degree

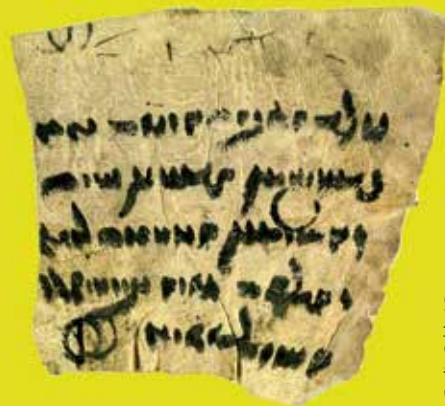
M.A. in Iranian Studies

Language requirements

Applicants who have not obtained their university degree at an educational establishment in which English is the language of instruction must prove that their knowledge of English is at C1 level.

Teaching Staff

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- Prof. Dr Desmond Durkin-Mestererst
- Dr Shervin Farridnejad
- PD Dr Khanna Omarkhali
- Farifteh Tavakoli-Borazjani



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Iranian Studies, as a discipline, is devoted to the study of religions, histories and literatures of Iranian speaking peoples from the start of written records to our days. This includes the study of more than 20 old, middle and modern Iranian languages, which is also a focus in Berlin.

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M.A. Iranian Studies

Iran in Antiquity and Late Antiquity



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M.A. Iranian Studies

The aim of the “M.A. Iranian Studies” is to familiarise the students with aspects of Iranian languages, cultures, history and religions from antiquity through to the late antique era. Students will acquire a working knowledge of Old and Middle Iranian languages such as Avestan, Old and Middle Persian. The teaching staff at the Institute of Iranian Studies specialise in the languages and cultures of pre-Islamic Iran and non-Islamic Iranophone religious traditions, focusing on primary sources as much as possible.

Curriculum

The teaching in M.A. Iranian Studies consists of three areas:

1. Mandatory courses (60 ECTS)
2. Elective courses (10 ECTS)
3. Interdisciplinary courses (20 ECTS)

The core of the programme consists of an intensive philological training in Old, Middle and Modern Iranian languages. It offers Avestan and Middle Persian as part of the compulsory modules Old and Middle Iranian Philology. Students can also study languages such as Sogdian, Parthian and Bactrian, which form part of the elective module Iran and Turan.

Though the programme primarily focuses on the period from antiquity through to the late antique era, students who have not previously studied Persian will have the



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opportunity to study it as part of the programme. Those who know Persian can opt to study Kurdish in its different varieties or other modern Iranian languages. We complement the language training with teaching of Iranian and Indo-Iranian linguistics in the elective module Introduction to Iranian Linguistics.

The compulsory module Iranian Religions in History examines the formation and development of Zoroastrianism and Manichaeism, two religions that are commonly associated with the pre-Islamic Iran. Yezidism and its religious textual tradition is another research focus of the Institute of Iranian Studies.

Within the mandatory module Iranian History in its Sources, students explore aspects of Iranian history by engaging Iranian sources pertaining to an era or topic. This module offers students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Old and Middle Iranian languages by reading original material from the antique and late antique eras. Participants of the module will work with epigraphic and numismatic material as well as copies of manuscripts of ritual and religious texts.

Within the M.A. Iranian Studies, the students have the opportunity to obtain 20 credits from other departments.



Yezidi temple of Lalish, Iraq, Kurdistan

| Semester | Compulsory courses 60 ECTS | | Elective courses 10 ECTS | | Inter-disciplinary credits 20 ECTS | Master thesis, presentation of results 30 ECTS |
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| 1. Semester 30 ECTS | Old Iranian Philology 15 ECTS | Middle Iranian Philology 15 ECTS | Iranian Religions in History 10 ECTS | Iran and Turan 10 ECTS | Inter-disciplinary section 20 ECTS | Master thesis, presentation of results 30 ECTS |
| 2. Semester 30 ECTS | Iranian Literatures 10 ECTS | Iranian History in its sources 10 ECTS | Modern Iranian Languages 10 ECTS | Introduction to Iranian Linguistics 10 ECTS | | |
| 3. Semester 30 ECTS | | | | | | |
| 4. Semester 30 ECTS | | | | | | |