



Introduction to MA Global East Asia (MAGEA)

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Overview

The path to a master's degree.

It takes ...

- ... 4 semesters (standard period of study)
- ... 10 successfully passed modules (1-2 courses each)
- ... 120 credit points (of which 30 LP in the final phase)
- ... 1 master thesis (15,000-18,000 words)

Modules and Courses

- **Modules consist of 1 or 2 courses**
- **Modules and courses must be registered and, if necessary, de-registered.**
 - Via Campus Management
 - By submitting the module registration form to the [Office of Academic Affairs](#) at the Department of History and Cultural Studies
- **A module examination must be successfully completed for each module**
 - Module examinations can be written examinations, term papers, presentations and combinations of these.
 - If necessary, the student must decide in which course the module examination is to be taken.

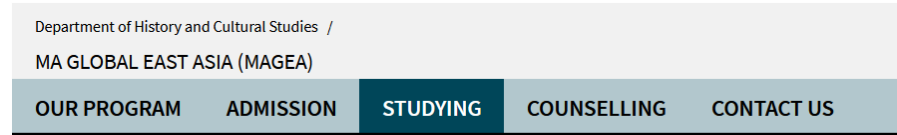
Credit Points, Attendance, Examinations

- **Credit points:** 1 credit point = 30 hours of in-class and after-class work
- **Attendance/Participation:**
 - **Regular participation** = minimum 85% of in-class attendance
 - **Active participation** = Documented participation in the course, e.g. discussion, group work, oral and written assignments, individually or in groups, research tasks, academic/scientific note-taking, reading sources and literature, written work, independent research and elaboration upon contributions made to class discussions, (oral) presentation
- **Examinations:**
 - Written exam, presentation, term paper, combination
 - Graded and ungraded

More Information
[here](#)

MAGEA study regulations

- Read carefully the MAGEA study regulations provided on the MAGEA website: <https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/ma-global-east-asia/studying/index.html>



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Studying the MA Global East Asia Program

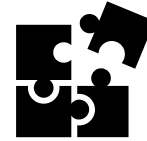
This section aims to offer diverse information regarding your studies at the Freie Universität Berlin. We will consistently update this page with new content. If you have any particular interests, kindly inform us at global-east-asia@geschkult.fu-berlin.de.

MAGEA Program and Examination Regulations

Understanding your course regulations is crucial for a successful academic journey. It provides a clear roadmap, ensuring you take the right courses at the right time. Moreover, it helps you make informed decisions, stay on track for graduation, and take full advantage of the resources available to you.

- > MA Global East Asia Program and Examination Regulations (in German)
- > MA Global East Asia Program and Examination Regulations (English Translation)

Program Structure



Integrative Area	Area of Specialization (with three regional specializations)	Complementary Area
35 Credit Points	30 Credit Points	30 Credit Points
Master's thesis (25 Credit Points)		

Standard Curriculum Plan

MAGEA program structure

Term	Integrative Area Global East Asia 35 Credit Points	Area of Specialization 30 Credit Points	Complementary Area 30 Credit Points
1 st Term	Modul Introduction to Contemporary History and Discourses in East Asia 10 Credit Points	Modul Chinese Studies A or B or Korean Studies A or B or Japanese Studies A or B 10 Credit Points	Compulsory elective module 10 Credit Points
2 nd Term	Modul Introduction to Research Fields in Global East Asia 10 Credit Points	Modul Chinese Studies A or B or Korean Studies A or B or Japanese Studies A or B 10 Credit Points	Compulsory elective module 10 Credit Points
3 rd Term	Modul Interdisciplinary Methods 10 Credit Points	Modul Chinese Studies A or B or Korean Studies A or B or Japanese Studies A or B 10 Credit Points	Compulsory elective module 10 Credit Points
4 th Term	Modul Research Project 5 Credit Points	Master Thesis 25 Credit Points	

From: MAGEA Degree Program and Examination Regulations, Appendix 2



Integrative Area

Modules	Modes of instruction	Module assessment
Introduction to Contemporary History and Discourses in East Asia	Lecture Methodology course	Written exam
Introduction to Research Fields in Global East Asia	Seminar Methodology course	Written assignment (5,000 words)
Interdisciplinary Methods	Seminar Methodology course	Written assignment (5,000 words)
Research Project	Colloquium	none

Modules and Courses in Winter Term 2025/26



Integrative Area Global East Asia

Introduction History and Discourses

- Introduction History and Discourses (Lecture); Friday 4 – 6 PM
- Introduction History and Discourses (Tutorial); Friday, 2 – 4 PM

Introduction to Research Fields

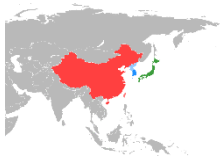
- Summer term 2026

Interdisciplinary Methods

- Winter term 2026/27 (also available winter term 2025/26)

Research Project

- Regularly every summer term



Area of Specialization



Modules	Content	Types of active participation	Module assessment
3 modules with 2 seminars each	The modules provide in-depth knowledge of aspects of Japanese, Chinese and Korean Studies.	Independent reading of sources and technical literature, assignments for preparation and follow-up of the attendance times, independent research and elaboration of discussion contributions, presentation, protocols	Written assignment (4,500 words) in each module



Complementary Area

Options for choosing modules in the complementary area:

Complete modules from other master's programs in our Department (e.g. Global History)

or/and

A language module from bachelor's or master's programs on East Asia (depending on your language level)

or/and

A module from courses offered by other departments or universities (also from abroad)



Complementary Area - Procedure

- communicate with the lecturer or person in charge of the module prior to the start of courses to ensure that participation is possible
- fill out the form for '[Modulanmeldung](#)'
- have it signed by the lecturer of the course and submit the original form to the Examinations Office and/or the Office of Academic Affairs before the **deadline for course registration (Oct 31, 2025)**
- Our department has put together some information on the website here:
https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/master/inter_und_transdisziplinaere_studienbereiche/index.html

FAQ Complementary Area

- read the [Guide for the Complementary Area](#) carefully
- ask your specific questions during the **Online Office Hours** on Oct 8, 15, 22, 29, 10-11 AM (find the webex links in the event schedule [here](#))

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Guide for the Complementary Area

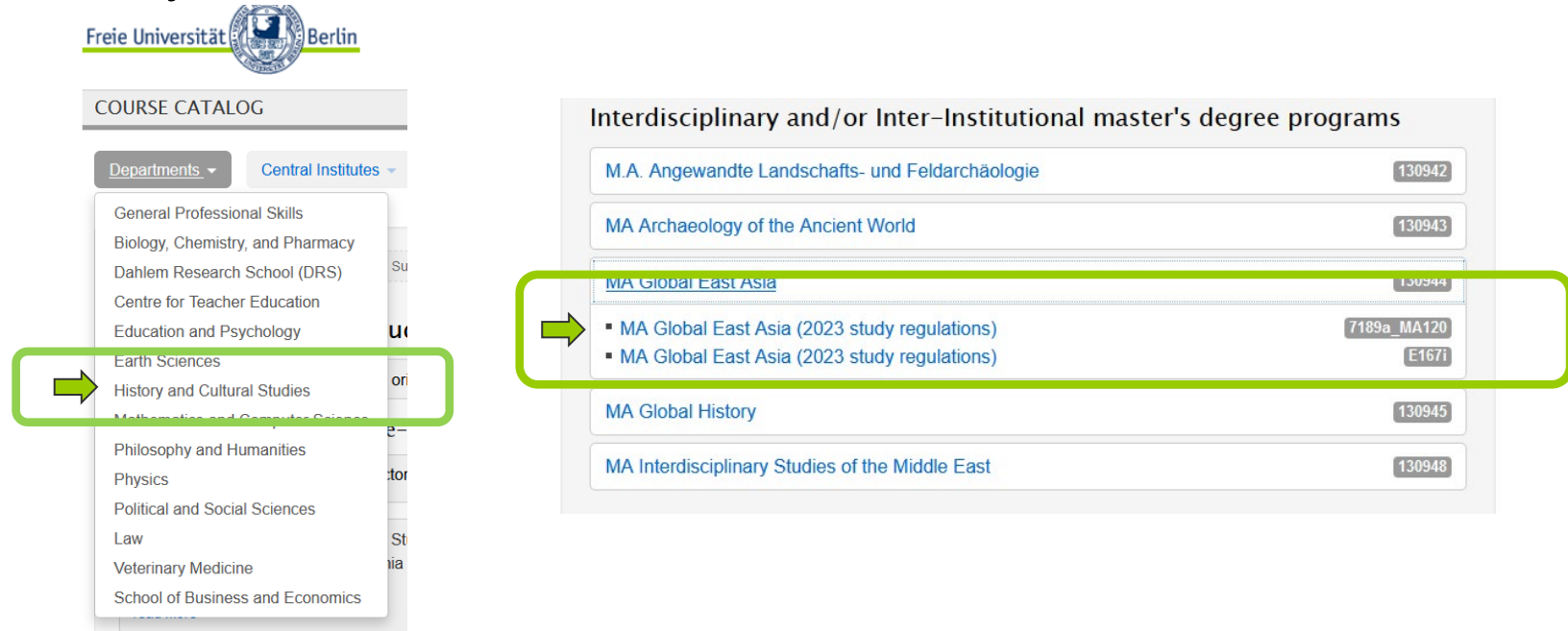
Explore the enriching opportunities within our MAGEA program's complementary area! Students have the flexibility to select modules that enhance their chosen profile areas with interdisciplinary content, crafting an expanded and unified qualification profile.

Here, we provide answers to key questions about course selection, assessment criteria, and registration processes.

➤ [Guide for the Complementary Area](#)

Course Catalog

- Find courses and course information in the [course catalog](#)
- History and Cultural Studies → MA Global East Asia



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Freie Universität Berlin

COURSE CATALOG

Departments ▾ Central Institutes ▾

- General Professional Skills
- Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy
- Dahlem Research School (DRS)
- Centre for Teacher Education
- Education and Psychology
- Earth Sciences
- History and Cultural Studies**
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Philosophy and Humanities
- Physics
- Political and Social Sciences
- Law
- Veterinary Medicine
- School of Business and Economics

Interdisciplinary and/or Inter-Institutional master's degree programs

- M.A. Angewandte Landschafts- und Feldarchäologie 130942
- MA Archaeology of the Ancient World 130943
- MA Global East Asia 130944**
 - MA Global East Asia (2023 study regulations) 7189a_MA120
 - MA Global East Asia (2023 study regulations) E167i
- MA Global History 130945
- MA Interdisciplinary Studies of the Middle East 130948

Course Catalog

→ Check the dates

→ Check the teaching language

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14734 SEMINAR

Legal Practice in Imperial and Modern China: Representations, and Lived Reality

Dagmar Schäfer

→ ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Thu, 2025-12-18 10:00 - 12:00
Online

Thu, 2026-01-15 10:00 - 18:00

Fri, 2026-01-16 12:00 - 18:00

Thu, 2026-02-05 10:00 - 18:00

Fri, 2026-02-06 12:00 - 18:00

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Location: JK 25/138
(Habelschwerdter Allee 45)

Schedule: Termine siehe LV-Details

Class starts on: 2025-12-18

→ **Course language:** English

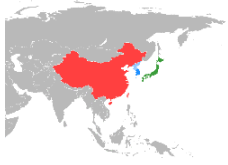
Contact hours: 2

Limited attendance: No
Attendance required: Yes

Modules where this course belongs

Information for pregnant and nursing students

Modules and Courses in Winter Term 2025/26



Area of Specialization - Chinese Studies A/B

14740 Internal and International Chinese Migrations (Bettina Gransow-van Treeck), Thursday 4 – 6 PM

14736 China and International Security (Till Schöfer), Wednesday 6 - 8 PM

14730 Theories and Discourses in Chinese Social Science Studies (Genia Kostka), every second Monday 10 AM – 2 PM

14738 Gender and Society in China (Heike Frick), Monday 2 - 4 PM

14739 AI Governance in China (Genia Kostka), every second Monday 10 AM – 2 PM

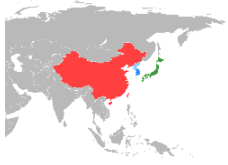
14732 Methodical Perspectives on Religion in China (Christian Meyer), Tuesday 2 - 4 PM

14733 Heterodox Religious Groups in China - From Premodern to Modern Times (Christian Meyer), Wednesday 4 - 6 PM

14734 Legal Practice in Imperial and Modern China: Discourses, Representations, and Lived Reality (Dagmar Schäfer), block seminar

Choose two independent courses!

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Area of Specialization - Japanese Studies A/B

14534 The past, present and future of Japanese capitalism

Steffen Heinrich, Thursday 10 – 12 AM (Seminar); English

14535 The past, present and future of Japanese capitalism

Steffen Heinrich, Thursday 12 – 2 PM (Practice); English

*Register for both
seminar + practice!*

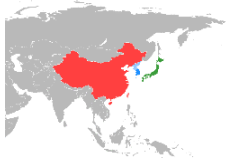
14510/14511 Theory and practice of translation Japanese - German – Japanese

(Elena Giannoulis), Tuesday 12 – 4 PM (Seminar + Practice); German

14532/14533 State and Law

Verena Blechinger-Talcott, Wednesday 10-12 (Seminar), Friday 10-12 (Practice); German

Modules and Courses in Winter Term 2025/26



Area of Specialization - Korean Studies

14627a/14627b Hallyu in Practice: Methods of Cultural Inquiry

Gwendolyn Domning, Sookung Jung, Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM (Seminar + Practice); English

14631a/14631b Korea in East Asia

Vladimir Glomb, Wednesday 12 – 4 PM (Seminar + Practice); English

*Register for both
seminar + practice!*

14626a "Reading" History of North Korea, Hojye Kang, Monday 12 – 2 PM (Seminar) KOR/EN

14626b "Writing" History of North Korea, Hojye Kang, Monday 2 – 4 PM (Practice) KOR/EN

Please note that this course requires prior knowledge of Korean and cannot be taken by beginners or students with lower-level proficiency.

Campus Management (CM)

- Register all courses for the Integrative Area and Area of Specialization via CM
- <https://lb.ecampus.fu-berlin.de/>

Registering Options

Be aware of deadlines!

REGISTER FOR MODULES (COURSES)

- **Campus Management:** Select module > Select course
- **Paper form:** Print the registration form > Collect signatures > Submit to the Office of Academic Affairs

CANCEL MODULES (COURSES)

- **Campus Management:** Select module > Select course > Withdraw from course.
- **Paper form:** Print the withdrawal form > Sign the form > Submit to the Office of Academic Affairs

CHANGE REGISTRATION

- **Campus Management:** Cancel module/course > Select new module > Select course > Register for course
- **Paper form:** Print the registration form > Sign the form > Submit to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Registrations, deregistrations and registration changes

At: Office of Academic Affairs at the Department
of History and Cultural Studies

studienbuero@geschkult.fu-berlin.de

Address:

Fabeckstr. 23/25 (Holzlaube)

Room 1.0104

14195 Berlin

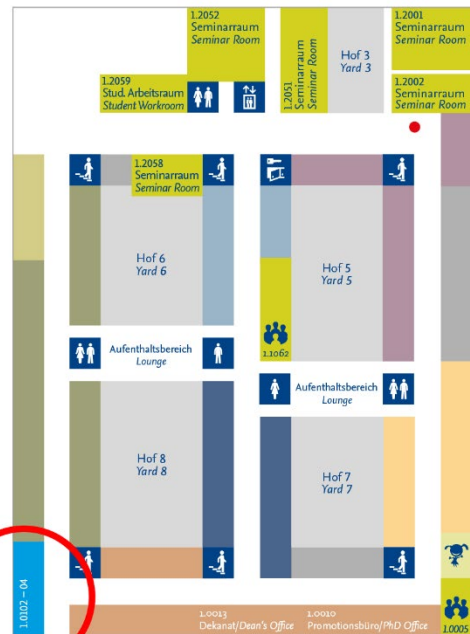
<https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienbuero/index.html>

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Level 1



Habelschwerdter Allee 45



Recognition of Credits

- To recognize study credits, please contact our MAGEA's **coordinator**, who will coordinate it with the MAGEA's **academic advisors** and forward a recommendation to the board of examiners for the transfer of the study credits obtained. The board of examiners will decide on the transfer on the basis of this recommendation.
- **Which credits can be transferred?**
 - E.g. credits from other study programs or other universities or from study abroad, from internships, German language courses)
- Please also consult the department's website on this issue:
https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/master/inter_und_transdisziplinaere_studienbereiche/index.html

Additional Services at Freie Universität Berlin

- [Graduate School of East Asian Studies \(GEAS\)](#)
 - e.g. Joint activities: “Stammtisch” lecture(s), organized by PhDs; Seminars
- [East Asian Library Ressources](#)
 - Introduction session on Oct 29, 2:30 PM, please register in advance [here](#)
- [International Student Support](#)
- [Language Center](#): Register for free German language courses
- [support.point for Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)
- [Writing workshop / Schreibwerkstatt](#) (announced by email)

Graduate School of
East Asian Studies



Application deadlines for Asia in early November!

Study Abroad

- A recommended time for studying abroad is during the 3rd semester of study;
- Transfer of credit points are possible.
- Scholarships are available for Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan/Hong Kong, and globally.

Direct Exchange

- **Study and research worldwide, Deadline: Nov 13, 2025**
- https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_ausland/direkt/index.html

Promos

- **A mobility program for undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students, Deadline: Nov 3, 2025**
- https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_ausland/promos/index.html

Peer Mentoring

Ian Harano Grey

(but I go by Nai (pronounced like Nah-ee))

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Personal information:

Age: 28

Origin: The U.S.

Areas of focus: China and Japan

Languages: English, Japanese, beginner level Chinese and Korean.

Helping with:

- Any initial set-up complications in Berlin
- Visa concerns
- Class selection
- Recommendations in the city
- Access to databases
- Anything that may be confusing starting in the education system here!
- Informal meet ups for museums, art installations, drinks, or picnics.

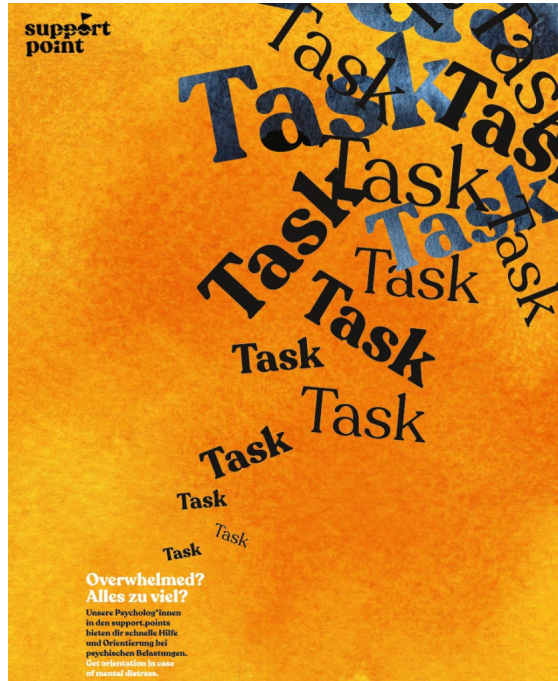


support point

*a project to support mental health and
wellbeing at FU Berlin*



General info about the support.points



- ... first point of contact for all concerns regarding mental health
- ... for study-related or other challenges
- ... at every faculty
- ... with or without appointment
- ... in person and online
- ... anonymous counseling
- ... in German and English, other languages

Information about us (locations, office hours), as well as how to find a therapy place:

https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/mentalwellbeing/Support_Points/index.html



support.point GeschKult

- Fabbeckstraße 23/25, room 1.0103 (access via waiting room 1.0104, corner office between the Institute for Chinese Studies and the Department Administration)
- Consultation hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- Contact/ inquiries: support.point.geschkult@studienberatung.fu-berlin.de
- short notice changes are sometimes necessary – please always check the homepage!



Johanna Lubig

psychologist, psychotherapist in training & mediator

Official Communication Channels

Website:

- Announcement of lectures, events, office hours, and general information about the MAGEA program:
www.fu-berlin.de/magea/

Email:

- Announcement of lectures, special events and activities by the MAGEA team
- Please check your FU mailbox regularly to stay up to date!
- Please make sure to use your FU email address when communicating with advisors, teaching staff, and the administration.

Newsletter for international students by the International Student Support:

- Please register [here](#).

For China-, Korea-, or Japan-specific content, please also visit the respective institute websites and/or subscribe to the respective mailing lists and social media groups.



Questions?

Contact

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Office hours: On-site or online office hours are available by appointment. Register [here](#)

More information under the „Counselling“ section on our website: <https://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/en/e/ma-global-east-asia/counselling/index.html>

Further questions?

Ask us!