Students with a first degree (at least Bachelor’s) acquire a Master of Arts (MA).

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The closing date for applications is 15 June of each year. The graduate program begins in the winter semester and lasts four semesters.

For information on application requirements and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit www.osteuropastudien.de.

We provide knowledge of Eastern Europe
The aim of the graduate program, which is taught in German, is to provide students with expertise in Eastern, East Central and South Eastern area studies.

You will be required to collect 120 ECTS credits over the course of four semesters. You can choose two or three subjects of study.

In addition, you will be required to complete a project course lasting two semesters, intensive language courses, a summer school in Eastern Europe and an internship related to the region.

You will be taught by specialists in East European studies from both Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich and the University of Regensburg.

The Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, the Collegium Carolinum, the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), the Institute for East European Law and the East European Department of the Bavarian State Library are all involved in the graduate program.

By the time you graduate, you will have learned to analyse developments and situations in Eastern Europe and place them in their political, legal, economic, historical and cultural contexts.

In the graduate program, we do not approach Eastern Europe as a closed space, but see it in relation to Western Europe and other major regions. The course explores the various historical meanings of the term “Eastern Europe”. The curriculum is interdisciplinary.

The courses deal with various countries in Eastern Europe, often in a comparative way. Comparisons are also drawn with developments and situations in Western Europe.

Students who wish to embark on this graduate program should have a demonstrable interest in Eastern Europe, an excellent first degree, fluent German, at least basic knowledge of an East European language and proficient English.

We are also interested in applicants who are involved in social and political work.