

Internationaler Masterstudiengang Ethiopian Studies M.A.

Application information

Application period: 15 February - 31 March (winter semester)

Semester start: 1 October (winter semester)

Language(s) of instruction: English

Introduction

Course themes and goals

The Masters course in Ethiopian Studies (MAES) develops and deepens the graduates' knowledge of Ethiopian languages, literatures, cultures and religions. It gives the opportunity to learn the philological method and to apply it to the texts transmitted in manuscripts. The students will be able to analyze texts in Ethiopian languages, both linguistically and philologically, and thus gain insight into such areas of knowledge as history with focus on ancient and premodern history, historical linguistics, religious history of Ethiopia and Eritrea, literature, and manuscript studies.

Admission requirements

(List of all admission requirements as per the current admission bylaws)

University degree

A BA qualification degree from a German or recognized foreign university in a major subject from African or Semitic studies or related fields, in which 45 credit points are from African linguistics, Semitic studies, Philological, Christian Oriental or African studies. As a rule, the transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree must be provided.

If you have not received your degree certificate yet, you can submit this by the end of the first semester of your master's program. Please see the "Documents to submit" section below for details.

Additional special admission requirements

Certificate of linguistic knowledge in English at Level B2 (GERS) and basic knowledge of Geez (Ancient Ethiopic) with 8 credit points (can be submitted on request as an additional service until the end of the second semester).

For details of the legal basis for this regulation, please see the admission bylaws for your chosen degree program: www.uni-hamburg.de/zugang-master

Recognition of transcripts for degree programs completed at foreign higher education institutions

If you obtained your first degree abroad, your certificate will be reviewed during the application procedure in the Faculty of Humanities (Fakultät für Geisteswissenschaften).

If your degree certificate is not in German or English, please include a certified German translation of this together with your application documents.

Application

Online application

You will need to complete the online application available on Universität Hamburg's application portal during the application period: www.uni-hamburg.de/online-bewerbung
Please create a user account, enter your information online, and submit your application electronically.

You will then need to print out your online application and submit it together with the following documents to the application address indicated below.

Documents to submit

Please submit uncertified copies of all documents. For documents not issued in German or English, a certified German translation is required.

- **Signed printout of your online application**
- **Degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records**
If you are still studying when you apply and cannot yet provide a final certificate containing your grades, please submit your current Transcript of Records confirming your provisional grade point average. You will then need to submit your degree certificate by the end of the first semester of your master's program.
- **Transcript of Records**
- **Curriculum vitae** and a short **statement of purpose**, in which you justify your choice of specialization.
- All applicants must provide evidence for **proficiency in English** (equivalent to B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)), which can as well be obtained at the language center of Hamburg University; English native speakers don't need B2 evidence.

Application address

Universität Hamburg
Asien-Afrika-Institut
Abteilung für Afrikanistik und Äthiopistik
Univ.-Prof. Dr. Alessandro Bausi
Edmund-Siemers Allee 1
20146 Hamburg, Germany

(At the same address—Department of African Linguistics and Ethiopian Studies—a publicly accessible mailbox is available.)

Please note that your application can only be considered if your complete application documents reach the **application address** by the application deadline. The date on which your application is received and not the postmark is decisive! This deadline is final; no extensions can be granted.

Please bind all supporting documents required for your application or ensure that loose pages are otherwise bound. The printout of your online application should be the top page. Do not use paper clips, folders, or transparent sleeves.

If you want to submit an **additional special application** (e.g., hardship application), you will need to send this directly to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) together with the required proof separately from the application documents indicated above by the application deadline. For more information on special applications, please see www.uni-hamburg.de/sonderantrag and www.uni-hamburg.de/info-master.

Selection criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, a selection procedure will be necessary:

For details of the legal basis for this regulation, please see the selection bylaws for your chosen master's program: www.uni-hamburg.de/auswahl-master

Admission and enrollment

Once your application has been reviewed, an acceptance or rejection letter will be made available in your STiNE account under the *Dokumente* (Documents) tab. Please see the information on applying online for a master's program for details of when this will become available: www.uni-hamburg.de/international-master. An enrollment deadline will be indicated in your acceptance letter—please submit the documents required for enrollment to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) by this date. Please submit certified copies of all documents—see www.uni-hamburg.de/beglaubigung for details.

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