

## Manuscript Cultures M.A.

### Application Information

**Application period:** 15 February – 31 March (winter term)

**Semester start:** October 1st (winter term)

**Language(s) of instruction:** English

### Introduction

The MA program Manuscript Cultures is a one-year course (60 CP) that conveys central topics in the field of general manuscript research combined with specific skills. The degree program promotes the independent, critical, and analytical work with manuscripts. Students will learn how to conduct cultural and scientific examination of the texts, images, notes and diagrams contained in the manuscripts, including the scientific material analysis. They will develop creative approaches to solving complex scientific and scholarly questions. The range of manuscript cultures covered includes Asian, African, and European cultures.

### Admission Requirements

#### University Degree

A first qualifying degree (BA/Magister Artium/Diplom) from a German or recognized foreign university in one of the subjects taught in the program (African Studies and Linguistics, Ethiopian Studies, Ancient History, Art History, Assyriology, Austronesian Studies, Classical Archaeology, Coptology, Greek Studies, Historical Musicology, Indology, Iranian Studies, Islamic Studies, Japanese Studies, Jewish Philosophy and Religion, Medieval and Modern History, Sinology, Thai Studies, Turkology, Vietnamese Studies) or a related one.

In exceptional cases, the above access requirements may be derogated from the fact that due to special circumstances, at least equivalent qualification and suitability may be assumed.

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

All applicants must provide evidence for proficiency in English equivalent to B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). (English native speakers need not evidence B2.)

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](http://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 your program.

If your degree certificate is not in English or German, please include a copy of a certified English or 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-application](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application)

Please create a user account, enter your information online, and submit your application online.

You will then need to print your online application as a PDF document and submit it together with the following documents to the email address or contact indicated below. You do not need to submit paper documents.

### **Documents to submit**

Please submit one PDF containing all documents by e-mail to: [merryl.rebello@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:merryl.rebello@uni-hamburg.de)

- A copy 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.
- Proof of English language proficiency (at level B2 or higher)
- Letter of motivation  
In a concise letter (1 page max.), please explain what motivates you to study Manuscript Cultures, and which subject area your research interest would fall into. (For an exemplary list of subjects, see the section „University Degree“ above).
- Curriculum Vitae

### **Application address**

The e-mail address for submitting applications to is [merryl.rebello@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:merryl.rebello@uni-hamburg.de).

Please note that your application can only be considered if your complete application documents



reach the application address by the indicated deadline. This deadline is final; no extensions can be granted.

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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/sonderantrag) and [www.uni-hamburg.de/info-master](http://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](http://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 at [www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application). An enrollment deadline will be indicated in your acceptance letter - please submit the documents required for enrollment by this date. Detailed information about the enrollment process is provided at [www.uni-hamburg.de/masterenrollment](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/masterenrollment).

### **Contact**

If you have questions or require further information, please contact

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