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MA in African Studies



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African studies is offered as a two-year postgraduate full-time study programme (120 ECTS-points) leading to a Masters degree (cand. mag.) in African Studies. The teaching is in English and the study environment is international due to a large number of students from abroad.

Competence profile

The programme aims to give students scientific and job related competences which, combined with a bachelor's degree, can lead to employment within the broad area that comprises Denmark's relations with African and other third world countries, regardless of whether the work is carried out in Denmark or in the field. Such employment could concern positions within Danish aid and development activities in developing countries, either as part of public programmes, through the business community or consultancy industry or through non-governmental organisations (NGO). The competences acquired can also lead to employment in international governmental and non-governmental organisations, e.g. within the UN system. In connection with fact finding and reports, Danish institutions can also benefit from the analytical capacity which the study programme provides. Moreover, the programme aims at various parts of the educational sector as well as at communication and information work in general.

The MA programme

The programme is interdisciplinary in nature, with an emphasis on the social-science and humanities disciplines. The study aims to provide in-depth insights into the social and developmental challenges faced by Africa, as well as its religious and cultural conditions. Teaching takes place in the daytime on weekdays. A more in-depth description

of the teaching, courses and exams can be found on the website.

The study programme consist of the following components:

- Compulsory courses: Nature, Population and Society in Africa; African Economics; Politics, Development and Change in Africa and Religion, Culture and Society in Africa
- Optional courses on themes like: Human Rights, Conflicts in Africa, Genocide, Decentralisation, Civil Society, Democratisation, Terrorism, Religion and Politics, Society and Environment, HIV/AIDS in Africa, Foreign Aid Policy etc. The topics vary from semester to semester
- Language course in Kiswahili
- Project work as fieldwork or internship in Africa
- Master Thesis

Admission

Enrolment in the MA programme in African Studies requires a relevant bachelor's degree in either social science, the humanities, theology or within certain disciplines in the life sciences, health sciences (e.g. public health) and natural sciences (e.g. cultural geography).

Other relevant Danish or international qualifications at the same level may also satisfy general entry requirements. It is a precondition that the students has, in his or her bachelor's studies, e.g. through elective courses, acquired knowledge and academic experience that relates to the disciplines that make up the MA programme in African Studies and which can be expanded during the course of studies. Following a specific, individual assessment,

applicants holding a professional bachelor's degree can be admitted if the Study Board for African Studies deems that they have the appropriate educational background.

Tuition fees

- Students from Scandinavia and EU/EEA countries: No tuition fees
- Students from non-EU/EEA countries with a permanent Danish residence permit: No tuition fees
- Students from non-EU/EEA countries: Tuition fees are DKK 53,500 per year

Application deadline

Non EU/EEA-citizens:

January 15th for admission 1 September

EU/EEA-citizens, including Scandinavians:

March 15th for admission 1 September

Danish-citizens:

June 15th for admission 1 September.

The Application form can be downloaded from our website.

Upon receiving your application, we check if it is complete and subsequently process it. Each application will be evaluated individually, based on the admission requirements.

Further information

Read more on our website and for questions contact our student counsellor:

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