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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Since fall 2017, the Faculty of Humanities and Theology at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) has offered the international Elite Master's Programme "Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures" (SDAC). SDAC is a 4-semester postgraduate M.A. programme supported by the Elite-Network of Bavaria. The interdisciplinary curriculum allows students to acquire profound academic and methodological knowledge, as well as additional key skills regarding decision-making processes in East Asia and beyond. This non-consecutive Master's programme draws from the fields of anthropology, philosophy, political science, economics, history, and Chinese Studies. Students will develop a new cross-cultural interdisciplinary context, learn to approach research questions from an academic perspective, and to cultivate their independent thinking. They would be eligible to work in an international environment where they could apply their intercultural sensitivity, interdisciplinary academic expertise, and communication proficiency (in terms of foreign languages, negotiation, and presentation skills).

- 1st & 2nd semester: deepening and widening knowledge in cross-cultural communication and decision-making, methodological training in the humanities, social sciences and summer school
- 3rd semester: mandatory stay at the European Centre for Chinese Studies (ECCS) in Beijing
- 4th semester: Master's Thesis, Degree: Master of Arts

STUDY PROGRAMME

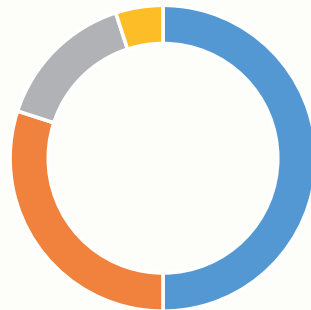
The programme is organised into four semesters. Students must acquire a total of 120 ECTS credit points. During their mandatory stay at the European Centre for Chinese Studies (ECCS) in Beijing, students will be given the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge to both academic and everyday situations in China. The Master's thesis is due at the end of the fourth semester. The study plan includes lectures (including the IKGF lecture series), seminars, and tutorials. All courses are taught in English.

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
Lecture Decision-Making Across Cultures	Influences of Cultural-Religious Variances on Decision-Making Processes	History: Human Resource Management in Late Imperial China	Master's Thesis
Interdisciplinary Methodologies I	Interdisciplinary Methodologies II	Decision-Making in Practice: Economics, Politics and Society in China	
Elective Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Theory • Public Policy Advising • Cultural Sociology 	Elective Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Institutions of Decision-Making • Organisational Sociology and Decision-Making • Macroeconomics 	Elective Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected Lectures in English at Peking University • Modern Chinese Language Training 	
Elective Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Philosophy • International Management • Universal Rights 	Elective Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Chinese Language Training • Comparative Philosophy • Anthropology 	Lecture Series ECCS / Yenching Academy	
Elective Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Transition in China • Culture Philosophy • Anthropological Perspectives on Rationality 	Elective Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture Philosophy • International Business Management • Chinese History of Thought 	Decision-Making in China – Experiences	
Modern Chinese History and Pop Culture	IKGF Interdisciplinary Colloquium		
SDAC Lecture and Workshop Series	SDAC Lecture and Workshop Series		
IKGF Project Work	Summer School		

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SDAC PROGRAMME

- **3rd Semester in Beijing:** selected classes and language classes at the European Centre for Chinese Studies in Peking University. Tuition covered by the programme.
- **Lecture- and Seminar Series:** insights from practitioners and selected scholars. Students can develop and train new sets of skills during workshops.
- **Student-Teacher-Mentoring Programme:** academic consultation and support for students during their time in the programme.
- **Film series:** provides students with additional critique skills through analysing visual representations in intercultural contexts.
- **Financial Funding for intensive German Courses** by the Elite Network of Bavaria

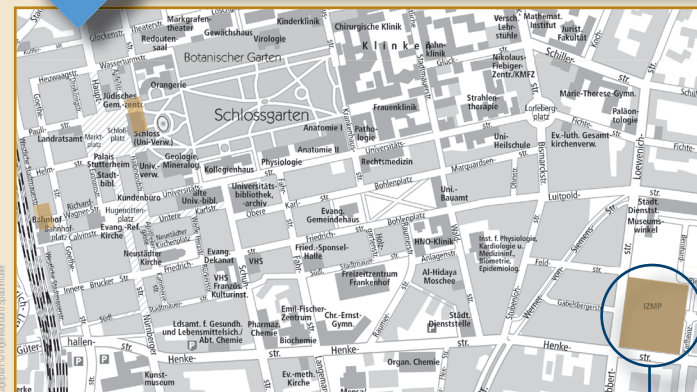
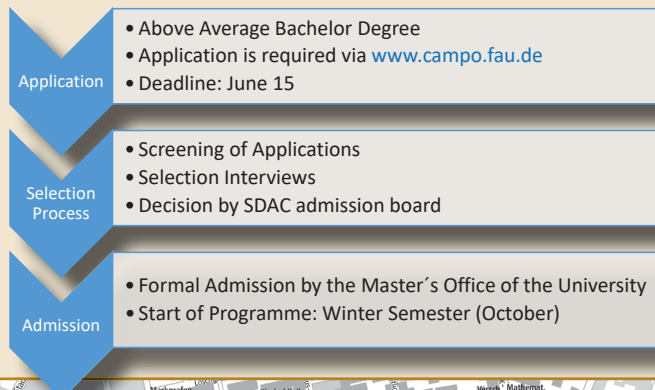
Profile of the SDAC Programme



- Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies
- Practice-Oriented Seminars and Workshops
- Research Methods in the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Language Skills

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

- Graduates with either a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, diploma, magister or state examination.
- English language proficiency of at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or comparable knowledge.
- German language skills with a minimum of A1 of the CEFR (can be submitted within the first year of the programme)



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