MÜSTER CITY

Münster is an ideal place for study and research. It hosts one of Germany's largest universities offering a wide range of academic facilities. It is also a green city with many parks and tree-lined avenues, making any place in the city easy to reach by bike. Münster has an exciting cultural and social life, offering a variety of theatre performances, museums, live concerts, clubs and cinemas.

The Institute of Ethnology offers
- a well equipped library with hard copies of all the major anthropological journals
- wireless-LAN reception
- XEROX facilities/scan-to-mail
- kitchen and lounge
- film equipment
- nearby shops and students' restaurants

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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CONDITIONS OF ADMITTANCE

- Applicants must hold a degree, obtained in a Bachelor course or an equivalent course of at least 6 semesters. It must be a degree in Social or Cultural Anthropology, or in a discipline containing a social anthropological component (min. 15 CP)
- English language proficiency at the level of C1 (7 IELTS, 93 TOEFL) is required!
- Application deadlines vary for European/Non-European citizens, confirm at http://www.uni-muenster.de/Ethnologie/studieren/master/index.html

Start: October
Language of instruction: English (non-obligatory courses may be taught in German).

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PROFILE

Social anthropology studies diverse socio-cultural life-worlds. Social anthropologists explore human diversity, cultural similarities and differences, and modes of communication. Taking history into account, social anthropology is grounded in ethnography subjected to theoretical analyses and description. Social anthropological knowledge facilitates cross- and intercultural understandings. The programme encourages reflexivity and ethically responsible research practices.

The 4 semester curriculum entails three types of modules imparting knowledge of anthropological theories, fieldwork methods/research project development and regional ethnographic knowledge.

ACQUIRED EXPERTISE

- Knowledge of human diversity
- Anthropological perspectives of socio-cultural practices and processes of change
- Conceptual and methodological qualifications in designing and conducting ethnographic research projects
- Culture sensitive approaches in pluralistic social settings
- Skills of mediation and transcultural communication

RESEARCH

The Master's programme leads to conducting a theoretical, empirical or media-oriented research project. Research projects are presented and discussed in a colloquium. Projects based on ethnographic research consist of fieldwork employing standard techniques such as participant observation and interviews and/or audio-visual recordings.

A 'Master Thesis' comprises 60 - 70 pages or 25-30 pages if it is submitted with an ethnographic film (20-25 minutes) or another media project. The degree is awarded after the oral defense of the master thesis/master media project (viva).