



International Master Program in Buddhist Studies Numata Center for Buddhist Studies Hamburg University

INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN BUDDHIST STUDIES

The International Master Program in Buddhist Studies takes an academic approach to Buddhist traditions, ethics, and philosophical perspectives and in doing so, does not treat Buddhism as an isolated phenomenon. We train our students to look at Buddhism as one of a multitude of factors that constitute and shape culture, society, and the intellectual and religious history of a particular region. The program offers the opportunity to study Buddhism based on one of five regional specialized tracks: India, Tibet, China, Japan, or Thailand.

DURATION

4 semesters

SCHEME:

Semester 1+2: Philology, Religions and Cultural History of regional specialization/Topics in Buddhist Studies

Semester 3: Study at a partner University abroad

Semester 4: M.A. Thesis

PROFESSORS

Prof. Dr. Michael Zimmermann (Indian Buddhism)

Prof. Dr. Dorji Wangchuk (Tibetan Studies)

Prof. Dr. Harunaga Isaacson (Indian Tantric Studies)

Prof. Dr. Michael Friedrich (Chinese Studies)

Prof. Dr. Jörg Quenzer (Japanese Studies)

Prof. Dr. Volker Grabowsky (Thai Studies)

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Dehn (Religious Studies)

APPLICATION PERIOD

Winter term: February 15 to March 31 and June 1 to July 15

Summer term: December 1 to January 15

TUITION FEE/SCHOLARSHIPS

Students must pay a minimal semester fee to cover administrative costs. At the moment we cannot offer regular scholarships.

Information on the beginning of lectures, vacation etc. can be found here.

APPLICATION/GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Official online application form
- Copy of legally attested certificate of a university degree Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Licentiate (Staatsexamen)
- Curriculum vitae
- Brief statement of motivation (please mention your regional specialisation you apply for)
- Evidence for proficiency in English (equivalent to B2 level of the CEFR)

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Depending on the regional specialization you choose there are different requirements:

India

- Academic degree related to Buddhist Studies, Religious Studies or Indology (minim. 45 ECTS)
- 30 ECTS for language courses in Sanskrit or Pali or placement test

Tibet

- Academic degree related to Tibetan, Buddhist or Religious Studies (minim. 45 ECTS)
- 30 ECTS for language courses in Classical Tibetan or placement test
- Tibetan native speakers: 20 ECTS for language courses in Classical Tibetan

China

- Academic degree related to Chinese Studies
- 50 ECTS for language courses in Chinese (not necessary for Chinese native speakers)

Japan

- Academic degree related to Japanese Studies
- 50 ECTS for language courses in Japanese
- or 44 SWS (semester hours per week) of Japanese language courses, or (old) level 2 of JLPT, or placement test (not necessary for Japanese native speakers)
- Applicants must provide evidence for proficiency in German

Thailand

- Academic degree related to Thai Studies
- 25 ECTS for language courses in Thai (not necessary for Thai native speakers)

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