

MA African Studies Information as of February 2026

Study Scheme



UNIVERSITÄT
BAYREUTH

| | Winter Semester (S ₁) | | | | Summer Semester (S ₂) | | | Winter Semester (S ₃) | | Summer Semester (S ₄) | |
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| General Participation | A ₁ | L ₁ | G ₁ | B (x ₃) | A ₂ | L ₂ | G ₂ | A ₃ | P ₁ | G ₃ | |
| Anthro | | | | | C ₁ | C ₂ | C ₃ | C ₄ | | M ₁ | M ₂ |
| Sociology/ Politics | | | | | D ₁ | D ₂ | D ₃ | D ₄ | | M ₁ | M ₂ |
| Religion | | | | | E ₁ | E ₂ | E ₃ | E ₄ | | M ₁ | M ₂ |
| Research Exchange | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | Module Title | Form of Examination | Anthro | Soc | Reli |
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| A1 | Introduction to African Studies | Essays (Pass/Fail) | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| A2 | Interdisciplinary Seminar (co-taught) | Presentation & Term paper | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| A3 | Topical Debates on Africa | Portfolio Examination | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| B1 | Seminar in Social & Cultural Anthropology in Africa | Portfolio Examination | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| B2 | Seminar in Sociology and Politics in Africa | Portfolio Examination | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| B3 | Seminar in the Study of Religion in Africa | Portfolio Examination | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| C1 | World Anthropologies | Term Paper/Final Exam | 5 | | |
| C2 | Seminar in Anthropology | Presentation/Essay | 5 | | |
| C3 | Research Design & Project Development (Anthro) | Research Proposal | 5 | | |
| C4 | Data analysis of the anthropological research project | Portfolio Examination | 5 | | |
| D1 | Social and Political Processes in Africa | Oral Exam | | 5 | |
| D2 | Africa's Global Entanglements | Term paper | | 5 | |
| D3 | Research Design & Project Development (SocPol) | Research Proposal | | 5 | |
| D4 | Current Events, Trends, and Debates in/on African Politics & Society | Presentation with Essay/ Term Paper | | 5 | |
| E1 | Seminar in the Study of Religion I | Portfolio Examination | | | 5 |
| E2 | Seminar in the Study of Religion II | Essay or Term Paper | | | 5 |
| E3 | Research Design & Project Development (Religion) | Research Proposal | | | 5 |
| E4 | Seminar in the Study of Religion – Wider Perspectives | Exam/Term Paper/Portfolio | | | 5 |
| G | Electives | Depends on chosen module | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| L | Languages | Exams | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| P1 | Study Project | Research Report | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| M1 | Master Research Seminar | Presentation | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| M2 | Master's Thesis | Thesis | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| Total | | | 120 | 120 | 120 |

1 Colour Scheme

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| General | Navigating the Disciplines | Sociology/Politics | Religion | Anthropology |
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