

The MA Program in German and European Studies

Head of the program: **Prof. Eli Salzberger**

Track A (with an M.A. Thesis)

216201-18-02, 216201-18-03, 216201-18-04, 216201-18-05

Track B (with a final exam)

216202-18-02, 216202-18-03, 216202-18-04, 216202-18-05

The Haifa Center for German and European Studies (HCGES) is a joint venture of the University of Haifa and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD – Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst). HCGES was founded in 2007 with the goal of exposing students, researchers, and the community at large to a rich spectrum of topics related to modern Europe, and Germany in particular, since 1945.

The international MA program in German and European Studies at the University of Haifa is being launched as part of the teaching activities of the HCGES. The MA program is designed to acquaint students with topics related to Germany and Europe, highlighting Jewish and Israeli perspectives as well as the relationship between the Middle East and Europe. The program is interdisciplinary and allows students to approach German and European studies from a variety of angles while providing students with the opportunity to engage with other departments for a well-rounded education.

The Academic Program

The MA program in German and European Studies aims to deepen students' knowledge of Germany, Europe, and the European Union. The program is structured using the "area studies" model and offers a challenging and unique interdisciplinary curriculum that combines many fields of study including economics, law, political science, geography, environmental studies, sociology, history and literature. In addition to the core curriculum, students in the program acquire a strong command of the German language by studying 4-8 language hours per week. The program is available in two tracks: a thesis track and a non-thesis track. Students have the option to complete the program in one or two calendar years.

Study Tour

The program includes a study tour to Germany and other European countries. From Today and the Past the study tour is built around a chosen theme which changes every year. During the study tour, students visit EU institutions as well as other sites relevant to their Mobility and Popular studies. The cost of the study tour is not included in the program tuition. Culture between Europe and the

Admission Requirements

- * accredited BA degree with a minimum grade of 80%
- * Candidates from abroad must have completed an undergraduate degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.0, 80%, or the equivalent.

Candidates who have not graduated from an academic institution where the language of instruction is English, or who are not native English speakers, must submit official TOEFL scores of at least 570 (in a written test), 230 (in a computerized test), 89 (in an internet test) to be considered for admission, or 6 in a IELTS test.

List of courses

Required Courses	semester hours
Research Methods	2
Modern German History	3
Introduction to German Society	3
Introduction to German Economy	2
Basic Principles of German Law	3
Introduction to German Culture after 1945	2
The European Union	3
Colloquium: Topics in German and European Studies	2
German Language	4

A Selection of Elective Courses (this list may be subject to change)

German-Israeli Relations 1948-1989	3
Contested Europe: Lessons From Today and the Past	2
Mobility and Popular Culture between Europe and the United States 1890–1945	2
Religion and Politics- Conflicts, Contests, Concepts Perspectives from Israel, Turkey and Germany	
German Media	1
Human Nature: Germany, Europe, and the Good News about Climate Change	2
EU Security	2

Requirements for completing studies in the program

Track A (thesis track): 28 semester-hours (SH) and a final research paper (thesis) which counts for 40 percent in the final grade for the degree.

Track B (non-thesis track): 36 SH

Final (weighted) grade composition (track A):

Thesis 40%

Seminars (2) 34%

Courses 26%

Final (weighted) grade composition (track B):

Final assignment 20%

Seminars (3) 42%

Courses 38%