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Master (M.A.) Cultural Relations and Migration



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Academic Degree

→ Master of Arts (MA)

Duration of studies

→ 2 semester full time
→ 4 semester part time

Master of Arts Cultural Relations and Migration

The post-graduate MA Programme Cultural Relations and Migration is a one-year programme open to university graduates who have experience working in psychological, social, educational or cultural fields at a national or international level. Lecturers with a broad scientific, practical and research experience will work with you on the following topics:

- diversity, citizenship and inter/transcultural education
- group focused conflict, discrimination and racism
- psychosocial approaches to working in conflict regions
- psychosocial approaches to working with refugees
- multilingualism and language politics
- migration and globalisation

Why study Cultural Relations and Migration at SFU Berlin? The programme combines theory, practice and empirical research on cultural relations and migration. At our University in the heart of Berlin you also learn from many examples of good practise in this diverse city. Experienced lecturers and practitioners from different research and practical fields build the faculty. The courses cover a wide spectrum in the field of migration and cultural relations. Students not only gain experience in academic work but also put their knowledge into practice during their three month projects and are enabled to broaden their network and gain work experience.

If you are interested in studying in an international and interdisciplinary group and want to enhance your qualifications for work in international and diverse settings, this programme is the right choice for you.

Career Opportunities

This post-graduate programme qualifies for working in a variety of working fields such as inter/transcultural education, social management with a focus on migration, anti-discrimination and anti-racism work, psychosocial work and work with refugees in migration societies and post-conflict areas. You will be qualified to implement your own concepts and ideas in the field of migration and to take on positions in educational institutions, psychosocial organisations and in (inter)national, governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Admission Criteria

- first university degree – 240 ECTS (applicants with less than 240 ECTS can participate and will receive a certificate at the end of the programme)
- first work experience after graduation
- good knowledge of English

Application

The academic year starts in the winter semester of every year. For your application please send us a resume, a motivation letter and a copy of your university certificate via email to office@sfu-berlin.de

Study Plan and Module Description

Cultural Relations and Migration (M.A.)

Module 1

Theoretical Approaches and Methods

8 ECTS

Tutorial: Scientific Work and Study Skills (2 SWS)

This tutorial gives students orientation in their study programme during their first semester. It is a forum for exchange and reflection. Students are introduced to methods and practice of academic work and academic writing such as using the library system, literature review, giving presentations and writing seminar papers.

Seminar: Diversity Training and Biography Work (2 SWS)

In this introductory course we discuss and reflect experiences of our own biographies in regard to culture, socialisation and diversity. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about education and migration, psychosocial interventions in transcultural settings and anti-discrimination work. They will deepen their awareness for causes and forms of inclusion and exclusion and become more aware of processes of identity building dealing with conflicts of belonging and difference. The seminar helps to develop more transcultural competences, communication skills and supports the team building in the different verse study groups of the programme.

Seminar: Group Focused Enmity- Challenges for professional action (2 SWS)

The current debate and manifestations of racism such as anti-semitism and anti-sinti and -roma racism are at the center of this seminar. To complete the picture attitude studies will be presented. Following this the current discourse in social science will be analysed, in which these phenomena occur. Using methods from educational and psychosocial practice we analyse how the different approaches try to solve the discussed phenomena.

Module 2

Psychosocial Dimensions of Persecution, War and Forced Migration

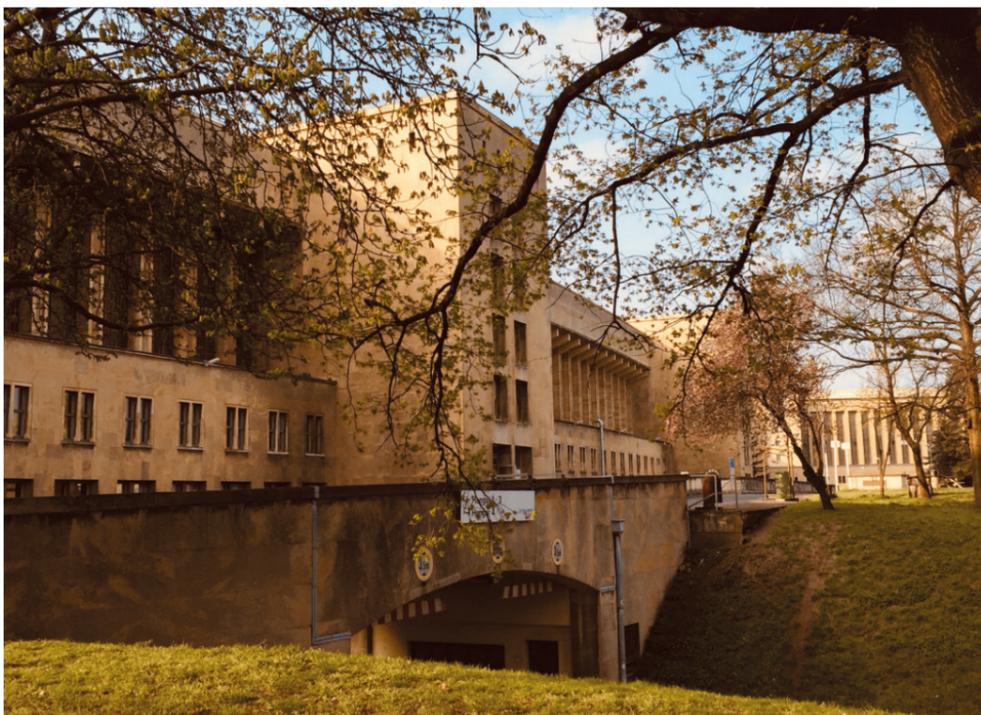
8 ECTS

Seminar: Psychosocial approaches for working in (post)conflict areas (2 SWS)

This seminar is an introduction to psychosocial concepts and methods for working in conflict and post-conflict areas. More specifically an introduction to psychosocial conflict analysis is given and the conceptual meanings and implications of the terms persecution/fear, destruction/trauma and loss/grief is explained. The seminar focusses on practical work in „Ongoing Conflicts“ and on issues of „Dealing with the Past“(post conflict scenarios). The complicated role of International Cooperation/International Aid is discussed.

Seminar: Psychosocial approaches for working with refugees (2 SWS)

The topic of this course is psychosocial working areas in connection with forced migration. We will focus on psychological and social consequences of war and flight, as well as on issues of participation and the construction of belonging in the receiving society. We will critically interrogate the term integration will be interrogated and explore what theoretical models are offered by social sciences and what specific characteristics of trauma and psychological stresses in the context of migration and exile exist. We will analyse psychological concepts for working with refugees and migrants within the receiving society. We will move beyond intervention strategies focusing on an exclusively “therapeutic” perspective in order to understand the importance of broader approaches of psychological, social and educational interventions.



Module 3

Migration and Education

8 ECTS

Seminar: Education in Migration Societies (2 SWS)

This seminar is an introduction to theory and practice of intercultural/transcultural education. We will work with different concepts of education in migration societies and analyse them in regard to their historical, cultural and societal meaning. The history of migration in Europe and Germany, as well as the current situation of global migration (case studies) are the basis for this course. Good practice examples from the field of global education, community education and democratic education will be introduced.

Lectures on Transcultural Working Fields (2 SWS)

The lecture series looks at working fields of cultural relations and migration and practice examples its working practices. Approaches of intercultural/transcultural work as well as experiences from grass root projects against discrimination and racism are introduced and discussed. The metropolis Berlin with its different fields of migration and cultural relations will be explored. Researchers and stakeholders from different governmental and non-governmental organisations share their experiences and give the possibility for a critical review of their work and encourage student's projects and master theses.

Module 4

Mediation and Conflict Transformation

8 ECTS

Theory and Practice of Mediation (2 SWS)

How can we approach conflicts in a constructive way? And how can we transform and use conflicts? What is necessary to transform conflicts and which tools and methods can help? „Theory and Practice of Mediation“ offers an introduction to mediation as Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and procedures to resolve conflicts. In this course we will cover: conflict theories, emergence of conflicts and escalation, conflict analysis, conflict management as well as context oriented, detailed and empathetic communication. The framework and multidisciplinary background of mediation will be presented. The phase model of mediation as well as essential mediation methods and approaches will be introduced in regard to their underlying theory and in their practical application and use.

Mediation for the implementation of diversity competence (2 SWS)

Conflict and diversity skills are essential foundations for successful communication, especially in trans- and intercultural encounters and relationships. Mediation as an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedure and a methodical approach to conflict resolution offers a framework for the implementation of diversity competence. How can communication and cooperation processes be stimulated and implemented based on the individual combination of differences and similarities among those involved? How can we use mediation and mediative communication to find win-win-orientation and satisfactory solutions in conflicted situations? We address these and other questions in this seminar through practical applications of mediation competence imparted in the first seminar of this module.

Module 5

Project

12 ECTS

Seminar: Introduction and Preliminary Project Planning (2 SWS)

This course looks at the planning, implementing and evaluation of projects conducted by the students in the field of migration and cultural relations. In the first part basic knowledge of project management and the requirements for a successful project in an intercultural/transcultural field are introduced. Students develop their own project ideas from what they learned in other courses and plan its implementation in a working field.

Colloquium: Supervised Project Work (2 SWS)

In the phase of implementing the students projects we offer a problem centered coaching. Students report about their experiences with their projects and questions that are related to the implementation of the projects will be discussed by using methods of colleague consulting and peer support.

Master Thesis

16 ECTS

Colloquium: Writing the Master Thesis (2 SWS)

The colloquium provides deeper knowledge in scientific writing and research methods for writing the master thesis. Research plans and results in the field of qualitative research can be presented and discussed with other students in this research colloquium.