

## **Study Regulations for the Master's Degree Course in Chinese Studies at Leipzig University<sup>1</sup>**

On the basis of the Law on the Freedom of Universities in the Free State of Saxony (Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz – SächsHSFG) as amended and promulgated on 15th January 2013 (SächsGVBl. page 3) and last amended by the Law to Change the Freedom of Universities in the Free State of Saxony on 15th October 2017 (SächsGVBl. page 546), Leipzig University issues the following Study Regulations.

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## **§ 1 Areas of Application**

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<sup>1</sup> This English translation is intended to allow English-speaking readers a better understanding of the Examination and Study Regulations. It is solely for information purposes and only the German version is legally binding.

<sup>2</sup> Module descriptions are only published in the electronic version of the Official Bulletins on the Leipzig University website.

Based on the examination regulations for the Master's Degree Course Chinese Studies, these study regulations set out objectives, contents, and structure of the Masters's Degree Course Chinese Studies leading to the degree Master of Arts (M.A.).

## **§ 2 Admission Requirements**

- (1) General qualification for the degree course is proven by a first professionally recognised degree qualification or a qualification from a state or state-recognised university of cooperative education (German "Berufsakademie").
- (2) Subject-specific admission requirements are:
  - a. Competence in spoken and written Mandarin at upper level/*gaoji*, grade 5 of the new HSK-exam (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi of 2010), TOCFL (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language) Band B Level 3, or equivalent certification.
  - b. English language competence at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or an equivalent, internationally recognized test certificate (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS).
- (3) All applicants must prove that they have passed an aptitude test carried out in accordance with the Aptitude Test Regulations for the Master's Degree Course Chinese Studies at Leipzig University.
- (4) If admission to the programme is refused, reasons must be provided alongside information on the candidate's right to appeal. Appeals to rejections can be entered within one month after receipt of the rejection notification. Appeals must be submitted in writing or as an oral statement to be recorded at the Faculty of History, Arts and Oriental Studies which will have a period of three months to reach a decision on the appeal.

## **§ 3 Course Start**

The degree course can start at the beginning of the winter and summer semesters.

## **§ 4**

### **Length of Study and Workload**

- (1) The regular period of study comprises four semesters including the Master's thesis. The entire scope of the student workload required for the Master's degree course in Chinese Studies corresponds to 120 credits.
- (2) The degree course can also be completed as part-time study. More information is available in the current version of the university-wide part-time studies regulation.

## **§ 5**

### **Course Subject Matter and Study Aims**

- (1) The Master's degree course in Chinese Studies is a consecutive education Master's programme.
- (2) It is a highly research-focused degree course.
- (3) The aim of the Chinese Studies Master's programme is to enable students to conduct independent scholarly research on issues relating to China on the basis of philological, historical, and cultural studies as well as humanities and social science theories and methods. The students deepen their language skills as well as the basic knowledge of Chinese culture and society acquired in a BA programme. Furthermore, the students develop their scholarly and intercultural skills in such a way that after successful completion of the MA programme they either qualify for a doctoral degree programme or can enter an internationally oriented professional field.
- (4) In particular, students will learn the philological skills and tools to explore and process historical and contemporary original language sources. This enables them to develop their own research questions as well as ways and means to answer them.
- (5) The degree course Chinese Studies concludes with the Master of Arts<sup>1</sup> as a professionally recognised degree.

## **§ 6**

### **Forms of Teaching**

- (1) Forms of Teaching are
  - Seminar
  - Reading class
  - Internship
  - Language course
  - Colloquium
- (2) The module supervisor can stipulate that a learning platform be used in addition to seminar/lecture hours for teaching the course content.

## **§ 7 Tutorials**

Within the existing capacities, tutorials take place to support the students.

## **§ 8 Structure and Degree Course Content**

- (1) A total of 120 credits are awarded in the Chinese Studies Master's degree course of which 30 are awarded for the Master's thesis.
- (2) A total of 60 credits will be achieved in each year of study. Credits will be awarded for passed module examinations. One credit is equivalent to a student workload of 30 hours' worth of seminar/lecture hours and private study hours as well as for preparing for and sitting examinations. As a rule, the total student workload should not exceed 1,800 hours per year of study including the semester breaks. In the case of part-time study (§ 4 paragraph 2) the student workload is reduced proportionally to the duration of the part-time studies.
- (3) The course content is taught in modules. Modules contain definable subject areas that are related to each other technically or thematically. They include subject-related teaching units of various forms and end with a module examination. Modules are worth credits that correspond to their workload. They conclude with a module examination that normally consists of one, but no more than two, examination components. Credits are awarded based on the results of these examinations. In general, one module is worth 5 or 10 credits. There are two basic types of modules:
  1. Required modules: To be completed by all students;

2. Elective modules: Students are free to choose within certain thematic areas.
- (4) The programme is divided into three sections. In the first year of study, four of the elective modules offered must be chosen, the participation requirements of which are fulfilled by the student. Furthermore, students take the two required language modules "Advanced Chinese for MA Students" (03-SIN-4011) and "Advanced Reading Skills" (03-SIN-4012). During their studies, students attend two research practice seminars (03-SIN-5011, 03-SIN-5012), which familiarise them with scholarly investigation and research practice. Of the elective modules offered, up to two modules can be replaced by modules acquired within the framework of cooperation agreements between the East Asian Institute and partner institutes within and outside the University of Leipzig. The importation of modules outside such cooperation agreements requires special agreement.
  - (5) The Master's programme includes a "Research Internship" (03-SIN-5001), which students usually complete in the third semester. The internship is supervised by a faculty member of the Institute of East Asian Studies. The examination performance consists of an internship report of ten pages.
  - (6) Courses are usually offered in English.
  - (7) Usually the Master's thesis is written alongside the candidate's degree studies in the second year of study. It is equivalent to a student workload of 30 credits.

## **§ 9 Study Abroad**

- (1) A period of study spent abroad is generally recommended. It must be organised by the student (with help from the responsible institution). Students who want the course and the examination components completed abroad to be factored into their final grade are recommended to seek out the Student Advisory Service and enter into a study agreement before they leave the country.
- (2) On request, course and examination components completed abroad can be factored into the final grade according to § 16 of the Examination Regulations.

## **§ 10**

### **Master's Degree Course Modules**

The Master's degree course in Chinese Studies comprises the modules listed in the appendix.

## **§ 11**

### **Master's Degree Course Qualification**

The Master's degree course is completed with the Master's examination, which is made up of the module examinations taken during the course of studies and the Master's thesis as well as the supervised internship.

## **§ 12**

### **Student Advisory Service**

- (1) General student advice is provided by the Central Student Advisory Service of Leipzig University. It covers questions on study options, enrolment modalities and general questions concerning student life.
- (2) Expert advice relating to study organisation is provided during the course of studies by the respective course adviser.
- (3) Students should consult their adviser in the third semester if they have not produced a record of achievement by the time this semester begins.

## **§ 13**

### **Legal Validity and Publication**

- (1) These Study Regulations will come into force on .... They will be published in the Official Bulletins of Leipzig University.
- (2) The Study Regulations were passed by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of History, Arts and Oriental Studies on ... . They were approved by the Rectorate on... .

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