The acquired knowledge from the fields of sinology, history, philosophy, religious studies, economics, social and cultural anthropology, and the history of science will enable them to gain skills in the fields of communication and critical thinking, as well as to work in an independent, solution-oriented, critical, analytical, and application-oriented manner in various professional circumstances requiring expertise from humanities, area studies, and social sciences.

### Degree

Master's Degree (Master of Arts)

The specific expertise opens **job perspectives** for the graduate in professions concerned with culture, politics and business, as well as in intercultural work environments where the aforementioned fields of study intersect. Graduates will be capable to take a culturally sensitive and discerning stance when participating in real world decision-making, both in an international and specifically Asian-European context. Their skills and expertise to operate in an international environment qualifies them for leadership positions.

### Application

The programme can be started for the **winter term, beginning in October**. The current **period of application** for the winter term 2017 **ends on July, 15th, 2017**.

Application is required via [www.campo.fau.de](http://www.campo.fau.de).

### Further Information

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Study Programme

Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC) is an interdisciplinary study programme that allows the students to acquire profound academic and methodological knowledge, as well as additional key skills regarding decision-making processes in East Asia. The MA degree program requires a BA degree of variable disciplinary orientation. Applicants with one of these degrees are admitted only after a successful selection interview if they have an overall grade of at least 2.00 or if they are one of the best 50 p.h. of their year. If they have an overall grade of 2.01-2.5 or if they are one of the best 60 p.h. of their year they have to prove further qualifications that are relevant for the Master's degree programme. Further admission requirements include English language proficiency of at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or comparable knowledge (UNIcert C2) and German language skills with a minimum of A1 of the CEFR (can be submitted within the first year of the programme).

Students may choose their academic focus (linguistic-cultural, comparative-philosophical, cultural-religious) by selecting accordingly from the courses offered at the FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg as well as the ECCS in Beijing. During their obligatory stay at the European Centre for Chinese Studies (ECCS) in Beijing, students will be given the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge to both academic and everyday situations in China.

The programme is organised into four semesters. Students must acquire a total of 120 ECTS credit points. The Master's thesis is due at the end of the fourth semester. The study plan includes lectures (including the IKGF lecture series), seminars and tutorials. All courses are held in English.

For a detailed description please refer to the catalogue of modules on our website:

www.sdac.studium.fau.de

Study Abroad Unit

Students are required to spend their third semester at Beijing University (European Centre for Chinese Studies (ECCS) as no environment suits the purpose of learning Chinese as a foreign language better than China. Teaching is carried out by experienced language instructors who teach their classes almost entirely in Chinese and encourage students to speak, read and write from the very beginning of their stay.

As one of China’s most prestigious universities, Beijing University is home to a great variety of study subjects and research fields. This is reflected in the teaching provided by the respective institutions on campus. It will comprise a variety of courses with different subjects (mainly in English and mainly from the fields of humanities and social sciences) for students to choose from.

Course Objectives

Students shall acquire profound academic and methodological knowledge, as well as additional key skills regarding decision-making processes in East Asia. Over the course of the degree program, students receive profound insights into the processes of decision-making, e.g. in entrepreneurial, political, and cultural situations (rational choice theories in particular). They will develop a new cross-cultural perspective on decision-making processes, utilize their knowledge in an interdisciplinary context, learn to approach research questions from an academic perspective and to cultivate their independent thinking. These qualities will eventually enable them to delicately deal with intracultural and cross-cultural decision-making processes.