



## Call for Applications 2023

### Elite Master's Program "Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures" (SDAC)

In 2017, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU) has established the Elite Master's Program (M.A.) Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC), generously funded by the Elite Network of Bavaria.

The transdisciplinary SDAC-program has a strong focus on cultural studies and the social sciences (particularly Anthropology and Sociology) as its guiding disciplines, while also including courses in Political Science, History, Economics, Religious Studies, Human Rights and Asian Studies, alongside thematically defined interdisciplinary courses. Each course foregrounds the respective discipline's contribution to the study of (trans-)culturally embedded decision-making and social agency. The program combines a regional focus on Greater China and Maritime Southeast Asia, with a general training in intercultural competences from a decidedly non-Eurocentric trans-regional perspective.

SDAC offers students several opportunities for studying abroad. With various cooperation with prestigious institutions in Europe, East Asia, and Southeast Asia, students have the option to choose freely which countries and areas they want to go to and which academic profile they want to develop. During their stay abroad, students apply their theoretical and methodological training in everyday life situations and systematically reflect upon it.

They may conduct fieldwork and/or internships in Germany or another country. The program also organizes career talks and workshops with practitioners from various fields, in order to prepare students for leadership positions in international and intercultural settings in (and beyond) Asia and Europe.

The SDAC Elite Master's Program is international, with highly motivated students from across the world and an exceptionally small student-faculty ratio. Students receive various forms of personal mentoring and support. All classes are taught in English. The program actively cooperates with distinguished institutions in Europe, Asia, and North America.

The four-semester Elite Graduate Program (M.A.) **requires a B.A. degree in the social sciences and humanities from a wide variety of disciplines.** The latest submission date for applications is **July 15th** every year. Teaching starts in mid-October. Early applications are encouraged, especially for international students. The SDAC admission committee will be meeting in **April, May, and July** and sends out invitations for selection interviews shortly afterwards. Applications can be submitted as soon as the online portal "campo" opens on **February 9th**. It is **recommended to apply as early as possible** to guarantee early processing of the application. Applicants from outside Germany should **pay attention to visa processing deadlines**. Depending on the country, visa processing may take several months. Should your application have been reviewed but not be accepted for **early admission**, you will be informed whether you have been placed on the waiting list.

As it is common at German public universities, the M.A. program does not charge tuition fees (except a small administrative fee per semester). For further information, please contact us or consult our website at <https://www.sdac.studium.fau.de/home/application/> and see the FAQs: <https://www.sdac.studium.fau.de/faqs/>.

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