Studying in Bielefeld

As a university internationally regarded for its top-level research and innovative teaching concepts, Bielefeld University makes a significant contribution to a progressive and participatory knowledge society. It is an attractive, family-friendly place to work and study and is characterized by an open communication culture, lived interdisciplinarity, diversity and freedom for personal development. Around 25,000 young people study at the 13 faculties of Bielefeld University, which cover a wide range of subjects in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences and technology. In addition, a medical faculty is in the process of being established. A degree at Bielefeld University opens doors for young people to national and international job markets. With a variety of subject combinations in the Bachelor’s programme, a broadly-based catalogue of elective courses and an interdisciplinary Master’s programme students can look beyond the bounds of their subject. Through their academic studies, they not only acquire specific specialist knowledge, but also the ability to think critically and analytically, to reflect upon and to solve problems. These skills are particularly important in preparing them for the challenges arising from an ever more rapidly changing job market. With this in mind, Bielefeld University attaches great importance to the teaching of civil courage, respect, willingness to take responsibility and the ability to work together constructively.

Living in the loveable city of Bielefeld

With more than 335,000 inhabitants, Bielefeld is one of the 20 largest cities in Germany. Bielefeld is greener than almost any other major city – thanks to its location in the Teutoburg Forest and its numerous parks and green corridors, which wind through the city with long hiking routes. If it is the buzz of urban life you seek, there are plenty of bars, clubs and cultural activities at Siegfried Platz – affectionately known by the locals as ‘Siggi’ – in the west of Bielefeld, at Kesselbrink and on the Boulevard. The mixture of urban flair and almost village-like harmony that makes Bielefeld what it is: an especially loveable city to live in.

Studying InterAmerican Studies/Estudios Interamericanos in Bielefeld

The MA InterAmerican Studies/Estudios Interamericanos is an interdisciplinary program, which covers courses from various disciplines, such as Literary and Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Linguistics, History, Sociology and Political Sciences. InterAmerican Studies subscribe to Area Studies and focus on the transnational entanglements between the individual regions of the Americas (North and Latin America, as well as the Caribbean). The MA program is an international track taught entirely in English and Spanish, providing students with insights into both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking regions of the Americas. It accommodates a large number of international students and various cooperation programs with universities in North and Latin America. Moreover, the Masters offers two DAAD-funded exchange programs with Mexico and Argentina, as well as the option to pursue a DAAD-funded double degree program with the Maestría en Literaturas Interamericanas at the Universidad de Guadalajara.

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The Master's degree (120 credit points) deepens the competences and knowledge acquired in the Bachelor's degree and serves to develop the thematic focus. The Master's programme InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos concludes with the Master of Arts (M.A.).

Students of this program are trained in both English and Spanish to become interdisciplinary experts in international affairs, cultural, social and communicative practices. As part of the job market, universities face the task of training students in the field of media literacy. The MA program InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos offers media study projects on a regular basis. The Master in InterAmerican Studies has an international focus, enriched by different exchanges and cooperation with several universities in North and Latin America, which provide options to study abroad. This allows students to complement their academic profile and define their interests as well as their professional perspectives. To ensure the best preparation before the exchange, students receive individual counseling from the host university. A stay abroad not only gives students the opportunity to learn about different cultures and to improve their languages, but it also opens up other possibilities of acquiring indispensable intercultural skills.

Career prospects

The MA program in InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos equips the graduate students with bilingual linguistic skills and profound knowledge of the cultural, social and historical landscape of the Americas. The interdisciplinary character of the MA allows for flexibility of career choice. Students of InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos receive individual counseling from the lecturers in selecting their specific profile. Graduates of the MA program work in different areas, such as management consultancy, public relations, or media. They can also find work in universities and language schools.

Further information:

www.uni-bielefeld.de/ias/doubledegree.html

Research at the Faculty of Linguistics and Literary Studies

InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos holds several funded research programs such as ‘Entangled Americas’ (BMBF) and ‘Managing Crisis’ (CALAS, Center for Advanced Latin American Studies). These interdisciplinaria approaches analyze, for example, social, economic and political landscapes of Latin and North America and provide students access to ongoing research in the field. Topics such as migration, flows of ideas, ecology, crisis management, etc. are central to InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos, which also contribute to the Collaborative Research Center SFB 1288: Practices of Comparing with research projects on comparative practices in indigenous and Afro-descendant movements. In addition, DFS-funded projects on cultural, literary and historical entanglements in the Americas add to the research profile. All research projects are directly linked to the Center for Inter-American Studies of Bielefeld University.

Doctoral Studies

Doctoral studies are particularly relevant for students who are aiming for an academic career after graduating with a Master's degree. This serves the further development of innovative research and consists of an independent scientific research project (dissertation) and an oral examination (disputation). In order to provide the best possible support for doctoral studies, Bielefeld University is continuously expanding and strategically developing its dense network of international and national graduate colleges and structured doctoral programmes.

The standard duration of studies is four semesters.

Doctoral students have the freedom to choose their specific profile. Graduates of InterAmerican Studies/Estudios InterAmericanos receive individual counseling from the lecturers in selecting their specific profile. Graduates of the MA program work in different areas, such as management consultancy, public relations, or media. They can also find work in universities and language schools.

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Options

The application procedure is carried out via the online application portal of Bielefeld University.

Information on the application deadline:

www.uni-bielefeld.de/bewerbung

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