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## Religion and Philosophy in Asia (Master)

The interdisciplinary research-oriented Master degree „Religion and Philosophy in Asia“ combines the regional approaches of the subjects Japanese Studies, Chinese Studies, Mongolian Studies, Indology and Tibetology with the methodological approach of the subject Religious Studies. The program builds on language skills like Japanese, Chinese (including classical Chinese), Sanskrit, classical Tibetan, Hindi/Urdu, Kannada and / or on competence in the methodology of Religious Studies which have been acquired by the students in the Bachelor program. It is designed to provide advanced training in the language as well as to expand their regional expertise and methodological competence, focusing on topics of religious and philosophical traditions of Asia.

### Special admission requirements

Source language competence in Japanese (minimum 48 ECTS or level B 1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or

Source language competence in Chinese with knowledge of classical Chinese (minimum 48 ECTS or level B 1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or

Source language competence in Sanskrit (guideline minimum 30 ECTS) or

Source language competence in classical Tibetan (guideline minimum 30 ECTS) or

Source language competence in Hindi / Urdu (guideline minimum 30 ECTS) or

Source language competence in Kannada (guideline minimum 30 ECTS) or

Religious Methodological Competence (guideline minimum 30 ECTS);

proof can be provided via your Transcript of Records. Please send your Transcript of Records to:

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In addition to source language competence or religious methodological competence, applicants should have a high motivation to study one or more Asian languages, good analytical skills, German and English language proficiency and a keen interest in Asian cultures and religions.

### General application and admission requirements for international applicants

International applicants (without German nationality) who wish to study at the LMU will furthermore need to submit their application to the International Office of LMU. Please address all questions concerning your general application and admission requirements (University admission qualification, Evidence of proficiency in German): [zulassung.international@lmu.de](mailto:zulassung.international@lmu.de). Please note the information of the International Office: [http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/degree/admission\\_info/index.html](http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/degree/admission_info/index.html) and

[http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/austausch\\_engl/application/index.html](http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/austausch_engl/application/index.html)

### Curriculum (4 semesters, 120 ECTS, )

The language of instruction is usually German, individual courses are taught in English.

#### 1st semester, winter term (30 ECTS):

P 1 Regional extension Asia I (P 1.1 Lecture: Cultural traditions of Asia 1 and P 1.2 Seminar: Cultural traditions of Asia 1): 6 ECTS

Choose one elective module from WP 1 to WP 5 (a 6 ECTS):

- WP 1 Advanced seminar: Selected topics in Chinese studies I
- WP 2 Language course: Technical terminology 1 (Chinese Studies)
- WP 3 Language course: Introduction to Classical Japanese (kobun)
- WP 4 Additional Asian language: Language course 1
- WP 5 Seminar: Topics of philosophy and religion in Asia 1

Due to your special admission requirement choose one elective module from WP 6 to WP 11 (a 12 ECTS):

- WP 6 Proficiency Japanese Studies I (WP 6.1 Advances seminar: Selected topics in Japanese Studies 1 and WP 6.2 Exercise: Selected topics in Japanese Studies 1)
- WP 7 Proficiency Chinese Studies I (WP 7.1 Advanced seminar: History, literature and philosophy of China 1 and WP 7.2 Exercise: History, literature and philosophy of China 1)
- WP 8 Proficiency Indology/Tibetology I (WP 8.1 Advanced seminar: Literature of South Asian or Central Asian source language 1 and WP 8.2 Exercise: Extension of skills in Indology/Tibetology 1)
- WP 9 Japanese for Religious Studies I (WP 9.1 Exercise: Japanese 1 and WP 9.2 Japanese Grammar 1 and WP 9.3 Introduction to the Japanese writing system)
- WP 10 Modern Chinese for Religious Studies I (WP 10.1 Modern Chinese 1: Hanyu and WP 10.2 Modern Chinese 1: Kouyu)
- WP 11 South Asian and Central Asian languages for Religious Studies I (WP 11.1 South Asian and Central Asian languages 1: Grammar and semantics and WP 11.2 Languages of South and Central Asia 1: Tutorial)

Choose one elective module from WP 12 to WP 13 (a 6 ECTS):

- WP 12 Theory and methods of Religious Studies I (WP 12.1 Theory and methods A of Religious Studies and WP 12.2 Tutorial: Theory and methods A of Religious Studies)
- WP 13 Regional competency for Religious Studies I (WP 13.1 Lecture: Regional competency for Religious Studies 1 and WP 13.2 Seminar: Regional competency for Religious Studies 1)

## **2nd semester, summer term (30 ECTS):**

- P 2 Regional extension Asia II (P 2.1 Lecture: Cultural traditions of Asia 2 and P 2.2 Seminar: Cultural traditions of Asia 2): 6 ECTS

Choose one elective module from WP 14 to WP 18 (a 6 ECTS):

- WP 14 Advanced seminar: Selected topics in Chinese studies II
- WP 15 Language course: Technical terminology 2 (Chinese Studies)
- WP 16 Advanced seminar: Writing scientific texts in Japanese
- WP 17 Additional Asian language: Language course 2
- WP 18 Seminar: Topics of philosophy and religion of Asia 2

Due to your special admission requirement choose one elective module from WP 19 to WP 24 (a 12 ECTS):

- WP 19 Proficiency Japanese Studies II (WP 19.1 Advanced seminar: Selected topics in Japanese Studies II and WP 19.2 Exercise: Selected topics in Japanese Studies II)
- WP 20 Proficiency Chinese Studies II (WP 20.1 Advanced seminar: History, literature and philosophy of China II and WP 20.2 Exercise: History, literature and philosophy of China II)
- WP 21 Advanced Indology/Tibetology II (WP 21.1 Advanced seminar: Literature of South Asian or Central Asian source language 2 and WP 21.2 Exercise: Extension of skills in Indology/Tibetology 2)
- WP 22 Japanese for Religious Studies II (WP 22.1 Exercise: Japanese 2 and WP 22.2 Japanese Grammar 2 and WP 21.3 Easy reading and Kanji)
- WP 23 Modern Chinese for Religious Studies II (WP 23.: Modern Chinese 2: Hanyu and WP 23.2 Modern Chinese 2: Kouyu)
- WP 24 South Asian and Central Asian languages for Religious Studies II (WP 24.1 South Asian and Central Asian languages 2: Grammar and semantics and WP 24.2 Languages of South and Central Asia 1: Tutorial)

Choose one elective module from WP 24 to WP 25 (a 6 ECTS):

- WP 25 Theory and methods of religious studies II (WP 25.1 Theory and methods B of religious studies and WP 25.2 Tutorial to theory and methods B of religious studies)
- WP 26 Regional competency for religious studies I (WP 26.1. Lecture: Regional competency for religious studies 2 and WP 26.2 Seminar: Regional competency for religious studies 2)

**3rd semester, winter term (30 ECTS):**

- P 3 Regional extension Asia III (P 3.1 Lecture: Cultural traditions of Asia 3 and P 3.2 Seminar: Cultural traditions of Asia 3): 6 ECTS

Choose elective modules from WP 27 to WP 32 (12 ECTS):

- WP 27 Advanced seminar: Research questions (Chinese Studies): 6 ECTS
- WP 28 Advanced course: Classical Japanese (kobun): 3 ECTS
- WP 29 Introduction to SinoJapanese (kanbun): 3 ECTS
- WP 30 Additional Asian language: Language course 3: 6 ECTS
- WP 31 Seminar: Topics of philosophy and religion in Asia 3: 6 ECTS
- WP 32 Introduction to General and Comparative Literary Studies (WP 32.1 Seminar: Introduction to General and Comparative Literary Studies and WP 32.2 Tutorial: Introduction to General and Comparative Literary Studies): 12 ECTS

Due to your special admission requirement choose one elective module from WP 33 to WP 39 (a 12 ECTS):

- WP 33 Proficiency Japanese Studies III (WP 33.1 Research seminar I and WP 33.2 Research seminar II)
- WP 34 Proficiency Chinese Studies III (WP 34.1 Exercise: History, literature and philosophy of China 3 and WP 34.2 Exercise: History, literature and philosophy of China 4)
- WP 35 Advanced Indology/Tibetology III (WP 35.1 Advanced seminar: Literature of South Asian or Central Asian source language 3 and WP 35.2 Exercise: Extension of skills in Indology/Tibetology 3)
- WP 36 Japanese for Religious Studies III ( WP 36.1 Exercises in Japanese 3 and WP 36.2 Grammar and translation Japanese-German 1 and WP 36.3 Reading Practice)
- WP 37 Modern Chinese for Religious Studies III (WP 37.1.Modern Chinese 3: Hanyu and WP 37.2 Modern Chinese 3: Kouyu)
- WP 38 Classical Chinese for Religious Studies (WP 38.1 Introduction to Classical Chinese 1 and WP 38.2 Classical Chinese literature 1)
- WP 39 South Asian and Central Asian languages for Religious Studies III (WP 39.1 South Asian and Central Asian languages 3: linguistics and WP 39.2 South Asian and Central Asian languages 3: semantics)

**4th semester, summer term (30 ECTS):**

- P 4 Module of degree (P 4.1 Research colloquium and P 4.2 Master thesis)

**Study and Examination Regulations (in German)**

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