Future Perspectives

A Master degree in Culture and Environment in Africa (CEA) opens a world of opportunities for graduates. Whether pursuing a PhD or embarking on professional endeavours, the CEA programme prepares students for careers in:

- research and academic teaching
- international organizations
- government administrations
- museums
- assessment and management of cultural and natural heritage sites
- tourism planning

„This Master's programme is unique in Germany. It prepares students for research work and practical professional life. […] The aims and the structure of the CEA programme are convincing, as are the rates of graduation success."

(Quote from the university evaluation of BA and MA programmes, AQAS, 2015)

Key Facts:	
Regular Length of Study:	4 semesters (full-time study)
Start of MA:	Winter Term
Language:	English
Form of Studys:	Non-consecutive, research-oriented

Application

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Culture and Environment in Africa

Master of Arts (Double Degree)

Universität zu Köln
Philosophische Fakultät

Study Programme

The Master of Arts in Culture and Environment in Africa (CEA) is a two-year English-medium, interdisciplinary degree programme, focusing on the archaeological, historical and contemporary political ecology of the African continent. Particular attention is given to skills, methods and knowledge of human-environment studies in Africa. The degree will provide students from diverse disciplinary backgrounds with a comprehensive understanding of the complex interrelationships between human agency, socio-cultural dynamics and geobiophysical processes. CEA combines natural science, archaeological, historical, anthropological and linguistic research approaches, offering graduates enhanced career prospects not only in academia, but also in national and international organizations operating in the field.

The programme provides a thorough knowledge of, and insights into:

- key issues of human-environment research in Africa
- core concepts, theories and applications of human-environment research
- interdisciplinary methodologies (e.g. qualitative and quantitative approaches in social anthropology, GIS, geoarchaeology and linguistic fieldwork)
- political and administrative implications of interdisciplinary research

Application Requirements

Applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology, Social Anthropology, African Studies, Sociology, Development Studies, Political Sciences, or other relevant disciplines are well suited for the Culture and Environment in Africa MA programme. Requirements for consideration of application are: a minimum grade point average in the above mentioned disciplines (70% or higher), as well as a minimum of 40 credits in social sciences and African Studies in other related and relevant disciplines. African-themed courses and/or research and work in Africa are taken also into consideration. Non-native English speakers must provide proof of proficiency at the C1 level in the Common European Framework system.

The application deadline is July 15. Due to visa matters, it is highly recommended that applicants with passports from non-European countries apply by end of February, as the visa application process can take several months.

Programme Structure

The MA programme consists of two basis modules, four specialisation modules and two complimentary modules as well as a thesis. In BM 1, students obtain a general understanding of human-environment relations. BM 2 teaches methods essential to the degree. SM 1-3 introduce students to various subdisciplines in the field of human-environment relations in Africa. In SM 4, students prepare and conduct research and compare the results. In the complimentary module, students either complete a professional internship or select from a variety of additional classes about specific topics in the field of human-environment relations.

Basis Module 1 Theories and Concepts in Human-Environment Research	**Basis Module 2** Methods and Skills
Specialisation Module 1 The Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage	**Specialisation Module 2** Mobility, Migration and Urban Studies
Specialisation Module 3 Languages, Cognition and Societies	**Specialisation Module 4** Research Colloquium
Complementary Module 1 Complementary Studies	**Complementary Module 2** Internship

Erasmus and International Partners

The MA programme has a vast network of partners around the world, which provide CEA students with international research and study opportunities. Partners include:

- **South Africa:**
  University of Cape Town, University of Western Cape and University of the Witwatersrand
- **Namibia:**
  University of Namibia and several non-academic research institutions
- **Botswana:**
  Botswana National Museum, Gaborone
- **Kenya:**
  Kenyatta University, University of Nairobi
- **Benin:**
  Université d'Abomey-Calavi & the LASDEL Research Institute at Parakou
- **Nigeria:**
  Bayero University Kano; University of Ibadan
- **Cameroon:**
  Université de Yaoundé 1; Université de Dschang
- **Morocco:**
  Université Mohammed V, Rabat; Université Ibn Zoghr, Agadir
- **Egypt:**
  Cairo University; American University in Cairo; Egyptian Museum, Cairo; Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT); Nubia Museum Aswan
- **Sudan:**
  University of Khartoum; Sudan National Museum, Khartoum
- **Uganda:**
  Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS), Gulu University; Makerere University
- **Ethiopia:**
  Arba Minch University