

## Future Perspectives

A Master's of Culture and Environment in Africa (CEA) degree 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



# Culture and Environment in Africa

## Master of Arts

### 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

## Further Information and Advice

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*„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)

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## 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 or its equivalent in Archaeology, Social Anthropology, African Studies, Geography, Sociology, Development Sociology, Political Sciences, or other relevant disciplines are well suited for the Culture and Environment in Africa MA programme. 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 January 15, as the visa application process can take several months. A limited number of scholarships are available for students from African countries.

## Programme Structure

The MA programme consists of six specialization modules and one complementary module. In Module 1 students obtain a common understanding of the field of human-environment relations. Module 2 provides a sound training in interdisciplinary methodology and research approaches. Modules 3, 4 and 5 introduce students to the core themes of contemporary human-environment research. In Module 6 students prepare and conduct research and present the results. The complementary module includes courses on specific topics of human-environment relations (historical ecology, land-use systems, museum anthropology and international environmental law).

### Specialization Module 1

Introduction to Human-Environment Relations in Africa

### Specialization Module 2

Methods/Skills – Data Collection and Analysis

### Specialization Module 3

Hazards and Vulnerabilities in Social-Ecological Systems

### Specialization Module 4

Migration, Anthropological Linguistics, and the African Environment

### Specialization Module 5

Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage

### Specialization Module 6

Advanced Methodology and Empirical Studies

## Complementary Module

Complementary Studies

## 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; Aswan University; 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

