

## WORLD HERITAGE STUDIES (COTTBUS)

### *Anbietende Institution des Studiengangs*

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus  
Faculty for Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning

### *Ziel des Studiengangs*

Protecting the legacy of the past, integrating it in the contemporary world and handing it to the future generations are common tasks of societies around the globe. In 1972, the General Conference of UNESCO adopted the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, voicing the international appreciation and concern for the protection of universally significant properties. World Heritage Studies is a unique and innovative Master's programme that was established in response to these developments. Its main aims are to train future experts in the field of cultural and natural heritage and thus to contribute to the safeguarding, promotion and sustainable management of sites that represent an outstanding legacy for communities worldwide. The study programme combines academic research with practical training on a wide range of relevant subjects and is based on an intercultural, interdisciplinary approach. It cooperates with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Paris, the German Commission for UNESCO and many other distinguished heritage organizations around the world.

### *Aufbau des Studiums*

The interdisciplinary curriculum combines four study areas:

- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Arts, Architecture and Conservation
- Natural Heritage and Cultural Landscapes
- Management

It also includes an introductory course, two study projects and the Master's thesis. The language of instruction is English.

### *Schwerpunkt des Studiums*

When the World Heritage Studies (WHS) programme was launched in 1999, it pioneered the field of academic education on World Heritage. Although its success has ever since been emulated at other universities across the world, World Heritage Studies at BTU Cottbus remains the only programme with a holistic approach to heritage education. Its strengths are: interdisciplinarity, multiculturalism (students come from more than 30 countries from all around the world), continuous cooperation with field experts, networking with prestigious international heritage organisations.

### *Abschluss*

Master of Arts (M.A.)

### *Studiendauer*

Two years, full time

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### *Zulassung und Bewerbungsvoraussetzung*

- Bachelor Degree in Cultural Studies or another discipline relevant to the study areas of the programme.
- Certificate of English language: TOEFL, minimum score of 550 points (paper based), 213 points (computer based), or 79 points (internet based); IELTS (minimum 6.5 points); Cambridge Advanced English (minimum B); or Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency Test (minimum B). Exempted from this regulation are applicants from countries in which English is the official language.

### *Bewerbungsverfahren*

All applicants with German educational credentials should send their applications directly to BTU Cottbus:

BTU Cottbus

Referat Akademische und Studentische Angelegenheiten

Postfach 10 13 44

03013 Cottbus / Germany

All applicants with foreign educational credentials should send their applications to Uni-Assist e.V.:

BTU Cottbus

c/o UNI-ASSIST e.V.

Helmholtzstrasse 2-9

10587 Berlin / Germany

### *Kosten*

No tuition fees, only BTU administration fee (approx. 220 Euro / semester).

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