



Modern German and  
European Studies, M.A.

HCGES

Haifa Center  
for German &  
European Studies



# HCGES - Who are we?

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Joint project of the University of Haifa and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) founded in 2007

- Goal: Inform students, researchers and the broader community about modern Germany and Europe.

The center emphasizes the social, political, legal, economic, and cultural developments and tendencies in Germany and Europe since 1945.

„Europe is a challenge to which German studies must also increasingly devote their attention. The future of Germany is inextricably linked with that of Europe.“

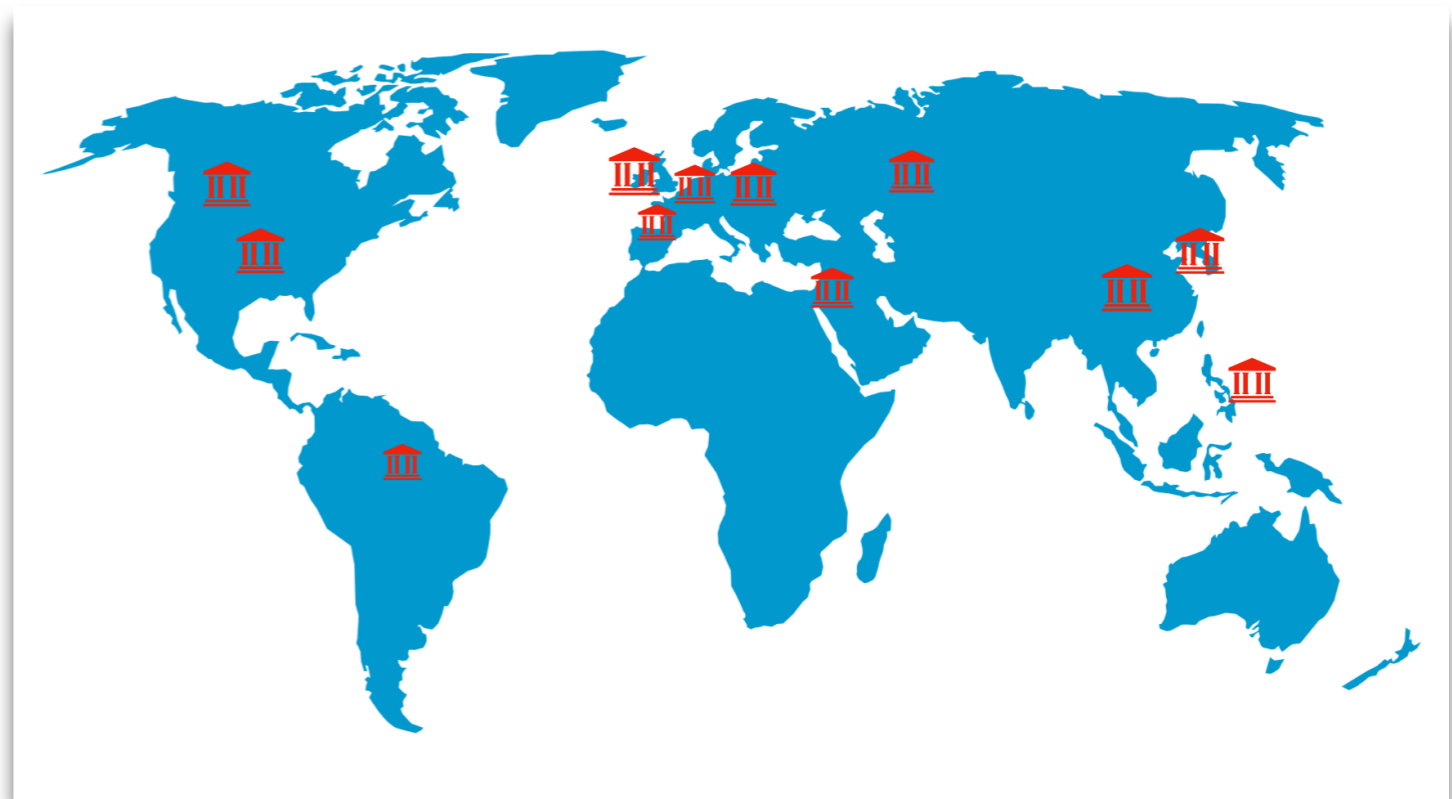
– Prof. Dr. Christoph Wulf, FU Berlin, Vice President of the German Commission for UNESCO

# The DAAD networking of the Centers for German and European Studies

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Academics and up-and-coming academics in the centers all have something in common – they all share an interest in Germany and Europe:

- Advantage: many cross linkages that such an international, interdisciplinary program automatically affords



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“Making highly qualified young researchers part of international networks and enriching their experience is the key element in the Centers' work.”

– **Stephanie Knobloch, Head of Section for Project Funding for German Language, Alumni Projects, Research Mobility at the DAAD**

# M.A. Track A (Thesis Track)

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28 credit points

- Mandatory courses: 24 credit points
- Elective courses: 4 credit points
- one seminar paper in the courses defined as seminar
- Master thesis of about 80-100 pages

# M.A. Track B (Non-Thesis Track with exam)

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36 credit points

- Mandatory courses: 24 credit points
- Elective courses: 12 credit points
- two seminar papers in the courses defined as seminars
- Final exam in conjunction with one lecturer

# Structuring MA Program

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A: Thesis Track	B: Non-Thesis Track
28 credit points	36 credit points
1 seminar paper	2 seminar papers
Total Mandatory points: 24	
Elective courses: 4 credit points	Elective courses: 12 credit points

**Mandatory courses:** Language (4-8), German History I (2), German Political System (2), European Political System (2), German Society (2), German Culture (2), German Economy (2), European Law (2), Academic Writing (2)

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Total: 24 credit points from Mandatory courses



# Course Plan

2023/2024

## Semester A

Tuesday

8:00-12:00	<b>German Language Courses</b> See German language plan	4/8 credits
12:00-14:00	<b>Introduction to the European Union</b> Dr. Emmanuelle Blanc	2 credits
14:00-16:00	<b>*German Israeli Relations</b> Irit Chen /Dr. Sharon Livne	2 credits
16:00-20:00 (December-January)	<b>Theories and Concepts in International Migration: German Society as a Case Study</b> Dr. Adi Hercowitz-Amir	2 credits

Wednesday

12:00-14:00	<b>*Oral History- an Introduction</b> Dr. Daniel Mahla	2 credits
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Thursday

8:00-12:00	<b>German Language Courses</b> See German language plan	4/8 credits
12:00-14:00	<b>HCGES Research Seminar</b> Dr. Emmanuelle Blanc (automatic enrollment)	2 credits
14:00-16:00	<b>Introduction to Modern German History</b> Prof. Stefan Ihrig	2 credits
16:00-18:00	<b>Basics of Academic Writing</b> Dr. Alissa Bellotti	2 credits

Explanations

\*mandatory courses are in bold print, elective courses in bold italic print with an asterisk

\*the times refer to the 'slots' of the course - Teaching is usually 90 minutes within the two hour slot.

\*if you need help registering, please contact Katharina Konarek: [kkonarek@staff.haifa.ac.i](mailto:kkonarek@staff.haifa.ac.i)

## Semester B

### Tuesdays

8:00-12:00	<b>German Language Courses</b> See German language plan	4/8 credits
12:00-14:00	<b>German Political System</b> Katharina Konarek	2 credits
14:00-16:00	<b>German Culture</b> Dr. Alissa Bellotti	2 credits
16:00-20:00 (März-April)	<b>*German and European Foreign Policy</b> Dr. Steffen Hagemann	2 credits

### Wednesday

12:00-14:00	<b>*Project Seminar: Oral History of the Yekkes</b> Dr. Daniel Mahla	4 credits
14:00-16:00	<b>*The Historian and the Archive</b> Irit Chen	2 credits

### Thursday

8:00-12:00	<b>German language courses</b> See German language plan	4/8 credits
12:00-14:00	<b>HCGES Research Seminar</b> Dr. Alissa Bellotti	2 credits
14:00-16:00	<b>Introduction to European Law</b> Dr. Khaled Ghanaym	2 credits
16:00-18:00	<b>German Economy</b> Dr. Yuval Ofek-Shanny	2 credits

Tba	<b>*EU-Israel Relations: Theory and Practice</b> Dr. Emmanuelle Blanc	2 credits
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### Special Courses

	<b>*Study Trip</b> Dr. Emmanuelle Blanc & Ghaidaa Zoabi	2 credits
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## Summer Semester

July	<b>*European Integration</b> Katharina Konarek	2 credits
July	<b>*Austria's Foreign Policy</b> Dr. Johannes Strasser	2 credits

## German Language Plan

Semester A 2023/24:

A1.1/A1.2	Dr. Jens Schmidtke (Tuesday & Thursday)
A1.1	Winfried Schumacher (Thursday)
A2.1	Nicole McTaggart / Win Schumacher (Tuesday)
B1.1	Dr. Jens Schmidtke (Wednesday)

Semester 2024:

A2.1/A2.2	Dr. Jens Schmidtke (Tuesday & Thursday)
A1.2	Winfried Schumacher (Thursday)
A2.2	tba (Tuesday)
B1.2	Dr. Jens Schmidtke (Wednesday)

# Have a great start!

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