



### **COST**

Fees are Euro 1.300 per semester, 5.200 in total. This does not include university administration fees.

### **INTERNSHIP AND MASTER THESIS**

For the obligatory internship which students are required to complete during the programme, they receive an estimated remuneration of €250 per month. The final sum will, however, depend on individual negotiations with the company or institute in question. In their 4th semester, students may then write their master's thesis inspired by the knowledge and experience gained in their internship.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications are admitted for the academic year 2014/15. Application deadline is April 30, 2014. Foreign students need a German language certificate. More information can be found on [www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international).

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### **ABOUT US**

The master's degree programme was initiated by the Education and Futures Studies Division at the Freie Universität Berlin, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Gerhard de Haan. The programme was developed in cooperation with various institutes and individuals from the German futures studies community.

### **DIRECTION**

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# MA Futures Studies



## STUDYING THE FUTURE



## FUTURES STUDIES

Futures studies is concerned with possible, probable and preferable futures. Even though it is impossible to predict the future exactly, we are able to identify certain structures of development and the limits to what will be possible, probable and preferable in the future. To perform this task, futures studies is based on the use of scientific methods and social discourse.



Berlin will be a unique chance to develop a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental aspects of futures studies, their potential and limits and to study the skills necessary to implement the results of research as well.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

The master's degree programme is designed as a two-years programme with 120 ECTS. The focus is on the following aspects:

### 1. CONCEPTS AND METHODS:

the students deepen their knowledge of different concepts and methods of futures studies. The courses will deal e.g. with the scenario technique, trend-impact analysis as well as the conceptual considerations on the core aspects of futures studies.

### 2. AREAS OF APPLICATION:

the students gather knowledge about different areas in which futures studies can be applied. They learn how to differentiate stakeholders and their interests and the different determining factors of different social areas (e.g. political arena, private sectors, etc.) and are required to plan their own surveys as well.

### 3. PRACTICAL EXERCISES:

during an obligatory internship in an organisation active in the field of futures studies, the students evolve their capacities to plan and carry out research, and publish and process the results.

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The need for an examination of the future following scientific principles has increased, not least due to the rise in complexity of the highly developed societies we live in and the unpredictability of the side-effects caused by their development. Today, futures studies play a significant role in most organisations that deal with long-term developments and strategic decisions. Methods and approaches of futures studies have their place in areas such as research on climate change, technological impact assessment, research on demographic changes or on changes in corporate government (corporate foresight). There is, however, a lack of scientific training.

Therefore, the “Master’s degree programme in Futures Studies“ at the Freie Universität

