



Module Catalogue

for the Subject

Classical Archaeology

as a degree subject in a Master's degree programme with 2
majors
(45 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2008

Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical
Studies

Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures

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Content and Objectives of the Programme

The M.A. course in Classical Archaeology with the final qualification Master of Arts is offered as a research oriented programme. Its aim is to introduce the student to the in-depth work with selected topics of Classical Archaeology, to enable him / her to discern problems in research and desiderates and to independently develop solutions on the basis of a sound overview of the ancient Graeco-Roman culture. By training these capabilities solid foundations for a PhD course are laid.

The course focuses on the independent and critical reflection of archaeological research. Acquiring specialised knowledge in specific branches of Classical Archaeology is conditioned by this goal.

If the subject of the final written paper is Classical Archaeology, the graduate has demonstrated the ability to work independently, using the methods and scientific perspectives taught and in a chronologically and thematically narrowly-defined area, on a characteristic question complex in Classical Archaeology.

The M.A. in Classical Archaeology is an internationally comparable degree that usually constitutes the basis for the subsequent PhD course, which qualifies for the start of a professional job. In a final colloquium the graduate has proved to be capable of defending his thesis in a scientific discussion by scholarly methods.

The M.A. in Classical Archaeology typically aims at preparing for the work at research institutions such as universities, academies of science, the German Archaeological Institute (DAI) or museums with collections of antiques. Furthermore, degree holders are provided with the skills to assume jobs outside academia, e.g. in publishing, libraries, culture management, the media, tourism, museology, public relations and diplomatic service.

The expert knowledge and skills necessary for an academic career is imparted in the respective modules. Classical Archaeology is a very wide subject that deals with a range of sources and material remains arising from over 3000 years. Consequently, it is impossible to introduce students to all fields of the subject with equal thoroughness. Thus, courses concentrate on equipping the students with knowledge dealing with exemplary monuments, genres of art and various scientific challenges. Alongside this specialised basic competence, the courses provide the methodological capability to make oneself familiar with new and complex topics quickly and efficiently. Thus, the graduate is familiar with and used to permanent learning and to reach solutions by adequate methods. He / she develops a high degree of individual initiative and commitment to acquire profound factual information.

The cultures which are subject to Classical Archaeology are mainly located in the Mediterranean area. Work as an archaeologist therefore requires close relations to the countries in this area and accordingly the relevant knowledge of foreign languages. Through the respective modules as well as stays abroad (e.g. excavations, field trips, Erasmus-exchange programme) the students acquire the ability to operate internationally. Linguistic competence is reinforced by the specialist literature which is to a great extent composed in foreign languages, especially, French, Greek and Italian. This way the students learn to comprehend complex texts in other languages and to extract the basic statements.

Abbreviations used

Course types: **E** = field trip, **K** = colloquium, **O** = conversatorium, **P** = placement/lab course, **R** = project, **S** = seminar, **T** = tutorial, **Ü** = exercise, **V** = lecture

Term: **SS** = summer semester, **WS** = winter semester

Methods of grading: **NUM** = numerical grade, **B/NB** = (not) successfully completed

Regulations: **(L)ASPO** = general academic and examination regulations (for teaching-degree programmes), **FSB** = subject-specific provisions, **SFB** = list of modules

Other: **A** = thesis, **LV** = course(s), **PL** = assessment(s), **TN** = participants, **VL** = prerequisite(s)

Conventions

Unless otherwise stated, courses and assessments will be held in German, assessments will be offered every semester and modules are not creditable for bonus.

Notes

Should there be the option to choose between several methods of assessment, the lecturer will agree with the module coordinator on the method of assessment to be used in the current semester by two weeks after the start of the course at the latest and will communicate this in the customary manner.

Should the module comprise more than one graded assessment, all assessments will be equally weighted, unless otherwise stated below.

Should the assessment comprise several individual assessments, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

In accordance with

the general regulations governing the degree subject described in this module catalogue:

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associated official publications (FSB (subject-specific provisions)/SFB (list of modules)):

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This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevance according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-specific provisions) and SFB (list of modules) in their officially published versions shall be legally binding. In the case of doubt, the provisions on, in particular, module assessments specified in the FSB/SFB shall prevail.

Compulsory Courses

(30 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Evidence of Greco-Roman culture 1: Interpretational approaches 1		o4-KA-ZeuWe1-o82-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
7	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Students will deal with monuments and genres of the Greek-Roman culture, including iconography, topology, context and technology, in a consolidated and hermeneutic way.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Consolidated expertise and acquisition of an independent discernment during the analysis and interpretation of ancient cultural remains.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
log (approx. 8 pages) about the contents of the lecture as well as written examination (approx. 60 minutes), weighted 1:1		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Evidence of Greco-Roman culture 2: Regional studies context 2		o4-KA-ZeuLa2-o82-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
7	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module covers selected remains of the Greek-Roman culture, including historico-cultural and geographical aspects.		
Intended learning outcomes		
This module is designed to provide students with consolidated expertise and autonomy concerning the analysis and interpretation of ancient art/culture of their regional characteristics, also in the light of supra-regional and reciprocal inspiration and the processes of acculturation.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
log (approx. 8 pages) about the contents of the lecture as well as written examination (approx. 60 minutes), weighted 1:1		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Evidence of Greco-Roman culture 3: Cultural historical context 1		o4-KA-ZeuKu1-o82-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
8	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Students deal with remains of the Greek-Roman art as well as with social and sacral phenomena and the related institutions.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Advanced expertise and autonomy concerning the analysis and interpretation of ancient art/culture in reference to their social and sacral phenomena, ideas and developments.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
presentation (approx. 60 minutes) with handout (4 pages) with written elaboration (approx. 15 pages), the 2 components being weighted 1:1		
Allocation of places		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Evidence of Greco-Roman culture 4: Political context 2		o4-KA-ZeuPo2-o82-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
8	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Students deal with selected remains of the Greek-Roman culture, including the political context: historical conditions; Employer and recipient.		
Intended learning outcomes		
In-depth expertise and autonomy concerning the analysis and interpretation of ancient art/culture in association with selected historical source genres (historiography, inscriptions, numismatics).		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
presentation (approx. 60 minutes) with handout (4 pages) with written elaboration (approx. 15 pages), the 2 components being weighted 1:1		
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Compulsory Electives

(15 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
History of research		04-KA-FoGe-o82-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Development and change of intentions and methodology when dealing with the ancient art and cultural remains of the ancient world up to present.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students are acquainted with the most important developments of archaeological research in its dependency of the respective state of research and methodological progress. Sensitisation of time for scientific research impulse and innovative issues.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
presentation (approx. 60 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 10 pages), weighted 4:1		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Current topics in classical archaeology research 1: Review of recent archaeological publications		04-KA-Rez-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Students will deal critically with current archaeological releases, including political contexts: historical conditions; employer and recipients.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Knowledge and critical reflection of important developments in the discipline. Acquisition of an independent discernment.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
short presentation (approx. 30 minutes) with term paper (approx. 15 pages), weighted 1:1		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Current topics in classical archaeology research 2: colloquium on thesis preparation		04-KA-KoVo-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Students will have an active role in the organisation (programme generation) and implementation (own contribution and moderation) of a scientific colloquium concerning an individually selected topic spectre in order to find a topic for the master's thesis.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Presentation and teamwork. Ability to develop own research issues.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
K (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
presentation (approx. 60 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 10 pages) and moderating part of the colloquium, weighted 8:1:1		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Pre-examination colloquium		o4-KA-KoAb-o82-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Classical Archaeology		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
Short presentation with subsequent discussion about the objectives, methodology and results of the master's thesis and further aspects of the knowledge, acquired during the studies.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students are able to develop their own research issues and the ability to defend historico-cultural, theoretical and systemic skills in the scientific dispute. Possibility to get the admission for a doctoral programme.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
K (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
short presentation on the objectives and results of the Master's thesis (15 minutes) followed by a discussion of the thesis and, in addition, core areas of the subject as a whole (45 minutes); weighted 1:4		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Thesis

(30 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Master's thesis Classical Archaeology		o4-KA-MaThe-o82-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
supervisor of Master's thesis		Chair of Classical Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
30	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	Registration for assessment on a continuous basis as agreed upon with supervisor.
Contents		
Master's thesis: With the help of scientific methods, students process a defined classical-archaeological issue in a certain period of time.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student is able to process a defined classical-archaeological problem with scientific methods and its written presentation.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
no courses assigned		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
written thesis (approx. 60 to 80 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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