

Module Catalogue

for the Subject

Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology

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

Examination regulations version: 2011
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 programme in this course of study aims at inducting the student into advanced studies on specific subjects in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology. By applying the methodology of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology the student is enabled to develop individual research topics and to work out solutions on a broad methodological basis. By training in these skills the student acquires the necessary experience for doctoral studies. In the Master degree programme the main focus is on individual and critical reflection of pre- and protohistorical scientific issues.

In preparing a thesis the graduate has demonstrated his/her capability of pursuing scheduled academic work on a fixed topic and to deal independently with a specific problem in the field of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology, by applying and also modifying learnt methods and scientific viewpoints.

The examination enables the candidate to earn a degree in the field of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology that is internationally compatible and in the course of a consecutive Bachelor-Master degrees study programme constitutes a further academic degree qualifying the graduate for professional career entry or for access to a doctoral degree programme. The examination is designed for asserting that the candidate is acquainted with the scientific issues of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology and capable of handling the methodological requirements of the academic discipline independently.

The study programme is primarily designed for education for occupation as Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeologist in a university, other research institutions, archaeological heritage services or museums. To this aim the Master degree certifies further qualification for scientific occupation. In addition this study programme also qualifies the graduate for professional career entry in fields beyond a scientific occupation, e.g. publishing, librarianship, cultural administration, media, tourism, museology, PR, diplomacy.

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:

ASPO2009

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

(40 ECTS credits)

Module title			Abbreviation
Periods and Regions in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation 1			o4-VFG-EuRS1-112-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by	
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology	
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)	
10	numerical grade	--	
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites	
1 semester	graduate	Admission prerequisite to assessment: logs (10 pages) and presentation (60 to 75 minutes) with position paper (2 to 3 pages).	
Contents			
Students will be provided with detailed skills of selected cultural periods and cultural spaces concerning the Pre-history and Early History of Archaeology: They will be provided with consolidated knowledge of important findings that characterise the prehistoric and early historic cultures of different periods (from the Palaeolithic up to the Roman Iron Age) and areas (from Northern Europe to the Mediterranean area); Involvement of the research history and the current state of research. -- Specialisation 1			
Intended learning outcomes			
Students acquire detailed knowledge of the research history and cultural-specific characteristics of selected cultural periods and cultural areas of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology; Students will independently work on archaeological issues and deal critically with current research issues; Classification of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology; Communication techniques. -- Specialisation 1			
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)			
V + 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)			
term paper (20 to 25 pages)			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
Additional information on module duration: 1 to 2 semesters.			
Workload			
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Teaching cycle			
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)			
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Module appears in			
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)			
Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)			

Module title			Abbreviation
Source Materials for Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation 1			o4-VFG-AQS1-112-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by	
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology	
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)	
10	numerical grade	--	
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites	
1 semester	graduate	Admission prerequisite to assessment: logs (10 pages) and presentation (60 to 75 minutes) with position paper (2 to 3 pages).	
Contents			
Students will be provided with selected types of sources concerning the Prehistory and Early History of Archaeology: They will acquire detailed knowledge of different findings (such as settlements, tombs, hoards (wealth deposits) etc.) and of archaeological findings (such as pottery, stone tools, bronzes etc.) as well as of specific analysis strategies of source genres; The current state of research and methodological critique will be taken into account. -- Specialisation 1			
Intended learning outcomes			
Students acquire detailed knowledge of the characteristics and developments concerning selected source material of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology; Students will independently work on archaeological issues and deal critically with current research issues; Classification of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology; Communication techniques. -- Specialisation 1			
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)			
V + 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)			
term paper (20 to 25 pages)			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
Additional information on module duration: 1 to 2 semesters.			
Workload			
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Teaching cycle			
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)			
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Module appears in			
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)			
Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)			

Module title		Abbreviation
Practical Course in Archaeological Fieldwork or Museum Work - Specialization 1		04-VFG-GMPS1-112-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric 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 be provided with practical skills and techniques of archaeological fieldwork (prospection and excavations) or museum work: Students will consolidate and practically apply the basics of archaeological prospecti- on and excavation or museum work. -- Specialisation 1		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students acquire the ability to work on archaeological excavations and prospections or to work in a museum in- dependently; They acquire techniques of field work, preparation of findings, archaeological documentation or in- ventory; Exhibitions. -- Specialisation 1		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
P (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)		
logs (10 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Additional information on module duration: 1 to 2 semesters.		
Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		
Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		

Module title		Abbreviation
Sciences and Computer Applications in Archaeology - Specialization		o4-VFG-NuES-112-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	Admission prerequisite to assessment: practical exercises.
Contents		
Students will be provided with knowledge of selected topic areas of scientific auxiliary sciences and EDP applications of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology: Students will independently work on and practice the systematic basics of scientific analysis methods as well as computer-assisted data processing and analysis. -- Specialisation		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students develop an understanding of scientific methods and the ability to apply specific EDP applications to the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology; They acquire basics of scientific work; Archaeological methodology. - Specialisation		
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)		
a) written examination (60 minutes) or b) presentation (60 to 75 minutes) with position paper (2 to 3 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011) Master's degree (2 majors) Museum Studies (2013) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		

Module title		Abbreviation
Module Research in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		o4-VFG-FMVFG-112-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	Attendance of 2 block courses.
Contents		
Graduate colloquium: In the course of the studies "Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology", students will present their current theses (master's thesis/master's dissertation, doctoral thesis) and will discuss thematic, methodological as well as practical aspects of their theses critically.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students will present an academical work independently and autonomously; They are able to discuss thematic, methodological and practical aspects of the scientific work critically; Communication techniques.		
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 (20 to 40 minutes)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Additional information on module duration: 1 to 2 semesters.		
Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		
Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		

Compulsory Electives

(5 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Morphology and Chronology in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation		04-VFG-FuCHS-112-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric 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 be provided with detailed knowledge of typology and the chronology of selected findings from the Prehistory and Early History of Archaeology: Periods of Prehistory and Early History of Archaeology (Palaeolithic, Neolithic period, Bronze Age, pre-Roman iron age, Roman Iron Age) will mainly be covered and students will work on finding genres, form spectrum and age determination of findings independently and comprehensively. -- Specialisation		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students acquire detailed knowledge of typological developments, dissemination and dating of selected finding material of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology; Epochs (overview of the Palaeolithic up to the Roman Iron Age); Sources (findings); Typological methodology; Communication techniques. -- Specialisation		
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 (60 to 75 minutes) with position paper (2 to 3 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011) Master's degree (2 majors) Museum Studies (2013) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		

Module title			Abbreviation
Methods and Theories in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation			o4-VFG-MuTHS-112-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by	
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric 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 be provided with detailed knowledge of selected subject areas of methodology, cultural theory and research history of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology: Students will independently and comprehensively work on specialist and cultural science as well as comparative evaluation methods, theoretical modelling and research historical interpretive approaches for the prehistoric and early historical material culture and life forms. -- Specialisation			
Intended learning outcomes			
Students acquire detailed knowledge of selected methods, cultural science theories and research-historical issues of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology. They develop an understanding of systematic, cultural and historical contexts; Archaeological methodology; Theory; Communication techniques. -- Specialisation			
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 (60 to 75 minutes) with position paper (2 to 3 pages)			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
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Workload			
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Teaching cycle			
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)			
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Module appears in			
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)			
Master's degree (2 majors) Museum Studies (2013)			
Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)			

Thesis

(30 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Master Thesis Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		o4-VFG-MTVFG-112-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
30	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
With the help of scientific methods, students will independently work on a specific topic of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology in a from the ASPO given period of time. In case of the M.A. studies that contain two main subjects, a topic will be chosen that covers an issue, which affects both main subjects interdisciplinarily. The topic is to be agreed upon with an authorised examiner or, in the case of an interdisciplinary thesis, 2 authorised examiners.		
Intended learning outcomes		
With the help of scientific methods, students are able to work independently on an issue of the Prehistoric and Early Historical Archaeology and are able to present their results in written form, according to the scientific convention.		
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)		
Master's thesis (50 to 70 pages) Language of assessment: German, English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Additional information on module duration: 6 months.		
Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2011)		