

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)

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Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical
Studies
Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures
Responsible: Chair of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology

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Learning Outcomes

German contents and learning outcome available but not translated yet.

Wissenschaftliche Befähigung

Das primäre Berufsfeld, auf das der Studiengang zielt, ist das des Vor- und Frühgeschichtlichen Archäologen bzw. der Archäologin an der Universität, in anderen Forschungseinrichtungen, in der Bodendenkmalpflege, und im Museumswesen. In diesem Sinne legt der Bachelor die Grundlagen für den Master, der dann für die fachwissenschaftliche Tätigkeit weiterqualifiziert und seinerseits die Grundlagen für ein Promotionsstudium legt. Entsprechend ist die Mehrzahl der Module in dem Studienfach Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie auf die Schärfung der kognitiven Kompetenzen und die Vermittlung von dezidiertem Fachwissen wie auch von profunden Kenntnissen der archäologischen Praxis ausgerichtet, um hier die notwendigen Grundlagen zu schaffen.

Der Bachelor gewährleistet damit die Wahrung des wissenschaftlichen Anspruchs insoweit, als durch den Studiengang die wissenschaftlichen Voraussetzungen für die Aufnahme eines Masterstudiums in vollem Umfang erfüllt werden. Der Master gewährleistet damit die Wahrung des wissenschaftlichen Anspruchs insoweit, als durch den Studiengang die wissenschaftlichen Voraussetzungen für die Aufnahme eines Promotionsstudiums in vollem Umfang erfüllt werden.

Berufsbefähigung

Die Berufsfeldorientierung des Studienganges besteht in der Berücksichtigung der primären Ansprüche seitens der hauptsächlich Arbeit gebenden Institutionen. Dabei gehören fachliche Breite der Ausbildung, Persönlichkeit des Bewerbers und erworbene praktische Erfahrungen zu den wichtigsten erwarteten Merkmalen.

Dem Kernpunkt der Reformen an deutschen Hochschulen entsprechend, sind damit die Studiengänge der Vor- und Frühgeschichtlichen Archäologie vor allem am Studienergebnis orientiert und mit Blick auf die Anforderungen des Arbeitsmarktes entwickelt worden, obwohl auch hier, wie für viele andere Studiengänge, kein fest umrissenes Berufsbild im Sinne einer Exklusivqualifikation vorliegt. Deshalb sind die Studiengänge Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie einerseits ganz auf die methodischen und fachlichen Bedürfnisse des Arbeitsmarktes ausgerichtet, andererseits werden AbsolventInnen aber auch für Tätigkeiten außerhalb der wissenschaftlichen Berufsfelder vorbereitet, wie etwa Verlagswesen, Bibliothekswesen, Kulturmanagement, Medien, Touristik, Museologie, PR, Diplomatie. Die Breite der Studiengänge, mit dem umfangreichen Corpus erwerbbarer fachlicher und überfachlicher Kompetenzen, ermöglicht den qualifizierten AbsolventInnen, auch eine Vielfalt an Berufsfeldern außerhalb der hauptsächlich Arbeit gebenden Institutionen auszuschöpfen.

Befähigung zum gesellschaftlichen Engagement

Historisches Wissen ist stets auch Wissen um die Herkunft der Gegenwart. Die in den Studiengängen Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie vermittelten und erarbeiteten Kenntnisse über frühe menschliche Gemeinschaften und ihre Lebensformen befähigen in hohem Maße zur fundiert- sachlichen Teilnahme am zivilgesellschaftlichen Diskurs bis hin zur Politik und Willensbildung.

Persönlichkeitsentwicklung

Die Persönlichkeitsentwicklung der Studierenden vollzieht sich nach den Erfahrungen aus der langjährigen Praxis in drei wesentlichen Reifeprozessen, die die StudienanfängerInnen während ihres Grundstudiums in der Regel durchlaufen:

- Entwicklung der Diskussionsbereitschaft und -befähigung, auch beim Arbeiten im Team.
- Entwicklung der Bereitschaft und Befähigung zum selbstständigen und selbstverantwortlichen Lernen und Arbeiten.

- Entwicklung der Befähigung, die Bearbeitung von zur Aufgabe gestellten Thematiken stofflich, zeitlich und didaktisch zu strukturieren und Zusammenhänge zu erkennen.

Durch die sechssemestrige Regelstudienzeit des Bachelorstudiums und die Notwendigkeit der Selbstorganisation in Abstimmung auf die stringente Strukturierung des Studienganges ist zu erwarten, dass die angeführten Reifeprozesse intensiviert durchlaufen werden und mit dem Studiengangabschluss eine nachhaltige Festigung der Persönlichkeit der Studierenden erreicht wird. Die Befähigung und Bereitschaft zu qualifizierter Diskussion, zu selbstständigem, verantwortungsbewusstem und strukturiertem Handeln und Arbeiten sowie das Denken in Zusammenhängen bilden unabdingbare Schlüsselvoraussetzungen für die Befähigung zur bürgerlichen Teilhabe im Sinne der Übernahme von beruflicher wie persönlicher Verantwortung in der Gesellschaft.

Durch die viersemestrige Regelstudienzeit des Masterstudiums werden die angeführten Reifeprozesse nochmals verstärkt. Darüber hinaus vollzieht sich in dieser Phase der entscheidende wissenschaftliche Reifeprozess, so dass mit dem Studiengangabschluss auch eine nachhaltige Festigung der wissenschaftlichen Persönlichkeit erreicht wird. Die KandidatInnen werden damit zu einer gesellschaftlichen Teilhabe befähigt, die auch die Einbeziehung von und Auseinandersetzung mit wissenschaftlichen Erkenntnissen und Strukturen umfasst. Gleichzeitig besteht die Option, die wissenschaftliche und Forscherpersönlichkeit der KandidatInnen durch ein anschließendes Promotionsstudium weiter auszubilden.

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:

ASPO2015

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

15-Dec-2015 (2015-275)

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-EuRS1-161-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	
1-2 semester	graduate	--	
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)			
S (2) + V (2) Module taught in: German and/or English			
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 written elaboration (2 to 3 pages) and term paper (approx. 20 pages) Language of assessment: German and/or English creditable for bonus			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
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Workload			
300 h			
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)			

Module title			Abbreviation
Source Materials for Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation 1			04-VFG-AQS1-161-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	
1-2 semester	graduate	--	
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)			
S (2) + V (2) Module taught in: German and/or English			
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 written elaboration (2 to 3 pages) and term paper (approx. 20 pages) Language of assessment: German and/or English creditable for bonus			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
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Workload			
300 h			
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)			

Module title		Abbreviation
Practical Course in Archaeological Fieldwork or Museum Work - Specialisation 1		04-VFG-GMPS1-161-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	(not) successfully completed	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1-2 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 (o) Module taught in: German and/or English		
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) practical assignments (approx. 30 hours total) or b) report on practical course (20 pages) Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Additional information on module duration:: 4 weeks (20 days). Students may also complete this placement at an external institution. Students who do so must, in addition to a), submit a placement certificate.		
Workload		
300 h		
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)		

Module title		Abbreviation
Sciences and Computer Applications in Archaeology - Specialization		o4-VFG-NuES-161-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 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 (2) Module taught in: German and/or English		
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) exercises during seminar with practical assignments (approx. 120 minutes total) or b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or c) presentation (60 to 75 minutes) with position paper (2 to 3 pages) Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)		

Module title		Abbreviation
Module Research in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		o4-VFG-FMVFG-161-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
2 semester	graduate	Attendance of two block sessions of graduate colloquium.
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 (2) Module taught in: German and/or English		
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 30 minutes) presentation on Master's thesis work in progress Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016)		

Compulsory Electives

(5 ECTS credits)

Module title			Abbreviation
Morphology and Chronology in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation			o4-VFG-FuCHS-161-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 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 (2) Module taught in: German and/or English			
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) Language of assessment: German and/or English			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
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Workload			
150 h			
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)			

Module title			Abbreviation
Methods and Theories in Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology - Specialisation			04-VFG-MuTHS-161-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 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 (2) Module taught in: German and/or English			
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) Language of assessment: German and/or English			
Allocation of places			
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Additional information			
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Workload			
150 h			
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)			

Thesis

(30 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Master Thesis Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology		o4-VFG-MTVFG-161-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)
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 to module		
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 and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Time to complete: 6 months.		
Workload		
900 h		
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 (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2016)		