

Module Catalogue

for the Subject

Egyptology

as a Master's with 1 major
with the degree "Master of Arts"
(120 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.-programme in Egyptology is offered a research oriented programme. Its aim is to introduce the student to an in-depth-work with selected topics of Egyptology on an advanced level, to enable him to identify research problems and desiderates and to independently develop solutions on the basis of a sound overview of the ancient Egyptian culture. Through training these capabilities the foundations for a Ph.D. programme in Egyptology are laid.

The M.A.-programme in Egyptology focuses on independent and critical reflection of Egyptological research. Acquiring knowledge in certain fields within Egyptology is conditioned by this goal.

The M.A.-thesis demonstrates that the graduate is able to deal with a thematically limited Egyptological problem within a certain given time span according to the taught methods and according to scholarly standards. He or she has mostly independently written the thesis under limited supervision.

The internationally comparable degree in the field of Egyptology is the second degree within the consecutive Bachelor-Master's programme. Thus it qualifies for the start into a job outside the university. On the other hand it is the typical prerequisite for a ensuing Ph.D.-programme. In a colloquium the graduate has proved to be capable to defend his thesis in a scholarly discussion by applying scholarly methods.

The M.A.-programme in Egyptology typically aims at the profession of an Egyptologist who works in various research institutions, e. g. universities, academies, the German Archaeological Institute or Egyptian museums. To this end the studies for the Master's degree lays foundations for a Ph.D. which qualifies for scholarly work. However, graduates of this programme should also be trained or have skills for further education to work outside academia, e.g. in publishing houses, libraries, cultural management, media, tourism, museology, public relations, diplomatic service.

For an academic career the necessary methodological and Egyptological knowledge is taught in Egyptological modules. Egyptology is a subject which studies a great variety of sources and material remains stretching over 4000 years. Consequently it is impossible to introduce to all specialized fields of the subject equally thoroughly. Therefore in the programme students learn alongside the specialized basic Egyptological competence the methodological capability to make oneself familiar with a new Egyptological topic efficiently and quickly.

Thus the graduate is familiar with and used to the phenomenon of permanent learning, to develop solutions by adequate methods. In addition he or she has a good knowledge in modern foreign languages, be it through courses in the field of key qualifications, be it in Egyptology courses. Students of Egyptology are required to read specialized literature in different languages, particularly in English, French and Italian, i.e. they are familiar to read difficult texts in languages other than their native language, to understand them and to gain the relevant information from them. At the same time they have to express their own findings in German as one of the three major scholarly languages in Egyptology in a differentiated and precise manner. Through this they have developed linguistic flexibility and competence. Finally the graduate has a high degree in initiative and commitment to get sensible and sound information.

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.

