



Module Catalogue

for the Subject

Geography

as a minor in a Bachelor's degree programme

(60 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2008

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

Responsible: Institute of Geography and Geology

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Content and Objectives of the Programme

The program of studies is intended to provide a background in the most important subfields of geography and familiarize the student with the techniques of geographical reasoning and working. Their education and training towards analytical and synthetic thinking is to provide the Holder of the qualification with the skills to adapt to new tasks. Therefore, the main focus is on the comprehension of the fundamental geographical terms and theories as well as on a sound knowledge of techniques and the development of typical thought processes. The primary educational objective of the undergraduate studies im »Nebenfach« Geography is thus the acquisition of skills to purposefully analyze, document and assess spatial structures and development processes.

Specifically, the following student outcomes (knowledge, skills and competencies) are achieved:

- Expert knowledge about geography, geoscience and spatial science.
- Overview of the relationship of the geographical subdisciplines and neighboring disciplines.
- Capability to discuss geographical contents and problems with peers and colleagues and to explain them to a more diverse audience.

The final examination is to determine whether the geographical aspects taught during the program of studies have been understood, and whether the candidate has achieved the skill to apply the scientific methods.

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

(60 ECTS credits)

Physical Geography

(25 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
General Physical Geography		09-PG1-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Physical Geography		Institute of Geography and Geology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Introduction to "Physical Geography": basics of exogenous dynamics, endogenous dynamics and climatology.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students possess the following skills: Basics of the system Earth, i.e. understanding of dominating processes on the Earth's surface that are driven by the geofactors rocks, relief, climate, soil, water, flora and fauna. These are decisive for the understanding of the structure, function and dynamics of the natural environment of its anthropogenic transformation (i.e. the environment, designed by humans through land use, settlements, traffic route etc.).		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
This module comprises 3 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09-PG1-1-082: V + T (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 09-PG1-2-082: V + T (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 09-PG1-3-082: V + T (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)		
Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.		
<p>Assessment in module component 09-PG1-1-082: General Physical Geography 3 (Earth System: Exogenic Dynamics) General Physical Geography 3 (Earth System: Exogenic Dynamics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (45 minutes) <p>Assessment in module component 09-PG1-2-082: General Physical Geography 2 (Earth System: Climate System) General Physical Geography 2 (Earth System: Climate System)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) <p>Assessment in module component 09-PG1-3-082: General Physical Geography 3 (Earth System: Endogenic Dynamics) General Physical Geography 3 (Earth System: Endogenic Dynamics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) 		
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Additional information		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
§ 47 (1) 1. Geographie Physiogeographie § 66 (1) 1. Geographie Physiogeographie		

Module title		Abbreviation
Special Problems of Physical Geography		09-PG2-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Physical Geography		Institute of Geography and Geology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
<p>This module covers synthesis and networking of physical-geographical factors in the light of different methodical approaches and particularly on the basis of the human impact: geomorphology, climate, soil, hydro geography, global change and past global change incl. geo and ecosystem research and ecosystem prediction as well as the cycle of materials on Earth's surface.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students are acquainted with the synthesis and interconnectedness of skills that have already been acquired concerning the processes on Earth's surface, which are dominating the landscape on Earth's surface and are driven by the geological factors rock, relief, climate, soil, water, flora and fauna. These processes determine structure, function and dynamics of the natural environment and its anthropogenic transformation (the environment that has been shaped from humans by land utilisation, settlements, transport routes etc.). Through the quantitative acquisition of current process structures, Physical Geography is not only able to derive predications for the capability and capacity of geological systems, but also to predict changes in future by analysing the development and change of geographical territories in the past. These important planning decision-making bases concerning the management as well as the sustainable use and development, are given weight to the task of Physical Geography in the practical area.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
<p>This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09-PG2-1-082: V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 09-PG2-2-082: 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)		
<p>Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.</p> <p>Assessment in module component 09-PG2-1-082: Special Problems of Physical Geography 1 (Earth System: Man and Environment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) <p>Assessment in module component 09-PG2-2-082: Special Problems of Physical Geography 2 (Earth System: Man and Environment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • presentation (approx. 30 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 20 pages), weighted 1:1 		
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Human Geography

(25 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
General Human Geography		09-HG1-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Economic Geography		Institute of Geography and Geology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Introduction to basic ideas and particular sub-areas of "Human Geography".		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students possess the following skills: basics and definitions to Human Geography, research institutions and technical conception to Human Geography. This includes Urban Geography, Geography of Rural Settlements, Economic Geography, Social Geography, Population Geography and Civilisation Geographical Research.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
This module comprises 3 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09-HG1-1-082: V + T (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 09-HG1-2-082: V + T (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 09-HG1-3-082: V + T (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)		
Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments. <p>Assessment in module component 09-HG1-1-082: Introduction to the Geography of Cities, Towns and Villages Introduction to the Geography of Cities, Towns and Villages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) <p>Assessment in module component 09-HG1-2-082: Introduction to Economic Geography Introduction to Economic Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) <p>Assessment in module component 09-HG1-3-082: Introduction to Social and Population Geography Introduction to Social and Population Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) 		
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§ 47 (1) 1. Geographie Humangeographie § 66 (1) 1. Geographie Humangeographie		

Module title		Abbreviation
Special Issues of Human Geography		09-HG2-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Professorship of Social Geography		Institute of Geography and Geology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
This module deals with and consolidates chosen issues of "Theoretical and Applied Human Geography" from two different sub-areas of "Human Geography".		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students possess subject-specific theories and have solid knowledge of two sub-areas of Human Geography and their application-oriented implementation. They are able to issue a seminar paper on the basis of independent literary work as well as present the seminar papers in a presentation, which will be held freely.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09-HG2-1-082: S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 09-HG2-2-082: 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)		
Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments. <p>Assessment in module component 09-HG2-1-082: Special Issues of Human Geography 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • presentation (approx. 30 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 20 pages), weighted 1:1 <p>Assessment in module component 09-HG2-2-082: Special Issues of Human Geography 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • presentation (approx. 30 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 20 pages), weighted 1:1 		
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Regional Geography

(10 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Regional Geography of Europe for students of other departments		09-RG-NF-082-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Physical Geography		Institute of Geography and Geology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	By way of exception, additional prerequisites are listed in the section on assessments.
Contents		
<p>The module covers issues of "General Geography" in terms of European subspaces or subspaces outside of Europe. This can be individual states as well as distinctive subspaces to Europe or European subspaces due to their lay (e.g. Northern Europe, Alpine countries or North America) or due to common features of distinctive states/regions (e.g. European Union or Arabian Peninsula).</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students have the following skills: Students will apply general-geographical skills to regional-related issues, particularly partial steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differentiation and characterisation of a region, 2. Working out of specific issues and spatial interactions as well as 3. Synthesis and demonstration of perspectives/problem solutions with thematic emphasis. 		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
<p>This module has 3 components; information on courses listed separately for each component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09-RG-NF-1-082: V (no information on language and number of weekly contact hours available) • 09-RG1-1-082: V (no information on language and number of weekly contact hours available) • 09-RG1-2-082: S (no information on language and number of weekly contact hours 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)		
<p>This module has the following 3 assessment components. To pass the module as a whole students must pass the second assessment component and one of the remaining two.</p> <p>Assessment component to module component 09-RG-NF-1-082: Regionale Geographie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS credits, method of grading: numerical grade • a) written examination (45 minutes) or b) oral examination of on candidate each (15 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of three, 45 minutes) • Only after succ. compl. of module component(s): 09-RG1-1 • Other prerequisites: Registration for assessment: Yes, as specified. Admission prerequisite to assessment: 1) certificate confirming the topic (Regionale Geographie am Beispiel von Raum/Land (Regional Geography Exemplified by Region/Country)) selected in the successfully completed assessment of 09-RG-1-1. 2) Students can be admitted to assessment in 09-RG-NF-1 provided the module component coordinator can confirm that there will be no overlaps regarding contents (i. e. Regionale Geographie am Beispiel von Non X (Regional Geography Exemplified by Non X)). <p>Assessment component to module component 09-RG1-1-082: Regionale Geographie 1.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS credits, method of grading: numerical grade • a) written examination (approx. 45 minutes) or b) oral examination of on candidate each (approx. 15 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of three, 45 minutes) <p>Assessment component to module component 09-RG1-2-082: Regionale Geographie 1.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ECTS credits, method of grading: numerical grade • presentation (approx. 30 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 20 pages), weighted 1:1 		
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